

Level 2 Certificate (NFQ Level 2 - major award)

Level 2 certificates are designed to meet the needs of learners, both young and old, including those with intellectual and other disabilities, adults returning to training, and learners with few or no previous qualifications, including those within the workforce. These awards provide certification for learners who may progress to higher levels and also for those whose principal achievements rest at these levels. Each certificate comprises a number of components, most often in basic literacy and numeracy, which the learner can achieve at their own pace and accumulate over time towards one of the named certificates above. An example of an award at NFQ Level 2 is the Level 2 Certificate in General Learning (major).

Descriptor

Title	Level 2 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	2
Volume	Medium
Knowledge - breadth	Knowledge that is narrow in range
Knowledge - kind	Concrete in reference and basic in comprehension
Know-how and skill - range	Demonstrate limited range of basic practical skills, including the use of relevant tools
Know-how and skill - selectivity	Perform a sequence of routine tasks given clear direction
Competence - context	Act in a limited range of predictable and structured contexts
Competence - role	Act in a range of roles under direction
Competence – learning to learn	Learn to learn in a disciplined manner in a well-structured and supervised environment
Competence - insight	Demonstrate awareness of independent role for self
Progression & Transfer	Progression to programme leading to a Level 3 Certificate, or at a higher level if appropriate.

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.