



QQI

Quality and Qualifications Ireland
Dearbhú Cáilíochta agus Cáilíochtaí Éireann

Certificate Specification NFQ Level 5

Design 5M2208

1. Certificate Details

Title	Design
Teideal as Gaeilge	Dearadh
Award Type	Major
Code	5M2208
Level	5
Credit Value	120
Purpose	The purpose of this award is to enable the learner to acquire the knowledge skill and competence in the design process to work independently and under supervision in a particular design field and or to progress to further and or higher education and training.
Statements of Knowledge, Skill and Competence	Learners will be able to:
Knowledge	
<i>Breadth</i>	Demonstrate a broad knowledge and some specialised analysis of historical and contemporary practice in a design field.
<i>Kind</i>	Demonstrate an understanding of design principles as applied to a design context including form, function, aesthetics, culture and society.
Know How & Skill	
<i>Range</i>	Demonstrate conceptual thinking and critical analysis in the generation of an individual creative response to a client or self-initiated brief.

Selectivity Select and employ a varied range of methods and media to generate, develop and communicate creative solutions to design problems.

Competence

Context Apply a design process to a particular design field, through a variety of projects ranging in scope from elementary to complex.

Role Engage in a design process, subject to some supervision, as an individual designer in response to a client or self-initiated brief and or as a member of a design team.

Learning to Learn Take responsibility for own learning in a structured context.

Insight Evaluate their own performance in response to a brief with reference to specific objective design criteria.

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 or lower levels of the National Framework of Qualifications.

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AFDES Fashion Design
AFMRX Furniture Making and Restoration
AATDX Architectural Technology and Design
AINTD Interior Design
AIXXX Illustration
ATBXX Textiles

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
All of the following component(s)			
5N0784	Design Skills	5	15
5N1862	Drawing	5	15
A minimum credit value of 15 from the following components			
5N0690	Communications	5	15
5N1390	Personal Effectiveness	5	15
5N0972	Customer Service	5	15
5N1615	Problem Solving	5	15
A minimum credit value of 15 from the following components			
5N1356	Work Experience	5	15
5N1433	Work Practice	5	15
A minimum credit value of 45 from the following components			
5N0764	Combined Materials	5	15
5N0755	Appreciation of Art, Craft and Design	5	15
5N1919	Colour and Light	5	15
5N0761	Collage Techniques	5	15
5N1558	Architectural Drawing	5	15
5N1604	Computer Aided Draughting (2D)	5	15
5N1456	Materials and Finishes	5	15
5N1275	Furniture Making	5	30
5N1566	Batik	5	15
5N1441	Embroidery	5	15
5N1276	Garment Construction	5	15
5N1303	Pattern Drafting	5	15
5N1455	Knitting	5	15
5N1864	Woven Textiles	5	15
5N1929	Computer Illustrated Graphics	5	15
5N1910	Web Authoring	5	15
5N1978	Graphic Design Skills	5	15
5N1292	Image Processing	5	15
5N1538	Photographic Techniques	5	15
5N1373	Printmaking	5	15
5N1649	Art Metalcraft	5	15
5N1559	Art Woodwork	5	15
5N0759	Ceramics	5	15
5N1794	Safety and Health at Work	5	15

The remaining credit value of 15 can be obtained by using relevant component(s) from level 5. A maximum of 15 credits may be used from either level 4 or level 6.

3. Supporting Documentation

None

4. Specific Validation Requirements

There are no specific validation requirements for this award

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 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. Some underpinning theory
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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