



**QQI**

Quality and Qualifications Ireland  
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## Certificate Specification NFQ Level 5

### Community Development 5M3050

#### 1. Certificate Details

<b>Title</b>	Community Development
<b>Teideal as Gaeilge</b>	Forbairt Pobail
<b>Award Type</b>	Major
<b>Code</b>	5M3050
<b>Level</b>	5
<b>Credit Value</b>	120
<b>Purpose</b>	The purpose of this award is to equip the learner with the knowledge, skill and competence to work effectively in a range of community development work settings, using some initiative and independence while under general direction, or to progress to further or 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 broad knowledge of the purpose, role and contribution of community development to Irish society and the wider world
<i>Kind</i>	Demonstrate knowledge of key concepts and principles in community development including community, collective action, poverty, social change participation, equality, social justice, power and consciousness raising
<b>Know How &amp; Skill</b>	
<i>Range</i>	Apply the principles and values of community development to a variety of specific contexts and actions

*Selectivity* Utilise the tools of the community development processes to contribute to collaboration and collective action based on an analysis of the issues, appropriate planning and ongoing evaluation in a range of community development contexts

## **Competence**

*Context* Work effectively as part of a team and individually as appropriate in a voluntary or paid capacity to undertake and promote quality community work

*Role* Work in ways that are consistent with the values, principles and practices of community development in a variety of contexts, taking a leadership role in specific tasks

*Learning to Learn* Take responsibility for own learning and collaborative learning within community development settings

*Insight* Reflect critically on own practice to explore how personal attitudes and values can be integrated with the principles and values of community development and or community work practice

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>
<b>All of the following component(s)</b>			
5N2707	Working with Groups	5	15
5N1901	Understanding Community Development	5	15
5N0777	Community Development Practice	5	15
<b>A minimum credit value of 15 from the following components</b>			
5N0690	Communications	5	15
5N1367	Teamworking	5	15
5N1390	Personal Effectiveness	5	15
<b>A minimum credit value of 15 from the following components</b>			
5N1356	Work Experience	5	15
5N1433	Work Practice	5	15
<b>A minimum credit value of 30 from the following components</b>			
5N1297	Management Committee Skills	5	15
5N1371	Social Analysis	5	15
5N3026	Community Arts Context and Practice	5	15
5N2002	Young People and Society	5	15
5N1384	Working with Young People	5	15
5N1280	Human Rights and Collective Action	5	15
5N1834	Community Addiction Studies	5	15
5N0765	Intercultural Studies	5	15
5N2708	Social Justice Principles	5	15
5N1370	Social Studies	5	15
5N1273	Equality and Disability	5	15
5N1837	Political Studies	5	15
5N1706	Challenging Behaviour	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

### **5. Europass Certificate Supplement**

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

## 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.

<b>Strand</b>	<b>Sub-strand</b>	<b>Nature of learning</b>
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

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