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Certificate Specification NFQ Level 6

Fashion Industry Practice 6M4508

1. Certificate Details

Title	Fashion Industry Practice
Teideal as Gaeilge	Cleachtadh Tionscail Faisin
Award Type	Major
Code	6M4508
Level	6
Credit Value	120
Purpose	The purpose of this award is to enable the learner acquire the knowledge, skill and competence to work in a range of varied roles in the fashion industry and to gain entrepreneurial skills suited to self-employment in the industry. The learner will gain the skills required to select, buy, style, promote and retail the fashion product to selected customer profiles.
Statements of Knowledge, Skill and Competence	Learners will be able to:
Knowledge	
<i>Breadth</i>	Demonstrate broad knowledge of a range of roles within the fashion industry.
<i>Kind</i>	Demonstrate understanding of the underpinning principles of the fashion industry, from product selection based on customer profiling to the promotion, marketing and final sale of that product.
Know How & Skill	
<i>Range</i>	Apply a comprehensive range of specialized skills and tools needed to manage the buying, promotion and merchandising of the fashion product.

Selectivity Evaluate the needs and wants of target consumers on a seasonal basis using trend analysis and trend forecasting.

Competence

Context Demonstrate ability to work in familiar and unfamiliar situations applying a combination of business and creative skills.

Role Be self-directed in terms of time, motivation and planning in order to fulfill varied role responsibilities effectively including managing the work of others.

Learning to Learn Demonstrate capacity for self managed and autonomous learning.

Insight Demonstrate awareness of social, ethical and legal issues in relation to business dealings in the selection, buying, marketing and retailing of the fashion product.

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:

Award Code	Title	Level	Credit Value
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All of the following component(s)

6N3612	Fashion Buying and Retailing	6	15
6N3608	Fashion Styling	6	30

A minimum credit value of 15 from the following components

6N1946	Work Experience	6	15
6N1947	Work Practice	6	15
6N1949	Personal and Professional Development	6	15

A minimum credit value of 15 from the following components

6N1950	Communications	6	15
6N2191	Leadership	6	15
6N1948	Team Leadership	6	15
6N0697	Customer Service	6	15

A minimum credit value of 15 from the following components

6N3611	Fashion Photography	6	15
6N2532	Web Authoring	6	15
6N3446	Design Skills	6	15
6N3450	History and Appreciation of Art and Design	6	15
6N3452	Painting	6	15
6N3480	Illustration Techniques and Practice	6	15
6N3567	Sales Presentation	6	15
6N3569	Drawing	6	15
6N3589	Digital Photography	6	15
6N3750	Human Resources Management	6	15
6N4090	Project Management	6	15
6N4188	Marketing Management	6	15
6N4189	Growing Your Business	6	15
6N4310	Business Management	6	15
6N4370	Marketing Communications	6	15
6N4507	Fashion Promotion	6	15

The remaining credit value of 30 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.

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).

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.

Strand	Sub-strand	Nature of learning
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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