

Advanced Certificate (NFQ Level 6 - major award)

An Advanced Certificate award enables learners to develop a comprehensive range of skills, which may be vocationally specific and/or of a general supervisory nature, and require detailed theoretical understanding. Modules include advanced vocational/occupational skills, enabling certificate holders to work independently or progress to higher education and training. The majority of certificate/module holders at NFQ Level 6 take up positions of employment, some of whom may be self-employed. Examples of FET awards at NFQ Level 6 would include Advanced Certificate Craft-Electrical (major); Advanced Certificate Craft-Metal Fabrication (major); Advanced Certificate Farm Management (major).

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| Title | Advanced Certificate |
| Purpose | This is a multi-purpose award-type. The knowledge, skill and competence acquired are relevant to personal development, participation in society and community, employment, and access to additional education and training. |
| NFQ Level | 6 |
| Volume | Large |
| Knowledge – breadth | Specialised knowledge of a broad area |
| Knowledge - kind | Some theoretical concepts and abstract thinking, with significant depth in some areas |
| Know-how and skill - range | Demonstrate comprehensive range of specialised skills and tools |
| Know-how and skill - selectivity | Formulate responses to well-defined abstract problems |
| Competence - context | Utilise diagnostic and creative skills in a range of functions in a wide variety of contexts |
| Competence - role | Exercise substantial personal autonomy and often take responsibility for the work of others and/or for the allocation of resources; form, and function within, multiple, complex and heterogeneous groups |
| Competence – learning to learn | Learn to take responsibility for own learning within a managed environment |
| Competence - insight | Express an internalised, personal world view, reflecting engagement with others |
| Progression & Transfer | Transfer to a programme leading to a Higher Certificate. Progression to a programme leading to an Ordinary Bachelor Degree or to an Honours Bachelor Degree. |

Awarding body: Further Education and Training Awards Council

This is a major award. Major awards are the principal class of award made at a level. There are also component (minor), specific purpose (special purpose) and supplemental awards at the same level.

Minor awards

Minor Awards are for partial completion of the outcomes for a Major Award.

Supplemental Awards

Supplemental Awards are for learning that is additional to a Major Award.

Special Purpose Awards

Special Purpose Awards are for relatively narrow or purpose-specific achievement.