

OAL Level 1 Diploma in Furniture Occupations

Qualification number: 601/7336/1

Qualification Specification

1.1 Qualification purpose

This is an introduction to the furniture furnishings and wood machining industry for those with no experience.

This comprises of six mandatory units and a wide range of optional units, including:

- Health and safety within furniture and furnishing making environments (mandatory)
- Tools and equipment in furniture making and furnishings (mandatory)
- Materials in furniture making and furnishings (mandatory)
- Furniture making by hand
- Preparation and finishing methods in furniture making
- Finishing methods in upholstery and soft furnishings.
- Employability Skills

1.2 Who is this qualification for?

This qualification has been designed to provide a route for younger people to enter the industry and provide them with the skills, knowledge and experience which employers are seeking to recruit and retain.

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

Regulated by	Ofqual
Countries offered in:	England
Ofqual subject/sector areas:	4.2 Manufacturing Technologies
Qualification operational start date	1st September 2015
Qualification review date:	31 st August 2022

Qualification type: Vocationally-Related Qualification

Applicable age ranges (years): Pre-16, 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 achieve 71 credits to achieve this qualification. They must achieve 35 mandatory credits, at least 3 units gaining at least 30 credits from optional group A and at least 3 units gaining at least 6 credits from optional group B. The minimum Guided Learning Hours is 462.

All units are allocated a credit value which provides an indication of the size of the units in terms of learning hours, 1 credit = 10 learning hours. All 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.

The units set out the things learners need to know and need to do in order to perform effectively in their role at work. These are described in Learning Outcomes in units of assessment. The Learning Outcomes are defined by Assessment Criteria and these criteria must be assessed successfully for a learner to achieve each unit.

Achievement of the required credits from all the mandatory units will mean the qualification has been completed, and will be subject to approval of a claim for certification, OAL will issue a certificate complete with the learner's name, the qualification title and the credits achieved.

Where a learner has not achieved the full qualification and will not go on to do so, a Certificate of Unit Achievement can be issued for the units successfully completed.

Centres must ensure they understand all qualification requirements prior to the registration of learners and prior to carrying out assessment of learners. Assessment of learners must not take place prior to the registration date of the learner with OAL. Centres must retain copies of learner's assessment records for at least three years after certification. Registration and certification fees may be subject to change. Centres should be fully aware of registration and certification end dates to ensure learners are not disadvantaged

1.8 Qualification structure

Qualification title: OAL Level 1 Diploma in Furniture Occupations					
Qualification number (QN): 601/7336/1			Total Qualification Time (TQT) 713 hours		
Total qualification credits 71			Guided Learning Hours (GLH) 462		
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Mandatory units of assessment:					
Number	Title	Type	Level	Credit	GLH
K/507/7304	Introduction to Health and Safety	K	Entry 3	8	60
Y/507/7301	Handling and Storing Materials/Components	C	1	8	60
J/507/7309	Materials in furniture making and furnishings	C	1	6	26
J/507/7312	Personal Work Skills	C	1	6	40
H/507/7298	Rights and responsibilities in the workplace	K	1	3	12
Optional units of assessment:					
Group A Number	Title	Type	Level	Credit	GLH
R/507/7328	Tools and equipment in furniture making and furnishings	K	1	4	25
K/507/7299	Finishing methods in upholstery and soft furnishings	C	1	12	78
R/507/7300	Furniture making by hand	C	1	13	90
R/507/7314	Preparation and finishing methods in furniture making	C	1	9	60
A/507/7324	Technical drawings and workshop geometry	C	2	11	86
L/507/7330	Upholstery and soft furnishings methods	C	1	10	70
Group B Number	Title	Type	Level	Credit	GLH
L/507/7294	Business and customer awareness	C	1	2	7
J/507/7293	Applying for a job	S	1	2	10
M/507/7319	Candidate project	S	1	3	20
R/507/7295	Career Planning and making applications	C	1	4	24
Y/507/7296	Communicating with others at work	C	1	2	8

H/507/7317	Dealing with problems	C	1	2	10
D/507/7297	Developing self	S	1	3	20
J/507/7326	Developing time management skills	C	1	2	8
T/507/7306	Effective skills, qualities and attitudes for learning and work	C	1	3	14
H/507/7303	Interview skills	S	1	2	10
F/507/7308	Maintaining work standards	C	1	4	24
Y/507/7332	Practical fundamentals of ICT	C	1	5	25
Y/507/7315	Preparing for work	C	1	3	20
K/507/7321	Team working	C	1	3	16
R/507/7331	Work-based Experience	S	1	3	15

Key to unit type

1. Competence (C) units are designed to assess learner performance in respect of the learner's applied skills and knowledge in the workplace when carrying out operational tasks required by their role
2. Knowledge (K) units are designed to assess the learners' knowledge and understanding of related subject content, procedures, application of process or workplace practice
3. Skills (S) units are designed to assess learner performance in respect of the learner's applied skills that demonstrate valid, consistent and reliable practice

1.9 Qualification assessment

The qualification must be assessed using the following assessment methods:

- 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. Externally 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.

1.11 Map of qualification to Furniture Manufacturing Apprenticeship Standard

Qualification title: OAL Level 2 in Understanding the Furniture, Furnishings & Interiors		
Mandatory units of assessment:		
More detailed mapping is provided in each unit of assessment		
Number	Title	Apprenticeship coverage
Y/615/0046	Achieve quality and output targets	Core Knowledge & Skills – Health, Safety and Environment
A/615/0590	Organise work space for efficiency and effectiveness	Core Skills – Maintain Tools & Equipment
D/615/0694	Problem solving in the workplace	Core Skills – Collaboration & Adaptability
T/615/0877	Time management in the workplace	Core Behaviours – Time Management
R/615/0921	Understand customer expectations	Core Knowledge – Customers
T/615/0880	Understand industry materials	Core Knowledge – Materials
F/615/0882	Understand quality standards	Core Knowledge – Quality Standards
J/615/0883	Understand the furniture industry	Core Knowledge – Industry & Organisation