



**QQI**

Quality and Qualifications Ireland  
Dearbhú Cáilíochta agus Cáilíochtaí Éireann

## Certificate Specification NFQ Level 6

### Fashion Design 6M3706

#### 1. Certificate Details

<b>Title</b>	Fashion Design
<b>Teideal as Gaeilge</b>	Dearadh Faisin
<b>Award Type</b>	Major
<b>Code</b>	6M3706
<b>Level</b>	6
<b>Credit Value</b>	120
<b>Purpose</b>	The purpose of this award is to enable the learner to acquire the knowledge skill and competence to work autonomously as a fashion designer independently and or as part of a team in the field of fashion design, in devising, directing and driving personal projects and or to progress to higher education and training.
<b>Statements of Knowledge, Skill and Competence</b>	Learners will be able to:
<b>Knowledge</b>	
<i>Breadth</i>	Demonstrate a specialist knowledge of the relationship between fabric and trim selection in the design and structural resolution and finish of commercially viable garments
<i>Kind</i>	Demonstrate personal and creative thinking in the research and development of an appropriate concept or theme for the design and production of a small range of clothing for a specific season and customer profile
<b>Know How &amp; Skill</b>	
<i>Range</i>	Demonstrate design and technical competence in the selection of coordinated design ideas and the production of a commercially viable small range of clothing

*Selectivity* Manage the sourcing and selection of appropriate fabrics and trims for the chosen customer, market and season

## **Competence**

*Context* Formulate creative and constructive responses to the selection, planning and translation of a coordinated range of design ideas from 2D into 3D

*Role* Contribute effectively to a structured team environment within a design setting

*Learning to Learn* Demonstrate capacity for self-managed and self-directed learning

*Insight* Demonstrate insight into the differing needs of varied markets and consumers.

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 120. This will be achieved by completing:**

<b>Award Code</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Credit Value</b>
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**All of the following component(s)**

6N3605	Garment Construction	6	15
6N1393	Pattern Drafting	6	15
6N3446	Design Skills	6	15
<b>A minimum credit value of 15 from the following components</b>			
6N1946	Work Experience	6	15
6N1947	Work Practice	6	15
6N1949	Personal and Professional Development	6	15
<b>A minimum credit value of 15 from the following components</b>			
6N1950	Communications	6	15
6N1948	Team Leadership	6	15
6N1941	Entrepreneurship	6	15
<b>A minimum credit value of 30 from the following components</b>			
6N3587	Combined Materials	6	15
6N3606	Fabric Manipulation	6	15
6N3567	Sales Presentation	6	15
6N3705	Knitting	6	15
6N3611	Fashion Photography	6	15
6N3612	Fashion Buying and Retailing	6	15
6N3608	Fashion Styling	6	30
6N3480	Illustration Techniques and Practice	6	15
6N3569	Drawing	6	15
6N3451	Arts Event Management	6	15

The remaining credit value of 15 can be obtained by using relevant component(s) from level 6. A maximum of 15 credits may be used from level 5.

### 3. Supporting Documentation

None

### 4. Specific Validation Requirements

There are no specific validation requirements

### 5. Europass Certificate Supplement

The Europass Certificate Supplement for this award can be accessed at: [www.qqi.ie](http://www.qqi.ie).

### 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.qqi.ie](http://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 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 comprehensive range of skills which may be vocationally-specific and/or of a general supervisory nature, and require detailed theoretical understanding. The outcomes also provide for a particular focus on learning skills. The

outcomes relate to working in a generally autonomous way to assume design and/or management and/or administrative responsibilities. Occupations at this level would include higher craft, junior technician and supervisor.

<b>Strand</b>	<b>Sub-strand</b>	<b>Nature of learning</b>
Knowledge	Breadth	Specialised knowledge of a broad area
	Kind	Some theoretical concepts and abstract thinking, with significant depth in some areas
Know How & Skill	Range	Demonstrate a comprehensive range of specialised skills and tools
	Selectivity	Formulate responses to well defined abstract problems
Competence	Context	Utilise diagnostic and creative skills in a range of functions in a wide variety of contexts
	Role	Exercise substantial personal autonomy and often take responsibility for the work of others and/or for the allocation of resources; form and function within, multiple and complex heterogeneous groups.
	Learning to Learn	Learn to take responsibility for own learning within a managed environment.
	Insight	Express an internalised, personal world view, reflecting engagement with others.

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