

## Component Specification

### Illustration Skills

#### NFQ Level 6

#### 6N5446

#### 1. Component Details

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| <b>Title</b>              | Illustration Skills   |
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| <b>Award Class</b>        | Minor   |
| <b>Code</b>               | 6N5446  |
| <b>Level</b>              | 6   |
| <b>Credit Value</b>       | 15  |
| <b>Purpose</b>            | The purpose of this award is to equip the learner with the knowledge, skill and competence to illustrate, visually interpreting briefs and ideas with an informed personal visual and conceptual voice, and meeting required professional standards with regard to client and brief management, copyright and other legislative and technical requirements.   |
| <b>Learning Outcomes</b>  | <p>Learners will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 Outline systems associated with professional freelance illustration practice, to include delivery, approval or rejection, changes, ownership of copyright and copyright license, credits and moral rights and governing law</li><li>2 Explain the purpose and process for recording, and cataloguing own work</li><li>3 Use the language of illustration and graphic design appropriately</li><li>4 Use a variety of illustrative techniques and media to include drawing, painting, collage print, digital, CAD</li></ol> |

- or process based techniques, to record and interpret a wide range of source references and ideas
- 5 Generate innovative problem solving ideas quickly
  - 6 Integrate image and text effectively ,sequencing imagery, identifying the link between type, image, and visual story telling
  - 7 Provide quality roughs for approval
  - 8 Negotiate a brief through consultation to introduce new ideas or text as appropriate
  - 9 Analyse a brief's specification to include timeframe, pricing and deadlines
  - 10 Produce a coherent conclusive body of work to presentation standard underpinned by appropriate research practices
  - 11 Establish a process of working using personal ideas, primary and secondary research to provide as strong basis for the development of a range of responses to briefs
  - 12 Work with clients and briefs to meet deadlines and print requirement, in competitive contexts
  - 13 Use technical art, craft and design skills to visually express personal ideas and interpretations of concepts and the observed world
  - 14 Demonstrate responsible practice with regard to health, safety and environmental practices
  - 15 Demonstrate critical awareness of own and others work.

## 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](http://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](http://www.qqi.ie).

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

Portfolio / Collection of Work      100%

## Description

### Portfolio / Collection of Work

*A portfolio or collection of work is a collection and/or selection of pieces of work produced by the learner over a period of time that demonstrates achievement of a range of learning outcomes. The collection may be self-generated or may be generated in response to a particular brief or tasks/activities devised by the assessor.*

## 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](http://www.fetac.ie) for further information and registration details.

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| <b>Grading</b>                          | Pass  | 50% - 64%  |
|   | Merit   | 65% - 79%  |
|   | Distinction   | 80% - 100% |
| <b>Specific Validation Requirements</b> | There are no specific validation requirements   |            |
| <b>Supporting Documentation</b>         | None  |            |
| <b>Access</b>                           | 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. |            |
| <b>Transfer</b>                         | 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](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 FET awards are contained within the associated specifications:

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

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 underpinning theory  |
| Know How & Skill | Range       | Demonstrate a comprehensive range of specialised skills and tools  |
|                  | Selectivity | Formulate responses to well defined abstract problems  |
| Competence       | Context     | Act in a range of varied and specific contexts involving creative and non-routine activities; transfer and apply theoretical concepts and/or technical or creative skills to a range of contexts |

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| 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 evaluate own learning and identify needs within a structured learning environment; assist others in identifying learning needs  |
| Insight           | Express an internalised, personal world view, reflecting engagement with others.   |

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