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ABOUT NQUAL

NQual provides high-quality vocational and occupational qualifications designed to meet the needs of learners and employers.

At NQual we are committed to certificating current and relevant qualifications that meet the demands of today's everchanging industries. Our dedication to staying at the forefront of knowledge ensures that our qualifications reflect the latest trends in your field of interest.

QUALIFICATION SPECIFICATION

Qualification Specifications are used to inform and guide centres to deliver the qualification set out within this document. Information within this specification includes a qualification overview, unit breakdowns, assessment guidance and learning outcomes.

Alongside the specification, you will also find a qualification 'Fact Sheet'. These are used as handy tools to provide an overview of the qualifications.

QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

The NQual Level 2 Award in Mental Health Awareness is regulated by Ofqual.

• Qualification Number: (610/2866/6)

Overview

This qualification is designed to provide learners with knowledge and skills relating to mental health and promoting well-being. It will provide understanding and skills to support and promote mental health in adults.

The purpose of this qualification is to provide awareness of mental health conditions.

Entry Requirements

Minimum age: 16

There are no further entry requirements for this qualification.

Progression Opportunities

Level 3 Award in Mental Health First Aid





Unit Guidance

Learners must achieve all mandatory units. The total credit value for this qualification is 3.

Mandatory Units

Unit Reference	Title	Level	GLH	Credit Value
K/650/7527	Understand Mental Health	2	8	1
L/650/7528	Recognising Mental Health Conditions	2	8	1
M/650/7529	Supporting Positive Mental Health	2	8	1

Guided Learning Hours

These hours are made up of contact time, guidance or supervision from course tutors, trainers, or training providers. The Guided Learning Hours for this qualification is 24.

Total Qualification Time

This is an estimate of the total length of time it is expected that a learner will typically take to achieve and demonstrate the level of understanding required for the award of this qualification. This includes the Guided Learning Hours and time spent completing independent study.

The Total Qualification Time for this qualification is 30.

Delivery Options

NQual allows qualifications to be delivered both online and face-to-face. Please check the additional requirements with your Centre EQA if delivering qualifications online.

Grading and Assessment

Assessment is used to measure a learner's skill or knowledge against the standards set in this qualification. This qualification is internally assessed and externally quality assured.

The assessment consists of either:

- An internally assessed Portfolio of Evidence and externally quality assured by NQual. or
- A completed workbook

A Portfolio of Evidence can contain:

- Professional Discussion and/or Q&A records
- Written answers
- PowerPoint Presentations
- Witness Statements
- Reflective Accounts
- Story Boards





Approved Centre

To deliver any NQual qualification, each centre must be approved by NQual and meet the qualification approval criteria. The recognition process requires centres to implement policies and procedures to protect learners when undergoing NQual qualifications.

Approved centres must seek approval for each qualification they wish to offer.

The approval process requires centres to demonstrate that they have the resources, including staff, and processes in place to deliver and assess the qualification.

Once approved to offer this qualification, centres must register learners before any assessment takes place. Centres must follow NQual's procedures for registering learners.

Support From NQual

NQual support all new and existing approved centres. We respond to all communication within 48 hours and hold regular information webinars. If you would like to book our next webinar, please visit the 'News & Events' section on our website.

Initial Assessment

It is part of the enrolment process by the approved centre to complete an initial assessment. Approved centres must ensure everyone undertaking an NQual qualification complete some form of initial assessment. This will be used to inform the tutor/trainer of current knowledge and understanding.

Reasonable Adjustment

NQual is committed to providing fair and reasonable adjustments for learners to help reduce the effect of a disability or difficulty that places the learners at a disadvantage during an assessment. For more information on Reasonable Adjustments, please see our Reasonable Adjustments and Fair Access Policy.

Responsibilities

Tutor/Trainer

Tutors/Trainers who deliver NQual qualifications must possess a teaching qualification appropriate for the level they are delivering. Examples of these can include:

- Further and Adult Education Teachers Certificate
- Cert Ed/PGCE/B Ed/M Ed
- PTLLS/CTLLS/DTLLS
- Level 3 Award/4 Certificate/5 Diploma in Education and Training
- Qualification or extensive experience at the same level or above, the qualification you are delivering





Internal Quality Assurer

Centre staff who complete Internal Quality Assurance for NQual qualification must possess or be working towards a relevant qualification. Examples of these can include:

- Level 4 Award in the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice
- Level 4 Certificate in Leading the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice
- V1 Conduct internal quality assurance of the assessment process
- D₃₄ Internally verify the assessment process
- Qualification or extensive experience at the same level or above, the qualification you are quality assuring





MANDATORY UNITS

Unit Breakdown: Level 2 Award in Mental Health Awareness

Learners must complete all mandatory units for this qualification.

Unit: Understanding Mental Health

Unit Code: K/650/7527

RQF Level: 2

Learning Outcomes To achieve this unit a learner must be able to:	Assessment Criteria Assessment of these outcomes demonstrates a learner can:
Understand the meaning of mental health	 1.1 Explain the meaning of: Mental health Mental health conditions 1.2 Outline factors that can affect mental health
Understand the impact of mental health conditions	 2.1 Describe the impact of poor mental health on the individual 2.2 Describe the impact poor mental health can have on a workforce 2.3 Explain cultural attitudes to both positive and poor mental health
Understand mental health legislation and guidance	3.1 Outline the main points of the Mental Health Act 1983





Unit: Recognising Mental Health Conditions

Unit Code: L/650/7528

RQF Level: 2

	Learning Outcomes To achieve this unit a learner must be able to:	F	Assessment Criteria Issessment of these outcomes demonstrates a learner can:
1.	Understand how to recognise Mental Health Conditions	1.1	Outline the meaning of Anxiety Depression Eating Disorders OCD PTSD Trauma Self-Harm Explain the signs and symptoms of the following: Anxiety Depression Eating Disorders OCD PTSD Trauma Self-Harm Outline what you should do if you identify an individual with the signs and symptoms of a mental health condition
2.	Understand treatments available for individuals with Mental Health Conditions.	2.1	Identify common treatments for mental health conditions





Unit: Supporting Positive Mental Health

Unit Code: M/650/7529

RQF Level: 2

	Learning Outcomes To achieve this unit a learner must be able to:	F	Assessment Criteria Assessment of these outcomes demonstrates a learner can:
1.	Understand the meaning and impact of positive mental health	1.1 1.2 1.3	Describe what is meant by 'positive mental health' Describe the meaning of 'emotional well-being' Explain the lasting impact that physical and emotional well-being can have on an individual's mental health Identify ways to promote positive mental health
2.	Understand the support available to promote positive mental health	2.1 2.2 2.3	Research and describe services that can be accessed to support adults with mental health conditions Explain how you can support your own mental health Explain how you can support the mental health of others



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