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IMI QUALIFICATIONS WALES

*Leading the way in motor industry,
and associated sector, qualifications.*

ABOUT US

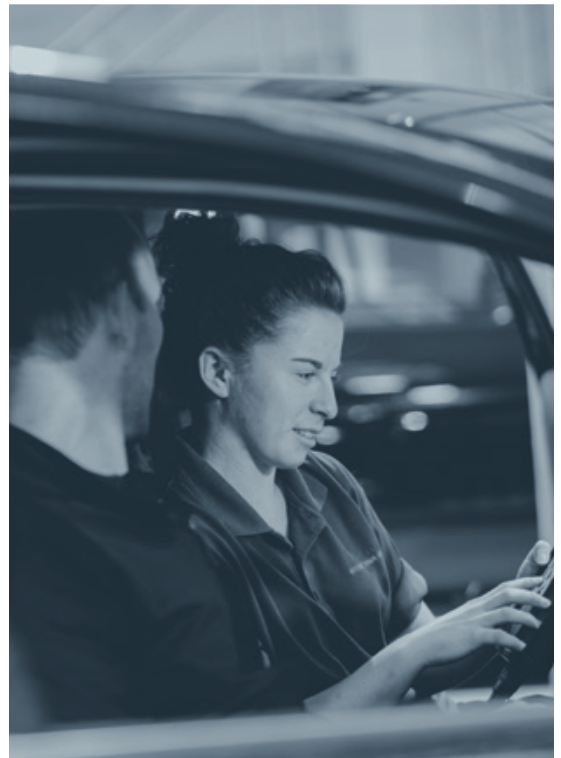
The Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI) is the UK motor industry's first choice for automotive, and closely associated sector, qualifications and accreditations. Working closely with expert working groups from within the industry ensures our qualifications are relevant and sector-specific.

As the market leader, we partner with more than 600 training providers to offer over 250 nationally-recognised qualifications and accreditations. We recognise and support the skills of more than 100,000 young and adult learners each year.

IMI is committed to advancing the motor industry by raising the importance of vocational learning and professional achievement. We deliver this by being a pro-active, supportive and responsive partner to our training providers.

"Cardiff and Vale College have been an IMI Approved Centre for more than 20 years. The customer service we receive is second to none, and the dedicated EQAs are knowledgeable and very helpful. There are an excellent range of qualification routes available, which I feel are used as a benchmark within the automotive industry."

Richard Claydon, Cardiff and Vale College



KNOWLEDGE QUALIFICATIONS (VRQS / PRINCIPLES)

These are nationally-recognised, vocationally-related qualifications (VRQs) which provide the essential knowledge for individuals to fulfil a job role.

Many Level 2 / 3 knowledge qualifications are the underpinning component of an Apprenticeship framework.

WHO ARE THEY SUITABLE FOR?

- Those who choose a vocational route
- Those in full or part-time further education
- Those seeking employment, who therefore do not have access to competence qualifications (e.g. VCQ or NVQ)
- Those undertaking an Apprenticeship with a knowledge qualification (VRQ) requirement

HOW DO YOU GET ONE?

- Full or part-time basis at an IMI Approved Centre
- Through training, and undertaking practical and online assessments, when required
- Typically each level is completed in an academic year

“The qualifications IMI provide fit well with industry standards. Learners benefit from them because the qualifications provide the basis for the development of skills and knowledge linked to the motor vehicle industry. The qualifications are varied and IMI’s brand is well recognised by the industry.”

Gavin Davies, Coleg Y Cymoedd



COMPETENCE QUALIFICATIONS (VCQS / NVQS / WORK-BASED)

These are nationally-recognised vocational qualifications that demonstrate competency in the workplace to a national standard. Competence qualifications are practically-based and, to establish skill and proficiency, are assessed in the workplace across a range of tasks.

Many Level 2 / 3 competence qualifications are the underpinning competent of an Apprenticeship framework.



“IMI’s resources are easily accessible and learners find the structure of the qualifications very clear. There are a wide range of qualifications, which support the various career paths available within the industry. IMI staff are approachable and supportive, and response times are very good.”

Mike Donnelly, Bridgend College

WHO ARE THEY SUITABLE FOR?

- Those who are already in employment and who wish to achieve a qualification that demonstrates competence in the workplace
- Those undertaking an Apprenticeship with a competence qualification, e.g. VCQ / NVQ, requirement

HOW DO YOU GET ONE?

- Register with an IMI Approved Centre and is observed and assessed doing their job in the workplace
- A portfolio of evidence is gathered at work while carrying out tasks and meeting the assessment criteria
- Attend an IMI Approved Centre, in line with a scheduled timetable, to gain the underpinning knowledge needed to do the job – and for online assessment, when required
- Typically completed in two years (Level 2) or three years (Level 3)

APPRENTICESHIPS: EARN WHILE YOU LEARN

An Apprenticeship is a vocational, work-based programme for individuals aged 16+ that demonstrates competence and knowledge in the workplace and off-the-job training. Apprenticeships demonstrate the individual's competence to undertake their job role to a national standard.

An Apprenticeship is a job with training. Being an apprentice means that you have a job that includes gaining recognised qualifications and essential knowledge and skills whilst you are working and earning a wage. Apprenticeships in Wales include Employment Rights and Responsibilities (ERR).

ERR covers health and safety, employment rights and responsibilities, customer rights (including ethics) and industry news (including professional organisations, as well as environmental and economic concerns).

FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIP

You will work towards work-based learning qualifications, at Level 2.

APPRENTICESHIP

You will work towards work-based learning qualifications, at Level 3.

WHO ARE THEY SUITABLE FOR?

- Those who prefer vocational training to academic study

HOW DO YOU GET ONE?

- The knowledge components (VRQ) and Essential Skills Wales, are all delivered and achieved through an IMI Approved Centre
- To achieve the competence components you will be observed and assessed in the workplace
- A portfolio of evidence is gathered at work while carrying out tasks and meeting the assessment criteria
- In addition your knowledge will often be assessed via online assessment



FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIP LEVEL 2 TYPICALLY CONSISTS OF:

KNOWLEDGE QUALIFICATIONS LEVEL 2

(VRQs / Principles)

COMPETENCE QUALIFICATIONS LEVEL 2

(VCQ / NVQ /
work-based)

EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES QUALIFICATIONS LEVEL 2

PERSONAL LEARNING AND THINKING SKILLS

ESSENTIAL SKILLS WALES LEVELS 1 & 2

as appropriate

APPRENTICESHIP LEVEL 3 TYPICALLY CONSISTS OF:

KNOWLEDGE QUALIFICATIONS LEVEL 3

(VRQs / Principles)

COMPETENCE WORK-BASED LEVEL 3

(VCQ / NVQ /
work-based)

EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES QUALIFICATIONS LEVEL 2

PERSONAL LEARNING AND THINKING SKILLS

ESSENTIAL SKILLS WALES LEVELS 1 & 2

as appropriate





PRE-16 QUALIFICATIONS (VRQs)



These qualifications have been designed to give learners a broad understanding of the service and maintenance engineering sector, whilst also providing the opportunity to acquire a number of specialist practical and technical skills.

Learners will acquire core knowledge which spans the service and maintenance engineering sector. In addition, they will be provided with an opportunity to develop their academic and study skills to support progression onto further qualifications, and potential employment.

There are no formal entry requirements for this qualification and learners are not expected to have any prior knowledge or experience, however an interest in the subject area is advisable. The content level of this qualification would be similar to the study required for GCSE grades A* - C.

WHO ARE THEY SUITABLE FOR?

- Those interested in automotive, cycle or land-based sectors
- 14 - 16 year olds, interested in progressing on to a higher level course

HELPFUL HINT:

You can have an Award, Certificate or Diploma of any difficulty level from 1 to 8. This is because the type indicates the size of qualification, not its difficulty. The title of a qualification should indicate its difficulty, how long it will take the average learner to complete, and its general content, using the following information:

- Qualification level
(from lowest, Entry Level to Level 8 at the top)
- Qualification size
(Award / Certificate / Diploma)
- Content of the qualification

IVETs / CVETs

All vocational qualifications in Wales are now classified using European classifications, as either Initial Vocational Education and Training (IVETs), or Continuing Vocational Education and Training (CVETs).

Only IVETs can be used pre-16, but both IVETs and CVETs can be used post-16. This will help to ensure that young people take qualifications appropriate for their age and ability, and can gain an introduction to a sector or subject before progressing to competency-based qualifications.

Many vocational qualifications are, and will continue to be, offered primarily on a three country basis (Wales, England and Northern Ireland). Therefore, many vocational qualifications in Wales will be identical to those awarded elsewhere in the UK.

For further information, visit
www.qualificationswales.org.



HOW TO OFFER IMI QUALIFICATIONS

If you are an IMI Approved Centre simply visit www.theimi.org.uk/awarding, or contact your External Quality Assurer for further information.

If you are not an IMI Approved Centre, but are interested in offering IMI Qualifications and Accreditations, visit www.theimi.org.uk/becomeapproved.

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