

Vocational Qualifications (QCF, NVQ, NQF)

Business Enterprise

Level 2 Award Business Enterprise – **10313**

Level 3 Award Business Enterprise – **10314**

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1 Overview:

Government policy on getting people into work is still a positive factor in terms of these qualifications. With its emphasis on individual research based on setting up a specific business and the completion of a business plan capable of being presented to funding organisations this qualification meets this requirement.

The government continues to emphasise the importance of educating prisoners to prepare them for the world of work which would dovetail very well with this qualification.

The numbers doing this qualification has declined due to funding issues and the decision to close it from the end of March 2018.

It has been good to see that centres have correctly identified the right Level at which to enter their candidates with some then progressing from Level 2 to Level 3.

2 General Comments

10313 Level 2 is by far the more popular of the two units as it can be completed in a shorter period of time. It provides a basic introduction in aspects of setting up and running one's own business. The standard of work produced has normally been good.

10314 Level 3 There has been some excellent work seen by the external verifiers this year. Most of this work has shown that the candidates are well prepared to go out into the world of work and to run their own business. Unfortunately the numbers of candidates at this level have greatly declined.

In both Levels it is important to pay careful attention the different command words associated with the assessment criteria.

3 Comments on Individual Units

Unit 2 – it is important to note that both ACs 1.2 and 2.2 say 'assess' and not explain. Explain is clearly an aspect of assess, but it does not fulfil the evaluate element.

Units 4 and 13 – for these units it is important that a full range of legislation and legal requirements are considered. An entrepreneur needs to be aware of what has to be complied with.

Units 18 and 19 one or other of these should be offered at Level 3 as these candidates have the opportunity of testing their plans before going into the real world.

4 Sector Update

As stated above, Government policy on getting people into work is still a positive factor in terms of these qualifications, but the qualifications are now closing.

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