



Vocational Education Qualifications-Assessor Qualifications

When NVQs were introduced in the 1980s it was agreed that adults in work settings should not have to attend training courses in order to become vocationally qualified – instead they should be assessed, as far as possible, in their own job, in their place of work, and this principle sustains to this day.

The first iteration of assessing qualifications for these National Vocational Qualifications were the D32 (Assessor) D33 (Lead Assessor and Internal Verifier) D34 Lead Internal Verifier etc. These qualifications were strong on the ethics of assessors and to systematise assessment processes.

Qualifications were registered on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF)

After the NVQ system had been embedded these were reformed as part of a general reform and broadening of qualifications in order to achieve a comprehensive raising of standards.

Assessing Qualifications	
A1 – Assessor Qualification which focused on the quality of assessment and the quality of evidence upon which decisions were made	
V1 – Internal Verifier with a focus on an inspectorial role – people were virtually second assessing to ensure quality of evidence and judgement	
V2 – External Verifier – an awarding body role which inspected assessment centres across the range of provision for quality systems and standardisation of evidence	

The NQF was replaced by the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) which introduced the use of credits and credit structures as part of the European transferability project which began in Higher Education. The EQF was established as the benchmark for levels and vocational qualifications were linked to awards, certificates and diplomas.

With this reform Assessor Qualifications have evolved also and now they confirm to these systems and structures. The QCF has been replaced by the Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF) which includes credit rated and non-credit based qualifications.

The current assessor and IQA (IV) qualifications are:

Level 3 Award in Assessing Competence in the Work Environment	C00/0396/4
Level 3 Certificate in Assessing Vocational Achievement	C00/0396/9
Level 3 Award in Assessing Vocationally Related Achievement	C00/0396/7
Level 4 Award in Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice	C00/0396/5
Level 4 Certificate in Leading the External Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice	C00/0617/9
Level 4 Certificate in Leading the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice	C00/0397/0



Level 4 Award in The External Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice	C00/0616/6
Level 4 Award in Understanding the External Quality Assurance of Assessment Process and Practice	C00/0616/7
Level 4 Award in Understanding the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice	C00/0396/8
Level 3 Award in Understanding the Principles and Practices of Assessment	C00/0396/6

The Determining Competence Training provides an introduction to the Level 3 Certificate in Assessing Vocational Achievement. It also provides a “refresher” for those who are qualified assessors but who haven’t had recent experience of assessing.

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