

Text Processing (Business Professional)

within the Business Skills suite

Unit Title: Text production

OCR unit number: 03932

Unit reference number: A/501/4210

Level: 3
Credit value: 6
Guided learning hours: 60

Learning Outcomes	Assessment Criteria	Knowledge, understanding and	
The learner will	The learner can	skills	
Be able to use a word processor or typewrite	,	 Set margins of at least 13 mm Use and alter line spacing (single/double) Left alignment, including main and subheadings as presented in the draft Centre some text, eg heading, line, sentence Emphasise text, using any method, eg bold, italics, underlining, capitals, centring, change of font style/size Insert numbered paragraphs, rearranging into numerical order Insert a page number on continuation sheets Inset text from the left margin Insert footnotes on the same page as the original footnote indication Underline text as shown in draft Produce printouts or typescripts 	
2 Be able to key in text from handwritten and typewritten drafts	 2.1 Key in text, including capitalisation punctuation 2.2 Key in text to specified layouts, including business letter fax, minutes, terms of reference/ contract article, report 	Letter - Our ref and Your ref details keyed in as draft, including capitalisation and punctuation.	

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The learner will	The learner can			
	2.3 Key in a table within text	Fax, Minutes, Terms of Reference/Contract		
		 Rearrange numbered items 		
		 Insert 2-4 columns of data 		
		 Column headings and text in columns must be consistently aligned to the left 		
		Table may be ruled if desired		
		• Minutes		
		One column of table may be an "Action" column		
3 Be able to interpret implied and explicit	3.1 Complete work within set timescales	Use appropriate stationery or template as instructed		
instructions	3.2 Select stationery appropriate for document type	Retrieve pre-stored templates		
	 3.3 Use consistent style and presentation, including clear line space before and after separate items in documents display of date, measurement, weight, time, money, figures, dashes and hyphens footnote symbols within a document list with numbered items 	 Fax Insert today's date against date heading 		

Learning Outcomes The learner will	Assessment Criteria The learner can	Knowledge, understanding and skills	
	3.4 Comply with instructions for production of letters, including - inserting today's date and postdating - inserting a special mark - inserting a subject heading - indicating enclosures	 Letter Insert today's date Insert postdate Insert a special mark, eg PERSONAL, PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL Insert a subject heading Indicate enclosures as implied in the draft, using an acceptable convention 	
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The learner will	The learner can	skills		
	3.6 Identify and correct typographical errors, errors of agreement,	Identify and correct errors in words that will not be indicated in the draft:		
	punctuation, apostrophe and spelling errors	 typographical errors including words containing extra, omitted and transposed letters and extraneous symbols 		
	3.7 Make amendments to text as shown in the draft	 errors of agreement including those of subject/verb and quantity/noun 		
		punctuation errors including omitted full stop and omitted initial capital at the start of a sentence		
		apostrophe errors including omitted, misplaced and superfluous apostrophes		
		 spelling errors in words given below including their derivations where marked * eg plurals, prefixes (such as un-, in-, dis-, ir-) and suffixes (such as -ed, -ing, -ment, -tion, -ly, -able, -ible, -ence, -ial): 		
		access employ* accommodate* expense* achieve* experience* acknowledge* finance* advertise* foreign although fortunate* apparent* govern* appreciate* permanent* believe* receipt* business* receive* cancel* recommend* client* responsible* colleague* satisfactory* committee* separate* convenient* success* correspond* sufficient* definite* support develop* temporary* discuss* through Amend text as shown in draft: deletion with replacement words deletion without replacement words follow correction signs:		

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The learner will	The learner can	skills				
new paragraph [or //	new paragraph [or //					
run on						
insertion with word(s) above	√ or balloon with arrow eg	no marginal				
transpose horizontally	or balloon with arrow eg	instructions				
transpose vertically	\geq	J				
close up						
leave a space						
stet with	in margin					
4 Be able to incorporate information from another source 4.1 Locate information to extract from a separate source		Key in a piece of information, eg a reference code or project title, from a separate source				
	4.2 Key in extracted text from another source					
5 Be able to check documents for accuracy	5.1 Check documents for accuracy, correcting	Use of spellchecker (word processor users)				
	mistakes as necessary	English spelling, punctuation and grammar				
		Proofreading skills				
		Use appropriate correction techniques to ensure work is accurate				

Unit aim

This unit aims to equip candidates with the ability to produce, from handwritten and typewritten draft material, a variety of routine business documents to a standard that meets the business document production requirements of employment.

Assessment

Assessment will consist of producing three business documents totalling 1,100 words and will take the form of a 1 hour 15 minute test set and marked by OCR.

Results will be graded Distinction, Pass or Fail.

To achieve a Distinction, candidates must produce the documents with no more than 6 faults within the time allowed (1 hour 15 minutes).

To achieve a Pass, candidates must produce the documents with no more than 17 faults within the time allowed (1 hour 15 minutes).

The grade achieved will be stated on the certificate.

Administration guidance

- Either a word processor or a typewriter may be used to complete the examination
- Stationery: A4 plain paper will be required. Candidates must use the templates supplied by OCR for the examination. Templates may be pre-printed onto plain paper for those candidates using a typewriter
- Centres must ensure that the recall material for this examination is available for candidates.
 Recall material is supplied for each examination by OCR publications on CD-ROM or can be downloaded free of charge from Interchange, OCR's secure website
- Printing: Candidates must carry out their own printing. No changes whatsoever may be made to the documents outside the time allowed for the examination. Printing may be undertaken in a period immediately following the examination and supervised by the Invigilator
- For further information regarding administration for this qualification, please refer to the OCR document *Admin Guide for Vocational Qualifications* (A850).

Barred combinations: Business Skills suite:

Candidates can claim only one of the following units towards a Business Skills qualification:

15A Level 2 Produce documents in a business environment (T/601/2482)

32A Level 3 Design and produce documents in a business environment (M/601/2531)

00004 Level 1 Text Production – Screen Reader (A/501/5812)

00005 Level 2 Text Production – Screen Reader (Y/501/6322)

00007 Level 3 Text Production – Screen Reader (Y/501/5820)

06966 Level 1 Text Production (J/501/4081)

06975 Level 2 Text Production (R/501/6318)

Please note that not all units are available at each level within the Business Skills suite; see the OCR Business Skills Centre Handbook for a list of units and the rules of combination.

Exemptions and equivalencies: Business Skills suite:

There are no exemptions or equivalencies for this unit.

Guidance on assessment and evidence requirements

For detailed guidance, please refer to the marking criteria and tutor notes in this document. You should also refer to the *Text Processing (Business Professional) Level 3 Centre Handbook*.

Candidates must produce three business documents to a standard acceptable in the workplace and outcomes must be within the permitted error tolerance.

Penalties are given for errors and the same fault appearing more than once will incur a penalty each time. One fault only will be given to any one word* irrespective of the number of errors that may appear in that word. For example, "miscellaneous" keyed in as "miss-selanious" will be penalised 1 fault, even though several faults have been incurred in the word.

- * A word is defined as any normally recognisable word including a hyphenated word and associated punctuation and spacing. Other items that are treated as a word are:
- postcode
- initials and courtesy titles
- simple or complex numbers including money and times
- simple or compound measurements

You should refer to the OCR Admin Guide to Vocational Qualifications (A850) for Notes on Preventing Computer-Assisted Malpractice.

Errors will be divided into 4 categories:

Marking Criteria	Tutor Notes	
Section 1 Faults - keying in errors		
One fault will be given for each word* which	ch:	
1.1 contains a character which is incorrect (including upper case character within a word), or is illegible for any reason	A penalty will be incurred for any word that contains a character that is incorrect or that includes an upper case character within a word, eg <i>LaBel</i>	
	Candidates may use English and mother tongue dictionaries and spellcheckers where available	
1.2 has omitted or additional characters or spaces (including omissions caused by faulty use of correction materials/techniques, eg hole in paper)	 A space inserted between a word and its associated punctuation including footnote symbols in text, eg word: or word? will incur 1 fault per instance 	
	 Incorrect or omitted paired punctuation, eg brackets, single quotes will incur 1 fault per 'pair', eg (Progress Group), 'Progress Group' 	
	If footnote symbols omitted altogether and footnote written adjacent to the word which should have contained the symbol – penalise 1 fault for omitted symbol – see also 3.2 (2 faults maximum per instance)	
	Underlining that is too short or too long (this is not treated as presentation which relates to the underlining of headings – see 4J below)	
1.3 contains handwritten character(s)		
1.4 has no space following it		
1.5 has more than 2 character spaces	In continuous text, 1 fault per instance will be	

Marking Criteria	Tutor Notes
following it, except where appropriate,	incurred for:
eg before postcode, after punctuation	 more than 3 spaces appearing after a full stop, question mark, exclamation mark or colon
	 more than 2 spaces appearing after a comma, semi-colon, closing bracket, dash, apostrophe (at the end of a word) and closing single or double quotes
	• where a short line appears, this will be penalised if the first word following could have fitted at the end of the short line with at least 18 mm (¾") to spare (measuring the short line against the longest line in the document)
contains overtyping, including overtyping of pre-printed material (per entry regardless of the number of words involved) eg text cutting through letterhead template	

1.7	does not	contain	initial	capitals:

- as presented in the draft
- for the first letter of a sentence
- Candidates should key in text as presented in the draft. One fault per instance will be incurred for each initial capital drafted that has been keyed in as a lower case character
- Failure to insert a capital letter following a penalty for an omitted full stop will not be penalised. Likewise, inserting a capital letter following a penalty for an incorrect full stop will not be penalised

Section 2 Faults - omissions and additions One fault will be given for:

2.1 each word which is the wrong word or a word that has been omitted or added or not removed as instructed (eg a word which is crossed out in the draft)

This includes:

- Each omitted and/or additional word which is not required while abstracting information from resource sheet
- Omitted or additional text resulting from an attempt at vertical or horizontal transposition

Letter

- Our ref and Your ref and reference details must be keyed as shown in the draft, including capitalisation and punctuation. Do not expand 'ref'. Treat the whole reference as one unit for marking purposes. Errors in references incur one fault maximum per document, but accept if no line space between references
- candidates will incur a fault if they set their own reference or omit the reference or add their own initials to the reference
- the reference, date, special mark and name and address may be presented in any order but must

Marking Criteria Tutor Notes appear above the salutation and must be keyed in as draft, including capitalisation and punctuation the subject heading must appear somewhere between the letterhead details and the first paragraph of the letter and must be keyed in as draft, including capitalisation any style of date is acceptable, with the exception of the American numeric format, eg 12/25/2011 as Christmas Day dates should appear below the letterhead and above the salutation of the letter and should have a clear line space above/below dates will not be acceptable in the header/footer details alone one fault will be incurred for each instance of a missing, incomplete or incorrect date to be inserted on correspondence as instructed on the front cover of the question paper all errors in other dates are penalised per element where postdating is required, 1 fault maximum will be incurred for any errors or omissions Fax The OCR fax template supplied must be used The text is to be keyed in beneath the fax template details The number of pages must be inserted as instructed. Indication of enclosures, if applicable, is not required Penalise one fault maximum if insertion points (eg *) have been set up but candidate has not deleted them any style of date is acceptable, with the exception of the American numeric format, eg 12/25/2011 as Christmas Day dates will not be acceptable in the header/footer details alone one fault will be incurred for each instance of a missing, incomplete or incorrect date to be inserted on correspondence as instructed on the front cover of the question paper Minutes and Terms of Reference/Contract If a date appears in a document that does not require dating, this will be penalised 1 fault maximum unless the date appears as part of the personal details or above the first line of the document or below the last line of the document **Abbreviations**

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	 Abbreviations in handwritten draft should be expanded correctly; failure to do so is penalised 1 fault per abbreviation (as shown in section 3 on page 3) NB: commonly used abbreviations must be retained, 	
	for example, plc, Ltd, Co and & in company names, and etc, eg, ie, NB, PS	
	Footnotes	
	 accept any symbol, eg * ^{1 *1} etc 	
	 symbol in text must match symbol in footnote on same page 	
	 footnotes may be displayed with/without space following the footnote symbol (actual footnote at foot of page) 	
	 accept any length horizontal line (separator) as part of footnote and accept if footnote is inset 	
	 if footnotes omitted altogether – penalise 6 faults maximum per document 	
	 if footnote text appears in body of text and is repeated as a footnote penalise 6 faults maximum per document 	
	 if footnotes are set up as footers (ie they appear on every page) penalise 6 faults maximum per document 	
2.2 not applicable to this unit		
2.3 omission of implied or explicit instructions (regardless of the number	- Errors or omissions in a subject heading will incur 1 fault maximum	
of words involved) for failure to: - insert a subject heading	 Errors or omissions in a special mark will incur 1 fault maximum 	
 insert a special mark indicate an enclosure indicate multiple enclosures 	 Where enclosures are implied, any appropriate method of indicating them may be used, eg Enc Att Encs Atts. Indications must differentiate between single and multiple enclosures 	
underline textinsert page numbers on	 The indication of an enclosure must appear between the signatory details and the footer 	
continuation sheets - rearrange numbered items	 Failure to underline a word or words within the text as shown in the draft incurs 1 fault 	
	 If page numbers not inserted on continuation sheets, 1 fault maximum is incurred 	
	 Page number on page 1 of a multi-page document is acceptable but page numbers on a single-page document will incur a penalty 	
	 Page numbers may appear in any position and may be any style but must appear once only on each page of a document 	
	 Errors and omissions related to page numbers are limited to 1 fault maximum per examination paper 	

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	 If numbers in a numbered list are omitted, 1 fau maximum is incurred 	lt
	 If no space is left between the numbers and tex in a numbered list, 1 fault maximum is incurred 	:t
	 Numbers may be presented in any style, eg with or without brackets or full stops, inset from left margin 	1
	 If full stops are inserted at the end of the text where not drafted in a numbered list, 1 fault maximum is incurred (but a full stop following the final item is acceptable) 	ıe
	 If underlining is too short or too long, a penalty under 1.2 will be incurred (see 1.2) 	

	tion 3 Faults - transpositions and misperfault will be given for each instance o		ements
3.1	items not transposed (horizontally or vertically) in accordance with a correction sign	•	Failure to transpose items horizontally or vertically will be penalised 1 fault maximum per correction sign
		•	Where the transposition includes interim text (eg a paragraph or heading between the paragraphs or headings to be transposed) and this is misplaced as a direct result of the attempt to transpose, 1 fault maximum will be incurred
3.2	words that are misplaced within text,	Th	nis includes:
	where there is no instruction	•	text in columns not aligned horizontally
		•	where footnote does not appear on the same page as the footnote symbol in text
		•	if footnote symbols omitted altogether and footnote written adjacent to the word which should have contained the symbol penalise 1 fault for misplaced text – see also 1.2 (2 faults maximum per instance)
		•	where text is inserted more than one line space above/below pre-printed headings in a fax – penalise up to a maximum of 2 faults per document
		•	transposition of entries against headings in a fax 1 fault each up to a maximum of 2 faults per document
3.3	failure to paragraph as per draft or as specified by a correction sign, eg new paragraph or run on		

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	ction 4 Faults – presentation			
	more than one fault per paper for each			
4A	left, right, top and/or bottom margins of less than 13 mm, or ragged left margin	This includes:		
	less than 15 mm, or ragged left margin	 ragged left margin, eg additional character spacing at the beginning of a line or paragraph 		
		 main and subheadings not keyed in at the left margin, as presented in draft 		
4B	no clear line space before and after	This includes:		
	separate items within a document	failure to leave a clear line space before and after separate items within a document, eg before/after headings, between paragraphs		
		One-line numbered paragraphs are acceptable in any consistent line spacing, including no clear line space		
		NB: Where letterhead template is centred or right aligned there is no requirement for a clear line space below the letterhead. Where the letterhead template is left aligned a clear line space must be left. No line space between references is acceptable		
4C	failure to use line spacing as instructed	This includes:		
		failure to change line spacing as instructed		
4D	failure to emphasise text as instructed	This includes:		
		emphasis extended beyond the required portion		
		 additional emphasis of text where not requested (except for headings – see 4J below) 		
		Emphasis may be any method such as bold, italics, underlining, capitals, centring, change of font/size		
4E	not applicable to this unit			
4F	failure to centre text as instructed	 Failure to centre text as instructed to within 13 mm over the typing line 		
4G	work which is creased, torn or dirty (including conspicuous corrections)	 Invigilators should report any machine problems resulting in marks on paper 		
		Invigilators should also report any problems with printers, so as not to disadvantage candidates		
4H	incorrect stationery used (ie OCR supplied templates, A4 plain paper)	Failure to use OCR templates supplied for the examination (tutors may print these for use with typewriters		
		The first page of a report may be on plain or letterhead paper		
		Templates must not be altered in any way		

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41	inconsistent spacing between and within similar items within a document	•	Inconsistent spacing (including line spacing and spacing between numbers and text in numbered items) between and within similar items is only penalised if a comparison with a similar item can be made within the same document	
		•	Inconsistent line spacing above and below an item, for example an inset portion, will not be penalised as there is no further instance of insetting within the same document for comparison	
4J	Use of initial capitals where not	•	nis includes:	
	presented in draft, or:closed capitals used where not presented in draft		use of initial capitals where initial capitals were not presented in draft, eg Sincerely in complimentary close	
	 failure to use closed capitals as presented in draft 	•	closed capitals used where not presented in draft, eg WHITE instead of White	
	 failure to key in headings with initial capitals and underlined as presented in draft 	•	failure to use closed capitals as presented in draft, eg <i>DISEASES</i> keyed in as <i>Diseases</i>	
		•	failure to underline headings, including subheadings, as presented in the draft, eg "Miscellaneous Household Items" keyed in as "Miscellaneous Household Items"	
		•	capitalisation faults in postcodes	
		the er er	andidates should key in data exactly as shown in e draft (except for circled words with typographical rors, errors of agreement, punctuation and spelling rors) but additional emboldening, italicising or inderlining of headings will not be penalised	
4K	inconsistent use of alternative spellings within a document	•	Alternative spellings that may be found in an English dictionary will be accepted but a penalty will be incurred if that alternative spelling is used inconsistently, eg <i>organize</i> but <i>organisation</i> within the same document	
4L	inconsistent display of dates, measurements, weights, times, money, figures, dashes/hyphens, lines of ruling within a document	•	Dates must be of consistent style throughout a document – for example, if full style is used such as 12 January 2011, this style should be used for all subsequent dates within the same document (please also refer to Section 2.1 Notes above)	
		•	Measurements and weights must be used consistently - for example, 5cm or 5 cm; 16kg or 16 kg	
		•	Times must be keyed in consistently within a document. For example 10.30 am and 2.30pm within the same document would incur a penalty	
		•	Candidates should not change times from 12-hour clock to 24-hour clock or vice versa, unless instructed to do so	
		•	Money: there must be no character space between £ and the amount, eg £60	

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		•	The display of figures should be an "acceptable system", eg
			 all figures including "1"
			 all words (but use of words such as twenty- five or twenty five must be consistent)
			 one as a word, all others as figures
			 one to nine or ten as words and then 10 or 11 upwards as figures
			 one to twenty as words and then 21 upwards as figures
		•	Where dashes or hyphens are used to represent the word "to" (eg $15-22$ or $15-22$) these must be used consistently throughout a document
		•	Any consistent style of numbering paragraphs is acceptable, eg 1 1) 1. (a)
4M	inconsistent use of open or full punctuation within a document	•	This includes:
			 a full stop appearing in any abbreviation such as enc, cc, eg, am, when open punctuation has been used
			 a missing full stop in any abbreviation such as enc., c.c., e.g., a.m., where full punctuation has been used
4N	insertion of an additional comma which alters the meaning of a sentence	•	Candidates should key in punctuation as presented in the draft
		•	The insertion of an additional comma will only be penalised if this alters the meaning of the sentence
4P	failure to align column headings and text in columns to the left consistently		
4Q	not applicable to this unit		
4R	not applicable to this unit		
4S	not applicable to this unit		
4T	not applicable to this unit		
4U	failure to inset from left margin as instructed	•	The inset measurement must be exactly as instructed
		•	If extra text has been incorrectly included within the insetting, a penalty will be incurred
		•	Text inserted from the right margin as well as the left margin will incur a penalty