

Level 4 Certificate (NFQ Level 4 – major award)

The Level 4 Certificate enables learners to gain recognition for the achievement of vocational and personal skills, knowledge and understanding to specified standards, the enhancement of individual talents and qualities and the achievement and learning relevant to a variety of progression options, including employment at an introductory vocational level, and programmes leading to a Level 5 Certificate. Examples of Level 4 awards would include the Level 4 Certificate in Horticulture (major); the Level 4 Certificate in Pharmacy Sales (major).

Descriptor

Title	Level 4 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	4
Volume	Large
Knowledge - breadth	Broad range of knowledge
Knowledge - kind	Mainly concrete in reference and with some elements of abstraction or theory
Know-how and skill - range	Demonstrate a moderate range of practical and cognitive skills and tools
Know-how and skill - selectivity	Select from a range of procedures and apply known solutions to a variety of predictable problems
Competence - context	Act in familiar and unfamiliar contexts
Competence - role	Act with considerable amount of responsibility and autonomy
Competence – learning to learn	Learn to take responsibility for own learning within a supervised environment
Competence - insight	Assume partial responsibility for consistency of self-understanding and behaviour
Progression & Transfer	Progression to programme leading to a Level 5 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.