

**Qualification title: OAL Level 2 NVQ Certificate in Upholstery**

**QAN: 601/7613/1**

## **1. Qualification specification**

### **1.1. Qualification purpose**

This qualification covers the basic occupational skills and knowledge required to work in upholstery roles within the furniture and furnishings industry. There are three pathways within this qualification including: modern upholstery, cutting and sewing.

An upholsterer is a skilled and methodical individual capable of creating ergonomic and comfortable furniture using both traditional and modern techniques, materials and fabrics to produce aesthetically pleasing and fit for purpose consumer products.

This qualification is part of the Furniture, Furnishings and Interiors Apprenticeship Framework proposed to be withdrawn for new starts on 1st April 2018.

### **1.2. Who is this qualification for?**

This qualification is suitable if you are working in an upholstery role within the furniture and furnishings industry and if you have a basic understanding of the practical skills and knowledge associated with your role profile within the workplace.

### **1.3. Entry requirements**

There are no formal entry requirements for learners undertaking this qualification. However, centres must ensure that learners have the potential and opportunity to gain the qualification successfully.

## 1.4. Regulatory information

Countries offered in:	England
Ofqual purpose:	D. Confirm occupational competence and/or 'licence to practice'
Ofqual sub purpose:	D1. Confirm competence in an occupational role to the standards required
Subject/sector areas	4.2 Manufacturing Technologies
Qualification operational start date:	1st September 2015
Qualification review date:	31st December 2018
Applicable age ranges (years):	16-18, 19+

## 1.5. Qualification support

This qualification has been designed and developed by OAL with the support and in consultation with the following organisations:

- British Furniture Manufacturers,
- British Contract Furniture Association,
- FIRA,
- The Furniture Makers and
- National Bed Federation.

## 1.6. Further information

Further information about this qualification can be obtained from:

<http://www.oawards.co.uk/quals/>

You can also contact OAL directly at:

Occupational Awards Ltd, The Catalyst, Baird Lane, Heslington, York, YO10 5GA

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## 1.7. Qualification achievement

Learners must complete all mandatory units, one pathway group and a minimum of 8 credits from the optional group achieving at least 36 credits.

The units are allocated a credit value which provides an indication of the size of the unit in terms of learning hours, 1 credit = 10 learning hours. The units also have assigned Guided

Learning Hours (GLH), which indicate the average number of hours a learner may require guidance and support from teaching, learning and assessment professionals to achieve the unit.

The units of assessment set out learning outcomes which describe what learners need to be able to do and understand. The learning outcomes are defined by assessment criteria which are used to assess competence, expressed as skills achieved and learned knowledge and understanding, to achieve the units.

## 1.8. Qualification structure

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Qualification number (QN): 601/7613/1			Total Qualification Time (TQT) 260 hours		
Total qualification credits: 36			Guided Learning Hours (GLH)		
Learners must complete all mandatory units, one pathway group and a minimum of 8 credits from the optional group achieving at least 36 credits.					
Mandatory units					
Unit number	Title	Type	Level	Credit	GLH
K/506/4066	Make sure your own actions reduce risks to health and safety	C	2	6	27
A/600/8398	Work effectively in a furniture/interior-related commercial environment	C	2	13	56
Modern upholstery pathway					
F/600/8130	Prepare to upholster standard items of modern furniture	C	2	9	10
H/600/8234	Upholster standard items of modern furniture	C	2	28	10
Cutting pathway					
R/600/8438	Cut fabrics and components for use in upholstery	C	2	5	12
H/600/8282	Prepare fabrics and components for use in upholstery	C	2	4	14
Sewing pathway					
D/600/8250	Maintain tools and equipment used in furniture making and installation	C	2	8	40
K/600/8395	Produce simple seamed components by hand and machine	C	2	9	13

Optional units					
Unit number	Title	Type	Level	Credit	GLH
D/600/8278	Assess and repair items of furniture	C	2	15	59
R/600/8438	Cut fabrics and components for use in upholstery	C	2	5	12
F/600/8242	Develop customer relationships	C	2	10	43
D/600/8247	Interpret and use supporting technical information	C	2	7	31
D/600/8250	Maintain tools and equipment used in furniture making and installation	C	2	8	40
T/600/8240	Mattress assembly and tufting	C	2	4	11
A/600/8241	Mattress quilting operations	C	2	5	8
R/600/8245	Prepare and construct upholstery foundations	C	2	13	13
H/600/8282	Prepare fabrics and components for use in upholstery	C	2	4	14
F/600/8130	Prepare to upholster standard items of modern furniture	C	2	9	10
Y/600/8246	Produce complex seamed components	C	2	12	16
Y/600/8439	Produce loose covers	C	2	12	45
J/600/8436	Produce scatter and bolster cushions and padded items	C	2	10	32
K/600/8395	Produce simple seamed components by hand and machine	C	2	9	13
F/600/8273	Produce upholstery templates	C	2	4	14
K/600/8252	Strip down and store items of furniture	C	2	11	18
H/600/8234	Upholster standard items of modern furniture	C	2	28	10
A/600/8255	Upholster standard items of traditional furniture	C	2	20	22

## 1.9. Assessment

The qualification must be assessed using the following assessment method:

- Portfolio of evidence

Learners are required to achieve all learning outcomes within units of assessment. All assessment is subject to internal quality assurance within approved centres providing this qualification.

External quality assurance of assessment and internal quality assurance within approved centres is provided by OAL.

This qualification is not graded; achievement certificates for this qualification are issued on the basis of awarding a pass only.