

Focus Awards Level 3 Certificate in Assessing Vocational Achievement (RQF)

Overview

The Level 3 Certificate in Assessing Vocational Achievement (RQF), commonly known as the Level 3 CAVA Assessor qualification, replaces the A1 Assessor course and is widely recognised as the industry standard for those seeking to assess learners in accredited courses. Previously, individuals looking to qualify as assessors would complete the D32 and D33 units, which were later replaced by the A1 Assessor Awards. Eventually, the A1 qualification was phased out in favour of the current suite of qualifications, often referred to as TAQA (Training, Assessment, and Quality Assurance) training.

This qualification equips learners with the essential skills to assess vocational skills and knowledge in educational or training settings, as well as to evaluate occupational competence in a workplace or professional environment. Most training centres require individuals to hold the Level 3 CAVA qualification before assessing qualifications in the Further Education (FE) and Higher Education (HE) sectors. The Level 3 Certificate in Assessing Vocational Achievement is regulated by Ofqual (UK) and is delivered 100% online, with dedicated tutor support available throughout the learning journey.

Note: While prior experience in assessing is not required, learners must have access to at least two candidates to conduct their practical assessments as part of the course.

Scope of this Qualification

The Level 3 Certificate in Assessing Vocational Achievement is ideal for individuals aspiring to become NVQ assessors. It is widely recognised across various industry sectors, including: Hairdressing, Beauty Industry & Makeup, Engineering, Manufacturing & Construction, Early years, NHS training, Child & Health Care, Business Administration & Management, Hospitality & Catering, Oil & Gas Field, Private Security, Apprenticeships, Health & Social Care, Educational Sectors and Freelance Assessor etc. This qualification is suitable for professionals looking to enhance their teaching, training, and assessment careers.

Duration and Delivery

The Level 3 Certificate in Assessing Vocational Achievement (L3 CAVA) is designed to be completed online at the pace that best suits you. This qualification can take as little as 2 weeks or up to 4 months, depending on the learner's previous experience and dedication to the course. Delivered through our Virtual Learning Environment (VLE), this qualification includes dedicated online tutor support to help learners successfully achieve their certification.

Assessment and Verification

All units within this Level 3 Certificate in Assessing Vocational Achievement are internally assessed by our qualified assessors and externally verified by the awarding organisation. Learners will be assessed through a portfolio of evidence using various assessment methods. Unit 1 is a knowledge-based unit and will be assessed through written assignments. Units 2 and 3 will be assessed through practical assessments, including observations, reflective accounts, and assessment samples. Detailed assessment guidance will be provided by the tutor once enrolled.

Progression

This Level 3 Assessor course enhances career opportunities, enabling individuals to become qualified assessors in various sectors. It also qualifies individuals to assess learners completing RQF, NVQ, diploma, apprenticeship, or other regulated training programmes at different levels.

Successful completion of this 100% accredited online course enables learners to progress to the following:

- [Level 4 Certificate in Leading the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practices](#)
- [Focus Awards Level 4 Certificate in Education and Training](#)
- [Level 4 Award in the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practices](#)
- [Focus Awards Level 5 Diploma in Teaching \(Further Education and Skills\) \(RQF\)](#)



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15	Course Credits
150	Total Qualification Time
84	Guided Learning Hours

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Fast Track	2 Weeks
Full Time	Up to 4 Months

Entry Requirements

The learners should meet the following requirements:

- Be aged 19 or over.
- Possess a satisfactory level of Literacy and Numeracy skills.
- Have access to at least two learners on accredited courses for assessment.

Unit Structure

Unit 1: Understanding the Principles and Practices of Assessment

Unit 2: Assess occupational competence in the work environment

Unit 3: Assess vocational skills, knowledge and understanding



Practical Requirements

To complete Units 2 and 3, you must have access to two candidates studying towards accredited (RQF or NVQ) qualifications. This will allow you to plan, organise, and conduct assessment activities in real settings to evaluate your learners' occupational competence and vocational skills. For learners who do not have access to candidates to meet the practical requirements of the course, we offer a [work-placement option](#). Alternatively, learners can opt for the [Level 3 Award in Understanding the Principles and Practices of Assessment](#), which does not have practical assessment requirements.

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