

## Level 5 Certificate (NFQ Level 5 – major award)

The NFQ Level 5 Certificate enables learners to develop a broad range of skills, which are vocational specific and require a general theoretical understanding. They are enabled to work independently while subject to general direction. The majority of certificate/module holders at level 5 take up positions of employment. They are also deemed to meet the minimum entry requirements for a range of higher education institutions/programmes. Example of Level 5 awards would include the Level 5 Certificate in Restaurant Operations (major); the level 5 Certificate in Seafood Processing (major).

### Descriptor

<b>Title</b>	Level 5 Certificate
<b>Purpose</b>	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.
<b>NFQ Level</b>	5
<b>Volume</b>	Large
<b>Knowledge - breadth</b>	Broad range of knowledge
<b>Knowledge - kind</b>	Some theoretical concepts and abstract thinking, with significant depth in some areas
<b>Know-how and skill - range</b>	Demonstrate a broad range of specialised skills and tools
<b>Know-how and skill - selectivity</b>	Evaluate and use information to plan and develop investigative strategies and to determine solutions to varied unfamiliar problems
<b>Competence - context</b>	Act in a range of varied and specific contexts, taking responsibility for the nature and quality of outputs; identify and apply skill and knowledge to a wide variety of contexts
<b>Competence - role</b>	Exercise some initiative and independence in carrying out defined activities; join and function within multiple, complex and heterogeneous groups
<b>Competence – learning to learn</b>	Learn to take responsibility for own learning within a managed environment
<b>Competence - insight</b>	Assume full responsibility for consistency of self- understanding and behaviour
<b>Progression &amp; Transfer</b>	Progression to a programme leading to an Advanced Certificate or a higher education and training award at Level 6, 7 or 8

**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.