

Level 3 Certificate (NFQ Level 3 – major award)

The Level 3 Certificate enables learners to gain recognition for, specific personal skills, practical skills and knowledge, basic transferable skills, the enhancement of individual talents and qualities and achievements and learning relevant to a variety of progression options. An example of an award at NFQ Level 3 is the Level 3 Certificate in Keyboard and Computer Skills (major)

Descriptor

Title	Level 3 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	3
Volume	Large
Knowledge - breadth	Knowledge moderately broad in range
Knowledge - kind	Mainly concrete in reference and with some comprehension of relationship between knowledge elements
Know-how and skill - range	Demonstrate a limited range of practical and cognitive skills and tools
Know-how and skill - selectivity	Select from a limited range of varied procedures and apply known solutions to a limited range of predictable problems
Competence - context	Act within a limited range of contexts
Competence - role	Act under direction with limited autonomy; function within familiar, homogeneous groups
Competence – learning to learn	Learn to learn within a managed environment
Competence - insight	Assume limited responsibility for consistency of self- understanding and behaviour
Progression & Transfer	Progression to programme leading to a Level 4 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.