

Component Specification

Vehicle Brake, Oil and Battery Maintenance

NFQ Level 4

4N2647

1. Component Details

Title	Vehicle Brake, Oil and Battery Maintenance
Teideal as Gaeilge	Cothabháil Coscán, Ola agus Cadhnra Feithiclí
Award Class	Minor
Code	4N2647
Level	4
Credit Value	10
Purpose	The purpose of this award is to equip the learner with the knowledge, skill and competence to maintain and replace components associated with the brakes, battery, and oil system of cars and light commercial vehicles, whilst working under supervision.
Learning Outcomes	<p>Learners will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Identify the correct personal protective equipment (PPE) for a range of tasks including brake and battery maintenance, and oil replacement, outlining the nature of the associated hazard 2 Describe the function of the braking system of a motor vehicle including foot and hand brakes, and the characteristics of disc and drum brakes 3 Describe the procedure for handling damaged or re-fillable lead-acid batteries 4 Describe the principles of battery charging including battery construction and the action of the charger

- 5 Outline the precautions necessary for the protection of vehicle audio, alarm, and management systems prior to battery disconnection
- 6 Describe the major components of an engine's oil system including sump, filter, dipstick, sump plug, and identifying various types of engine oil and their characteristics
- 7 Use a range of equipment for vehicle elevation including lifts, jacks, and axle stands
- 8 Use both pneumatic and manual wrenches to remove and refit a wheel
- 9 Test the vehicle braking system including visual inspection of discs and drums, foot brake and handbrake function, and brake fluid level
- 10 Perform pre-charging checks including inspecting the battery terminals, inspecting the charger, and using testing equipment to assess battery performance
- 11 Perform oil-replacement pre-checks including assessing the condition and level of engine oil
- 12 Replace the brake shoes on a drum brake according to manufacturer's instructions
- 13 Replace the discs on a disc brake according to manufacturer's instructions including handling the fluid and anti-lock braking systems, removing the discs, preparing the hub, fitting the discs, and reconnecting calipers and other disconnected components
- 14 Recharge a vehicle battery taking all required steps to remove, charge, refit, and test the battery in accordance with manufacturer's instructions
- 15 Replace the engine oil of a motor vehicle taking all required steps to identify the correct replacement oil, drain the oil reservoir, replace the oil plug washer, refit the plug, replace the oil filter, refill the oil to the correct level, and dispose of waste material appropriately.

Assessment

General Information

Details of FET assessment requirements are set out in [Assessment Guidelines for Providers.](#)

All FET assessment is criterion referenced. Successful achievement of the award is based on learners attaining the required standards of knowledge, skill or competence.

The techniques set out below are considered the optimum approach to assessment for this component. In exceptional circumstances providers may identify alternative assessment techniques through the provider's application for programme validation which are **reliable** and **valid** but which are more appropriate to their context.

Assessment of a number of components may be integrated across programmes for delivery, provided that the learning outcomes of each minor award are assessed.

Group or team work may form part of the assessment, provided each learner's achievement is separately assessed.

All providers are required to submit an assessment plan as part of their application for programme validation. Assessment Plans will include information relating to scheduling and integration of assessment. See current FET validation guidelines at www.qqi.ie.

Assessment Techniques

In order to demonstrate that they have reached the standards of knowledge, skill and competence identified in all the learning outcomes, learners are required to complete the assessment(s) below.

The assessor is responsible for devising assessment instruments (e.g. project and assignment briefs, examination papers), assessment criteria and mark sheets, consistent with the techniques identified below and FETAC's assessment requirements.

Programme validation will require providers to map each learning outcome to its associated assessment technique. See current FET validation guidelines at www.qqi.ie.

All learning outcomes **must** be assessed and achieved

Skills Demonstration	70%
Examination - Theory	30%

Description

Skills Demonstration

A skills demonstration is used to assess a wide range of practical based learning outcomes including practical skills and knowledge. A

skills demonstration will require the learner to complete a task or series of tasks that demonstrate a range of skills.

Examination - Theory

An examination provides a means of assessing a learner's ability to recall and apply knowledge, skills and understanding within a set period of time and under clearly specified conditions.

A theory-based examination assesses the ability to recall, apply and understand specific theory and knowledge.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

Learners may be assessed on the basis of their prior knowledge and experience. Providers must be specifically quality assured to assess learners by this means. To do so they must complete B10, see Provider's Quality Assurance Guidelines and be included on the Register of RPL approved providers. See RPL Guidelines at www.fetac.ie for further information and registration details.

Grading

Pass	50% - 64%
Merit	65% - 79%
Distinction	80% - 100%

Specific Validation Requirements

The provider must have all of the following in place to offer this award:

Training area(s) suited to the use of vehicle lifting, battery charging, and oil replacement

1. Vehicles and components that are fit for purpose
2. Suitable vehicle lifting and battery charging and testing equipment

Supporting Documentation

1. Safety, Health and Welfare Act

Access

To access programmes leading to this award the learner should have reached the standards of knowledge, skill and competence associated with the preceding level of the National Framework of Qualifications. This may have been achieved through a formal qualification or through relevant life and work experience.

Transfer

Successful completion of this component award enables the learner to transfer to programmes leading to other certificates where this component is a mandatory or an elective requirement.

2. FET Award Standards

QQI award standards are determined within the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ), <http://www.nfq-qqi.com>. QQI determines standards for the education and training awards that it makes itself and that are made by providers to whom it has delegated authority to make an award. Providers offering programmes leading to QQI awards **must** have their programme(s) validated in accordance with current validation policy (see www.qqi.ie).

Award standards are designed to be consistent with the NFQ's award classes i.e. major, special purpose, supplemental and minor awards. They are expressed in terms of **learning outcomes** i.e. concise statements of what the learner is expected to know or be able to do in order to achieve a particular award. Learning outcomes for FET awards are contained within the associated specifications:

AWARD CLASS	STANDARDS	AWARDS
Major Award	Certificate Specification	Certificate (Levels 1 to 5) Advanced Certificate (Level 6)
Supplemental Award	Supplemental Specification	Supplemental Certificate (Level 3 to 6)
Special Purpose	Specific Purpose Specification	Specific Purpose Certificate (Levels 3 to 6)
Minor Award	Component Specification	Component Certificate (Levels 1 to 6)

Award standards are thresholds, they describe standards of knowledge, skill or competence to be acquired, and where appropriate, demonstrated, by a learner before an award may be made.

Award standards will be reviewed from time to time as necessary. Minor changes may be made by the QQI executive outside the review cycle where necessary. Changes to standards are published on QQI's website. Providers with validated programmes and providers with delegated authority to make awards are responsible for monitoring relevant standards and making necessary responses to changes.

3. FET Credit

Every FET certificate and component specification includes an FET credit value (Table 1). FET credit is quantified in multiples of 5 FET credits (up to 50 hours of learner effort). Learner effort is based on the time taken by typical learners at the level of the award to achieve the learning outcomes for the award. It includes all learning time involved including: guided learning hours, self-directed learning and assessment.

Table 1: FET Credit Values

NFQ Level	Major Awards Credit Values	Default Credit Values Minor Awards	Other Permitted Minor Award Credit Values	Special Purpose and Supplemental Award Credit Value Ranges
1	20	5	10	
2	30	5	10	
3	60	10	5,20	>5 and <60

4	90	10	5,15,20	>5 and <90
5	120	15	5,10,30	>5 and <120
6	120	15	5,10,30	>5 and <120

Guide to Level

Independence is the hallmark of this level. Learning outcomes at this level correspond to a growing sense of responsibility for participating in public life and shaping one's own life. The outcomes at this level would be associated with first-time entry to many occupational sectors.

Strand	Sub-strand	Nature of learning
Knowledge	Breadth	Broad range of knowledge
	Kind	Mainly concrete in reference and with some elements of abstraction or theory
Know How & Skill	Range	Demonstrate a moderate range of practical and cognitive skills and tools
	Selectivity	Select from a range of procedures and apply known solutions to a variety of predictable problems
Competence	Context	Act in familiar and unfamiliar contexts
	Role	Act with considerable amount of responsibility and autonomy
	Learning to Learn	Learn to take responsibility for own learning within a supervised environment
	Insight	Assume partial responsibility for consistency of self-understanding and behaviour

Extract from 'Determinations for the Outline National Framework of Qualifications': NQAI