

A guide to Level 3 Print & Printed Packaging – Machine

What are the aims of the qualification?

The aim of the qualification is to provide the candidate with recognition of their competence in the Printing environment relating to the individuals job role. At level 3 the candidate will need to show the application of a range of knowledge, skills and understanding and work independently. They may train or supervise others. The qualification is a Level 3 in Digital print production with the Certificate in Printing and Graphic Communications as the Technical Certificate.

What are the units of the 'Main' qualification? Pathways

- Flexography
- Gravure
- Lithography
- Pad Printing
- Screen
- Web Offset

Mandatory Units

Unit 1 Ensure your own actions reduce risks to health and safety in the workplace
Unit 2 Improve individual and organisational performance
Unit 3 Control flexographic printing machines
Unit 4 Maintain equipment in working order

Optional Units

Flexography (Choose 2)
Gravure (Choose 2)
Lithography (Choose 2)
Pad Printing (Choose 2)
Screen (Choose 2)
Web Offset (Choose 2)

What are the units of the 'Technical' qualification?

Mandatory Units

There is one common mandatory unit for each of the following pathways:

Unit 1 Working in the printing and graphic communications industry
Pre-press
Desktop Publishing
Machine Printing
Mechanized Print Finishing and Binding
Carton Manufacture
Print Administration

How does it work?

An apprenticeship is a worked based training programme which comprises of a suite of qualifications. Apprenticeships have been specially designed by industry for industry in order to address the employer needs. There are three main elements that make up the apprenticeship framework. Modules within this qualification can be selected to ensure that the Apprenticeship qualifications are relevant to the needs of the business.

How is the apprenticeship delivered?

The delivery of the Apprenticeship can be flexible to fit the needs of your business. Much of the training will be undertaken 'on the job' and the apprentice will be assessed within the workplace. The tuition element can be delivered at Plymouth College of Art or on the premises depending on requirements.

How long will it take?

Each candidate will be assessed on an individual basis and a completion date agreed with an action plan for the assessment process. The length of time from start to completion will vary for each individual depending on their work load and ability to evidence their portfolio of work. It is envisaged that these qualifications would be delivered on a rolling basis and will take between 15 to 24 months to complete.

What support is given?

The learner will have a review meeting every 12 weeks to monitor progress. If the learner is experiencing difficulties in completing the qualification, additional support can be provided. The employer will also be involved on the review process.

Are you eligible?

The programme falls into two funding categories 16 to 18 year olds and 19 to 24 year olds. The learner must not hold a higher qualification than the level they are studying for.

How much is it going to cost?

The employer is responsible for the apprentice salary. Wages must meet the National Minimum Wage of £9.5 per week. Funding is available to support the cost of training and this will come directly to the training provider.

What's the next step?

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