

Special Purpose Specification NFQ Level 5

Signwriting 5S2256

1. Certificate Details

Title	Signwriting
Teideal as Gaeilge	Sínscríobh
Award Class	Special Purpose
Code	5S2256
Level	5
Credit Value	60
Purpose	The purpose of this award is to enable the learner to develop a range of competencies in traditional signwriting and gilding skills as well as computer generated signage and graphics.
Statements of Knowledge, Skill and Competence	Learners will be able to:
Knowledge	
<i>Breadth</i>	Develop their knowledge of hand painted traditional signage and gilding as well as computer generated signage and graphics.
<i>Kind</i>	Demonstrate understanding of the art and craft of traditional signwriting and gilding together with computer generated signage and graphics and associated tools and materials.
Know How & Skill	
<i>Range</i>	Demonstrate a broad range of skills and tools knowledge in producing traditional signwriting and gilding together with computer generated signage and graphics.
<i>Selectivity</i>	Demonstrate the ability to design and produce traditional and computer generated signage.
Competence	
<i>Context</i>	Implement safe working practices in a sign production environment.

<i>Role</i>	Work independently under direction in a traditional and computer generated sign production environment. The learning outcomes associated with this award are outlined in the associated Component Specifications.
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	Achievement of this award will enable the learner to transfer to other appropriate programmes leading to awards at the same level of the National Framework of Qualifications.
Progression	Achievement of this award will enable the learner to progress to other appropriate programmes leading to awards at the next or higher levels of the National Framework of Qualifications.
Progression Awards	Learners who successfully complete this award may progress to a range of different awards.
Grading	Pass Merit Distinction The grade achieved will be determined by the grades achieved on the components

2. Certificate Requirements

The total credit value required for this certificate is 60. This will be achieved by completing:

Award Code	Title	Level	Credit Value
All of the following component(s)			
5N1978	Graphic Design Skills	5	15
5N6245	Traditional Signwriting and Gilding	5	30
5N0561	Computerised Signmaking	5	15

3. Supporting Documentation

1. Current Safety and Health at Work Legislation

4. Specific Validation Requirements

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

Access to appropriate range of tools and materials

1. Internal workshop area for training and carrying out assessments
2. Access to Computer classroom

6. 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.qli.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 QQI 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.

7. 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

Learning outcomes at this level include a broad range of skills that require some theoretical understanding. The outcomes may relate to engaging in a specific activity, with the capacity to use the instruments and techniques relating to an occupation. They are associated with work being undertaken independently, subject to general direction.

Strand	Sub-strand	Nature of learning
Knowledge	Breadth	Broad range of knowledge
	Kind	Some theoretical concepts and abstract thinking, with significant depth in some areas.
Know How & Skill	Range	Demonstrate a broad range of specialised skills and tools
	Selectivity	Evaluate and use information to plan and develop investigative strategies and to determine solutions to varied unfamiliar problems
Competence	Context	Act in a range of varied and specific contexts, taking responsibility for the nature and quality of outputs; identify and apply skill and knowledge to a wide variety of contexts
	Role	Exercise some initiative and independence in carrying out defined activities; join and function within multiple, complex and heterogeneous groups
	Learning to Learn	Learn to take responsibility for own learning within a managed environment
	Insight	Assume full responsibility for consistency of self- understanding and behaviour

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