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# Framework summary

## Furniture, Furnishings and Interiors - Non Statutory

### Foundation Apprenticeship in Furniture, Furnishings and Fitted Interiors

#### Pathways for this framework at level 2 include:

##### Pathway 1: Furniture Making

**Competence qualifications available to this pathway:**

C1 - Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Furniture Making

**Knowledge qualifications available to this pathway:**

K1 - Level 2 Diploma in Furniture Making

K2 - Level 2 Diploma in Furnishings - Mattress Making

**Combined qualifications available to this pathway:**

N/A

**This pathway also contains information on:**

- Employee rights and responsibilities
- Essential skills

##### Pathway 2: Finishing Furniture

**Competence qualifications available to this pathway:**

C1 - Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Finishing Furniture

**Knowledge qualifications available to this pathway:**

K1 - Level 2 Diploma in Furniture Finishing Methods

K2 - Level 2 Diploma in Furniture Spray Finishing Methods

K3 - Level 2 Diploma in Furniture Hand Finishing Methods

**Combined qualifications available to this pathway:**

N/A

**This pathway also contains information on:**

- Employee rights and responsibilities
- Essential skills

##### Pathway 3: Restoring Furniture

**Competence qualifications available to this pathway:**

C1 - Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Restoring Furniture

**Knowledge qualifications available to this pathway:**

K1 - Level 2 Diploma in Furniture Making

K2 - Level 2 Diploma in Hand Finishing Methods

K3 - Level 2 Diploma in Furniture Finishing Methods

K4 - Level 2 Diploma in Furnishings - Traditional Upholstery

**Combined qualifications available to this pathway:**

N/A

**This pathway also contains information on:**

- Employee rights and responsibilities
- Essential skills

#### **Pathway 4: Fitted Furniture and Interiors**

**Competence qualifications available to this pathway:**

C1 - Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Fitted Furniture and Interiors

**Knowledge qualifications available to this pathway:**

K1 - Level 2 Diploma in Furniture Installation

**Combined qualifications available to this pathway:**

N/A

**This pathway also contains information on:**

- Employee rights and responsibilities
- Essential skills

#### **Pathway 5: Upholstery and Soft Furnishings**

**Competence qualifications available to this pathway:**

C1 - Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Upholstery and Soft Furnishings

**Knowledge qualifications available to this pathway:**

K1 - Level 2 Diploma in Furnishings - Traditional Upholstery

K2 - Level 2 Diploma in Furnishings - Modern Upholstery

K3 - Level 2 Diploma in Furnishings - Soft Furnishings

K4 - Level 2 Diploma in Furnishings - Upholstery

**Combined qualifications available to this pathway:**

N/A

**This pathway also contains information on:**

- Employee rights and responsibilities
- Essential skills

#### **Pathway 6: Wood Machining**

**Competence qualifications available to this pathway:**

C1 - Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Wood Machining (Furniture)

C2 - Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Wood Machining (Furniture)

**Knowledge qualifications available to this pathway:**

K1 - Level 2 Diploma in Wood Machining

**Combined qualifications available to this pathway:**

N/A

**This pathway also contains information on:**

- Employee rights and responsibilities
- Essential skills

## **Furniture, Furnishings and Interiors - Non Statutory**



## Apprenticeship in Furniture, Furnishings and Fitted Interiors

### Pathways for this framework at level 3 include:

#### Pathway 1: Furniture Making

**Competence qualifications available to this pathway:**

C1 - Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Furniture Making

**Knowledge qualifications available to this pathway:**

K1 - Level 3 Diploma in Furniture Design and Making

K2 - Level 3 Diploma in Furnishings

**Combined qualifications available to this pathway:**

N/A

**This pathway also contains information on:**

- Employee rights and responsibilities
- Essential skills

#### Pathway 2: Finishing Furniture

**Competence qualifications available to this pathway:**

C1 - Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Finishing Furniture

**Knowledge qualifications available to this pathway:**

K1 - Level 3 Diploma in Furniture Design and Making

K2 - Level 3 Diploma in Furniture Restoration

**Combined qualifications available to this pathway:**

N/A

**This pathway also contains information on:**

- Employee rights and responsibilities
- Essential skills

#### Pathway 3: Restoring Furniture

**Competence qualifications available to this pathway:**

C1 - Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Restoring Furniture

**Knowledge qualifications available to this pathway:**

K1 - Level 3 Diploma in Furniture Restoration

**Combined qualifications available to this pathway:**

N/A

**This pathway also contains information on:**

- Employee rights and responsibilities
- Essential skills

#### Pathway 4: Fitted Furniture and Interiors

**Competence qualifications available to this pathway:**

C1 - Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Fitted Furniture and Interiors

**Knowledge qualifications available to this pathway:**

K1 - Level 3 Diploma in Furniture Installation

**Combined qualifications available to this pathway:**

N/A

**This pathway also contains information on:**

- Employee rights and responsibilities
- Essential skills

**Pathway 5: Furniture Design**

**Competence qualifications available to this pathway:**

C1 - Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Design in the Furniture, Furnishings and Interiors Industry

**Knowledge qualifications available to this pathway:**

K1 - Level 3 Diploma in Furniture Design and Making

**Combined qualifications available to this pathway:**

N/A

**This pathway also contains information on:**

- Employee rights and responsibilities
- Essential skills

**Pathway 6: Upholstery and Soft Furnishings**

**Competence qualifications available to this pathway:**

C1 - Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Upholstery and Soft Furnishings

**Knowledge qualifications available to this pathway:**

K1 - Level 3 Diploma in Furnishings - Traditional Upholstery

K2 - L3 Diploma in Furnishings - Modern Upholstery

K3 - Level 3 Diploma in Furnishings - Mattress Making

K4 - Level 3 Diploma in Furniture Design & Making

**Combined qualifications available to this pathway:**

N/A

**This pathway also contains information on:**

- Employee rights and responsibilities
- Essential skills

**Pathway 7: Supervision in the Furniture, Furnishings and Interiors Industry**

**Competence qualifications available to this pathway:**

C1 - Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Supervision in the Furniture, Furnishings and Interiors Industry

**Knowledge qualifications available to this pathway:**

K1 - Level 3 Diploma in Furniture Design and Making

K2 - Level 3 Diploma in Furnishings - Mattress Making

K3 - Level 3 Diploma in Furniture Restoration

K4 - Level 3 Diploma in Furniture Installation

K5 - Level 3 Diploma in Furnishings - Traditional Upholstery

K6 - Level 3 Diploma in Furnishings - Modern Upholstery

**Combined qualifications available to this pathway:**

N/A

**This pathway also contains information on:**

- Employee rights and responsibilities

- Essential skills

### **Pathway 8: Wood Machining**

**Competence qualifications available to this pathway:**

C1 - Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Wood Machining (QCF)

**Knowledge qualifications available to this pathway:**

K1 - Level 3 Diploma in Wood Machining

K2 - Level 3 Diploma in Wood Machining - CNC Machines

**Combined qualifications available to this pathway:**

N/A

**This pathway also contains information on:**

- Employee rights and responsibilities
- Essential skills

# Framework information

## Information on the Publishing Authority for this framework:

### Proskills

The Apprenticeship sector for occupations in printing, mineral extraction and processing, health and safety and process and manufacturing of furniture, glass, ceramics, coatings and paper (also includes glazing, building products, wood and mining).

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## Short description

The Furniture, Furnishing and Fitted Interiors framework provides work based training for young people and adults to undertake key technical and practical roles in the Furniture, Furnishing and Fitted Interiors industry.

### There are 2 levels of Apprenticeship contained in this framework:

The Level 2 Foundation Apprenticeship in Furniture, Furnishing and Fitted Interiors (usually takes 18 - 24 months to complete)

The Level 3 Apprenticeship in Furniture, Furnishing and Fitted Interiors (usually takes 24-36 months to complete)

The framework contains details of the vocational qualifications, knowledge based technical qualifications, essential skills Wales (Communication and Application of Number) and employee rights and responsibilities that are required for an Apprenticeship in Furniture, Furnishing and Fitted Interiors.

Apprentices undertake training both on and off-the-job at their workplace and some training can also be undertaken away from the workplace, delivered by a local training provider or a further education college.

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This framework is published by Proskills UK on a non-statutory basis prior to the designation of Issuing Authorities for Wales

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# Revising a framework

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## Why this framework is being revised

### 20 Sept 2011

Following re-accreditation of a number of knowledge qualifications (as a result of issues raised by SFA regarding varying CV requirements for different pathways using the same knowledge qualification), I have amended the framework and added a number of new qualifications. I have also recalculated CVs and GLH requirements for each pathway.

### 21 March 2012

At request of the Furniture industry, I have added a new supervisory pathway at Level 3 - Pathway 7.

### June 2012

I have added a new L3 pathway for wood machining (pathway 8) - this consists of a supervisory competency qualification to be achieved in conjunction with a L3 knowledge qualification. Also added another awarding organisations competence qualification to level 2 pathway 6.

### 30 July 2012

Added an alternative knowledge qualification to Level 3 Pathway 8.

## Summary of changes made to this framework

### 20 Sept 2011

Added a number of new qualifications. I have also recalculated CVs and GLH requirements for each pathway.

## 21 March 2012

I have added a new L3 pathway for supervisors (pathway 7) - this consists of a supervisory competency qualification to be achieved in conjunction with a relevant L3 knowledge qualification. The knowledge qualification taken will depend on which occupational area the supervisor is working in.

## 6 June 2012

I have added a new L3 pathway for wood machining (pathway 8) - this consists of a competency qualification to be achieved in conjunction with a L3 knowledge qualification.

## 30 July 2012

Added an alternative knowledge qualification to Level 3 Pathway 8.

## Qualifications removed

### 20 Sept 2011

- Level 2 Diploma in Furniture Making 600/2102/0
- Level 2 Diploma in Furnishings 600/1922/0
- Level 3 Diploma in Furnishings 600/1979/7

## Qualifications added

### 20 Sept 2011

- Level 2 Diploma in Furniture Making 600/3228/5
- Level 2 Diploma in Furniture Installation 600/3201/7
- Level 2 Diploma in Furniture Finishing Methods 600/3191/8
- Level 2 Diploma in Furniture Spray Finishing Methods 600/3202/9
- Level 2 Diploma in Furniture Hand Finishing Methods 600/3199/2
- Level 2 Diploma in Furnishings – Modern Upholstery 600/3192/X
- Level 2 Diploma in Furnishings – Traditional Upholstery 600/3193/1
- Level 2 Diploma in Furnishings - Upholstery 600/3194/3
- Level 2 Diploma in Furnishings – Soft Furnishings 600/3195/5
- Level 2 Diploma in Furnishings – Mattress Making 600/3196/7
- Level 3 Diploma in Furnishings – Traditional Upholstery 600/3197/9
- Level 3 Diploma in Furnishings – Modern Upholstery 600/3198/0



- Level 3 Diploma in Furnishings – Mattress Making 600/3200/5

### **21 March 2012**

Level 3 Diploma in Supervision in the Furniture, Furnishings and Interiors Industry 500/8983/3

### **June 2012**

- Level 3 Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Wood Machining - 600/5436/0
- Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Wood Machining (Furniture) - 600/5436/0

### **30 July 2012**

- Level 3 Diploma in Wood Machining - 600/3206/6
- Level 3 Diploma in Wood Machining - CNC Machines - 600/3205/4

## **Qualifications that have been extended**

None

# Purpose of this framework

## Summary of the purpose of the framework

The Furniture, Furnishings and Interiors industry is of significant importance to the UK economy, particularly in the supply of end products for residential and commercial living and work places. The industry has an annual turnover well in excess of £12 billion.

The Furniture, Furnishings and Interiors industries are traditionally segmented into three main sectors which cover:

- Domestic - serving the public through retail outlets
- Office - desk, seating, tables and other items for the office environment
- Contract - furniture for public areas such as hospitals, schools, hotels and airports

The industry also includes disciplines such as restoration, upholstery, soft furnishings and both kitchen and garden furniture.

Proskills identifies that the total size of the Furniture, Furnishings and Interiors Manufacturing sector in the UK is currently around 145,000 people in 12,000 companies. 80% of manufacturers are micro companies operating with less than 10 employees. Around 90% of the industry employs fewer than 50 people.

Although there is likely to be a drop in the overall size of the Welsh workforce during the coming decade, industries in Wales will still require additional workers in this period. There is predicted to be a fall in lower level occupations but a rise in the demand for higher skills as continuing automation of processes requires more highly skilled workers. Proskills will continue to work with employers across Wales to ensure that the right skills platform is in place and the right framework exists to support skills investment. This is in line with the aims and objectives set out in the "**Skills That Work for Wales**" strategy. For more information please read:

[wales.gov.uk/docs/dcells/publications/081217stfwstrategyandactionen.pdf](https://wales.gov.uk/docs/dcells/publications/081217stfwstrategyandactionen.pdf)

The production of furniture has traditionally been a skilled craft and, although becoming increasingly automated, the Furniture industry still classes around a third of its workforce as being "skilled trades". Plant/Process Machine Operatives and Managers are, however, becoming increasingly prominent, accounting for around 16-20% of the total workforce.

A recent Labour Force Survey shows that 88% of the Furniture industry workforce is full time

and 71% are male. Many companies report issues with skills gaps with skills shortages particularly prevalent amongst front line staff, technical staff and at managerial and supervisory level. These skills gaps have a significant impact on company profitability.

As well as increasing operating costs, skills gap issues in the Furniture industry also increase the workload for other staff and create difficulties in meeting required quality standards. Around a fifth of companies believe that the skills gaps they are experiencing are due to a lack of training. Over half of furniture employers with identified skills gaps are currently increasing their training activity to address these problems.

There are a number of challenges currently facing the industry and one of these is that commercial and domestic consumers have constantly changing demands and preferences and they expect very high standards in the furnishing of their living and workplace environments.

The Furniture industry relies heavily on the skills within its workforce to meet the highest of quality standards. It is vital to ensure the presence of appropriate training for the Furniture industry to help them prepare their employees for the future and to maintain and improve their productivity, competitiveness and sustainability. Only by doing this can the required high standards be achieved and maintained.

The industry also needs to improve efficiencies by tightening up processes to tackle the issue of rising energy costs and the need for more energy efficient machinery and processes. Legislative compliance on Health & Safety and Environmental Management also present challenges and place legal responsibilities upon the industry. Global competition has had an impact on Furniture manufacturing industries and the need for raising skill levels across the whole sector will be necessary to maintain and improve productivity and competitiveness. Low carbon and sustainability will also continue to be key drivers in terms of process and product improvement, renewable and recyclable materials and end-of-life procedures.

Recession will continue to have an impact on companies in the sector, as will competition, advancing technology, and changing working practices. These are all factors that companies in Wales have identified will have a significant impact on their businesses over the coming years. It will be vital to ensure the presence of appropriate training for the industry to help them prepare their employees for the future and continue to improve productivity and competitiveness.

The Furniture industry is currently not attracting, in sufficient numbers, applicants from females, black and minority ethnic groups or those with a difficulty or disability. The Furniture industry recognises that it is not making the most of the pool of talent that is available – this is untapped talent which could help to meet their skills gaps and shortages, thereby contributing to increased productivity and competitiveness. Another key challenge for the Furniture industry is that the current workforce is ageing, with a particular shortfall of employees aged 16-24.

The Level 2 Foundation and Level 3 Apprenticeships for Furniture Industry Occupations have been designed to help fill skills gaps and shortages which are caused by an ageing workforce, by attracting younger people into the industry and providing them with the skills, knowledge and experience which employers are seeking to recruit and retain. In addition, the framework provides a progression route which will help to upskill the existing workforce to meet future economical, environmental and technological changes within the Furniture industry.

The Furniture, Furnishings and Interiors Manufacturing industries have a long tradition of skills development and Apprenticeships, from the traditional work of the craft guilds and livery companies, through to the modern integration of high technology and hand skills in furniture production.

This Apprenticeship framework provides a suitable structure that will ensure that training and assessment is carried out systematically and meets with the requirements of both the employer and the Apprentice. It may also, where appropriate, provide positive progression from a Foundation Level 2 Apprenticeship to a Level 3 Apprenticeship or to higher-level work within the industry.

The component parts of this framework will help meet the current and future needs of the industry: essentially a sound understanding of the complexities of manufacturing processes, underpinned by the appropriate skills, competencies and principles.

Apprenticeships in the Furniture, Furnishings and Interiors Manufacturing Industry provide and nurture an environment in which individuals are able to develop a host of skills and personal attributes – all of which will contribute to the success of the industry and to the wider UK economy.

This Apprenticeship framework can help offer solutions to the current and future economical, environmental and technological challenges highlighted above and will help to create stability in the demography of the industry. Apprenticeships will help fill the current skills gaps and shortages and provide a sound preparation to help fill more senior positions in the near future.

The proposed framework offers not just young people, but also older workers the opportunity to upskill and undertake continual professional development as they progress in their careers. Training alone will not deliver the learning required by the current workforce and timely succession planning, for workforce development and replacement, is necessary. Apprenticeships will form a vital component of any succession planning action plan.

The training and assessment described by this Apprenticeship framework are acknowledged as a mechanism to help provide a workforce that is able to take forward innovation and change and to help industries to drive business performance improvements to increase national and global competitiveness.

For more information about the Furniture Industry, please visit [www.advice-resources.co.uk](http://www.advice-resources.co.uk) . This report outlines information on careers available, new emerging jobs, transferability of skills career paths and opportunities for progression. There is information on pay scales, how to enter the industry and what qualifications are available. The report also shows trends in the industry, where skills gaps lie, what influences the recession has had and the future of the industry in terms of a green agenda and job requirements.

## **Aims and objectives of this framework (Wales)**

The aim of the framework is to continue to meet the changing skills needs of employers in the Furniture, Furnishings & Interiors Industry by attracting new recruits from a range of diverse backgrounds and up skilling the existing workforce to ensure that the workforce has the skills, knowledge and experience to help Welsh businesses to remain competitive and profitable.

### **The objectives of this framework are:**

1. To contribute to the tackling of the intermediate skills gaps in Wales, by expanding our Furniture Apprenticeship numbers to create a modern class of technicians. They will have transferable skills, gained as a result of both academic study and practical on-the-job experience.
2. To attract new recruits into the Furniture Industry from a range of diverse backgrounds to address current skills gaps in the industry and to increase the number of previously unrepresented groups (women, ethnic minorities and those with a disability) It also aims to meet the specific challenges of an ageing workforce.
3. To provide opportunities for existing staff in the Furniture industry to upskill to equip them with the necessary skills and knowledge to face the many challenges facing the industry and that they can respond effectively to the changes in developing new products, new markets, technological advances and legal and environmental requirements.
4. To provide quality, sector specific skills development for those who wish to attain the highest possible standards within their chosen occupational area and work to their greatest potential.
5. To provide career progression into employment at higher levels within the Furniture industry or, for those who wish to pursue additional learning in a Further or Higher Education arena.

# Entry conditions for this framework

The selection process for all Furniture, Furnishings and Interiors employers is likely to include an interview to ensure that potential Apprentices have selected the right framework to meet both their needs and those of the employer. This process provides an opportunity for employers and Apprentice applicants to consider, discuss and assess an individual's prior learning and experience. An employer can then identify where this may be suitable as an appropriate foundation for undertaking the selected Apprenticeship and the individual's potential to successfully complete the framework. Where appropriate, they can also use this initial interview process as a way of tailoring the programme to meet individual learning and support needs.

Apprenticeship applicants are welcomed from a range of diverse backgrounds and it is anticipated that they may have a range of differing experiences, achievements and/or qualifications. The demonstration of relevant, transferable prior learning will form an important part of any employer's Apprentice selection process. There is a possibility that much of the evidence presented for previous achievements and/or qualifications can be considered as counting towards completion of an Apprenticeship programme as acceptable forms of Accredited Prior Learning (APL) or via Credit Transfers, where this is possible.

Examples of requirements that will be considered as a suitable basis for entry to the framework include:

- Previous work experience or employment, supported by a portfolio of evidence **or**
- Voluntary or community based work **or**
- Proof of completion of non accredited courses **or**
- Achievement of Awards, Certificates or Diplomas in a related industry such as Manufacturing, Engineering, Construction or Creative industries **or**
- Achievement of a 14-19 Diploma in Manufacturing & Product Design or Construction & the Built Environment or Creative and Media **or**
- Welsh Baccalaureate - Foundation, Intermediate or Advanced Diploma **or**
- GCSEs in English, Maths and Science

Literacy and numeracy skills are highly desirable, and this Furniture, Furnishings and Interiors Apprenticeship framework does facilitate the development of these skills and learning support can be tailored to provide Apprentices with the individual assistance they require.

The Furniture sector is varied and a diverse range of careers are available from entry level assemblers, frame makers, wood machinists to restorers, polishers, upholsters, installers and cabinet makers. Good hand eye co-ordination is desirable and being able to use tools effectively, and working to high levels of accuracy and quality. Experience in wood working and craft skills would be useful but not essential. Some soft furnishings and upholstery work can be physically demanding and making furniture tends to be manual/physical work. Most furniture occupational roles will take place in a factory/workshop environment and some employers may require workers to undertake shift and/or weekend work.

In all roles, on the job training is available and employers are especially interested in applicants who can demonstrate a positive, "can do" attitude with a willingness to work hard and develop new skills and knowledge.

## Level 2

Title for this framework at level 2

# Foundation Apprenticeship in Furniture, Furnishings and Fitted Interiors

### Pathways for this framework at level 2

Pathway 1:	Furniture Making
Pathway 2:	Finishing Furniture
Pathway 3:	Restoring Furniture
Pathway 4:	Fitted Furniture and Interiors
Pathway 5:	Upholstery and Soft Furnishings
Pathway 6:	Wood Machining



## Level 2, Pathway 1: Furniture Making

### Description of this pathway

Furniture Making- includes Mattress Making

**Total Credit Value = 100 or 104** (depending on which knowledge qualification is taken).

### Entry requirements for this pathway in addition to the framework entry requirements

There are no additional requirements other than the general entry conditions.

Job title(s)	Job role(s)
Cabinet/Furniture Maker	Produce & assemble component pieces of furniture items including tables, chairs, cabinets, chests of drawers, lounge suites, office furniture and kitchen cupboards. May also be involved in machining of timber & veneered board. Use of hand tools, power tools & machinery, under supervision.
Mattress Maker	Produce and assemble components pieces for mattresses for both domestic and commerical use.

# Qualifications

## Competence qualifications available to this pathway

C1 - Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Furniture Making					
No.	Ref no.	Awarding organisation	Credit value	Guided learning hours	UCAS points value
C1a	500/8543/8	City & Guilds	37	127-401	N/A

## Knowledge qualifications available to this pathway

K1 - Level 2 Diploma in Furniture Making					
No.	Ref no.	Awarding organisation	Credit value	Guided learning hours	UCAS points value
K1a	600/3228/5	City & Guilds	55	307	N/A

K2 - Level 2 Diploma in Furnishings - Mattress Making					
No.	Ref no.	Awarding organisation	Credit value	Guided learning hours	UCAS points value
K2a	600/3196/7	City & Guilds	51	388	N/A

## Combined qualifications available to this pathway

N/A

## Notes on competence and knowledge qualifications (if any)

K1 or K2 provides the underpinning knowledge and understanding for C1.

### COMPETENCE

Learners must achieve a **minimum of 37 credits**. To achieve one of the 5 qualifications learners must complete Common Mandatory Group B, one of Pathway Groups B1 to B5 and two optional units from Group C.

Learners have five qualifications to choose from:

- Furniture Making - Component Manufacture **B1**
- Contemporary and Frame Making **B2**
- Mattress Manufacture **B3**
- Traditional Furniture Making **B4**
- Veneering **B5**

### KNOWLEDGE

Learners must achieve **one** of the knowledge qualifications:

**Level 2 Diploma in Furniture Making: For pathways B1,2,4 & 5:** To achieve this qualification, learners must achieve all the mandatory units (55 credits)

**Level 2 Diploma in Furnishings - Mattress Making: For pathway B3:** To achieve this qualification, learners must achieve all the mandatory units (51 credits)

**NOTE:** Details above taken from: <http://register.ofqual.gov.uk/Qualification>

# Transferable skills (Wales)

## Essential skills (Wales)

	Minimum level	Credit value
Communication	Level 1	6
Application of numbers	Level 1	6
IT	Not Required	

## Progression routes into and from this pathway

### PROGRESSION INTO THIS PATHWAY:

There are no pre-defined routes of entry into the Furniture, Furnishings and Interiors Apprenticeship however, work based qualifications such as NVQs / SVQs / AVCEs (Vocational A' Levels) and BTEC Diplomas related to Furniture sector careers are widely available and all provide a good basis for entry to this pathway.

The Welsh Baccalaureate, any learning undertaken as part of the Welsh 14-19 Pathways programme or any other relevant programmes, that combine academic and vocational training, are recognised routes into an Apprenticeship framework. GCSEs also provide a solid base to build on, with subjects such as Art, Science and Design and Technology all seen as useful by Furniture industry employers, along with English, Mathematics, IT and Business Studies.

There is a possibility that many of these may be considered as counting towards completion of an Apprenticeship programme as acceptable forms of Accredited Prior Learning (APL) or via Credit Transfer, where this is possible. The Foundation/Higher Diploma in Manufacturing and Product Design will provide an excellent route into the Furniture sector. In addition, the Construction and Built Environment Foundation/Higher Diploma also provides an excellent platform for individuals interested in progression into the Furniture industry. The principal learning from these qualifications has been incorporated into the Welsh Baccalaureate and could form a suitable route. Experience of working with Computer Aided Design (CAD) would be an advantage when applying for roles in design.

Some entry level jobs in the Furniture industry can be offered without qualifications, if a good impression is created at interview. Showing enthusiasm, good communication skills, providing proof of a mature attitude and problem solving skills will all help an Apprenticeship application

and an Apprentice's successful completion of the framework. Many skills can be developed while an Apprentice is employed if they have the right attitude. Previous work experience in the Furniture industry, or a production environment, is also a valuable foundation for entry into this pathway.

Many Furniture industry jobs, require manual skills and involve working with your hands, handling heavy equipment, and spending long periods standing; so physical fitness is important. Many job roles are undertaken within a factory environment. and shift work may be required by some employers. Good attention to detail is very important as is good hand-eye co-ordination.

### **PROGRESSION FROM THIS PATHWAY INCLUDES:**

- Continuing to develop your craft and technical skills and experience in Furniture Making and striving to "be the best" in your chosen occupational route and have pride in your work.
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GLH: 18

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## Level 2, Pathway 2: Finishing Furniture

### Description of this pathway

Finishing Furniture

**Total Credit Value = 94 - 109** (depending on which knowledge qualification is taken).

### Entry requirements for this pathway in addition to the framework entry requirements

There are no additional requirements other than the general entry conditions.

Job title(s)	Job role(s)
Finisher/Polisher	Prepare/treat wood using range of techniques.Finish items like tables,chairs, lounge suites, cabinets,chest of drawers, kitchen units, shop fittings. Most furniture polishing done by pressure spray-painting but hand polishing & other machines applications can be used, espec in restoring furniture.

# Qualifications

## Competence qualifications available to this pathway

C1 - Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Finishing Furniture					
No.	Ref no.	Awarding organisation	Credit value	Guided learning hours	UCAS points value
C1a	500/8530/X	City & Guilds	43	152-390	N/A

## Knowledge qualifications available to this pathway

K1 - Level 2 Diploma in Furniture Finishing Methods					
No.	Ref no.	Awarding organisation	Credit value	Guided learning hours	UCAS points value
K1a	600/3191/8	City & Guilds	54	435	N/A

K2 - Level 2 Diploma in Furniture Spray Finishing Methods					
No.	Ref no.	Awarding organisation	Credit value	Guided learning hours	UCAS points value
K2a	600/3202/9	City & Guilds	45	351	N/A

## Knowledge qualifications available to this pathway (cont.)

K3 - Level 2 Diploma in Furniture Hand Finishing Methods					
No.	Ref no.	Awarding organisation	Credit value	Guided learning hours	UCAS points value
K3a	600/3199/2	City & Guilds	39	291	N/A

## Combined qualifications available to this pathway

N/A

## Notes on competence and knowledge qualifications (if any)

K1, K2 or K3 provides the underpinning knowledge and understanding for C1.

### COMPETENCE:

To achieve this qualification, learners must achieve a **minimum of 43 credits**.

To achieve the **Finishing Furniture - Hand Finishing** qualification learners must complete: Two units in Group B (common mandatory), two units in Group B1 Hand Finishing and two units from Group C (optional).

To achieve the **Finishing Furniture - Spray Finishing qualification** learners must complete: Two units in Group B (common mandatory), two units from Group B2 Spray Finishing and two units from Group C (optional).

**KNOWLEDGE:** Learners must achieve **one** of the knowledge qualifications:

**Level 2 Diploma in Furniture Finishing Methods:** Learners must complete all mandatory units (54 credits) **or**

**Level 2 Diploma in Furniture Spray Finishing Methods:** Learners must complete all mandatory units (45 credits) **or**

**Level 2 Diploma in Furniture Hand Finishing Methods:** Learners must complete all mandatory units (39 credits)

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# Transferable skills (Wales)

## Essential skills (Wales)

	Minimum level	Credit value
Communication	Level 1	6
Application of numbers	Level 1	6
IT	Not Required	

## Progression routes into and from this pathway

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Credit Value: 3

GLH: 18

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## Level 2, Pathway 3: Restoring Furniture

### Description of this pathway

Restoring Furniture

**Total Credit Value = 97 - 123** (depending on which knowledge qualification is taken).

### Entry requirements for this pathway in addition to the framework entry requirements

There are no additional requirements other than the general entry conditions.

Job title(s)	Job role(s)
Furniture Restorer	Care and repair of furniture. Ranging from simple things such as re-gluing parts which have fallen off, through to completely rebuilding an item including making missing components & re-polishing. Can also encompass re-upholstery, french polishing, woodturning & furniture making.

# Qualifications

## Competence qualifications available to this pathway

C1 - Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Restoring Furniture					
No.	Ref no.	Awarding organisation	Credit value	Guided learning hours	UCAS points value
C1a	500/8462/8	City & Guilds	46	170-390	N/A

## Knowledge qualifications available to this pathway

K1 - Level 2 Diploma in Furniture Making					
No.	Ref no.	Awarding organisation	Credit value	Guided learning hours	UCAS points value
K1a	600/3228/5	City & Guilds	55	307	N/A

K2 - Level 2 Diploma in Hand Finishing Methods					
No.	Ref no.	Awarding organisation	Credit value	Guided learning hours	UCAS points value
K2a	600/3199/2	City & Guilds	39	291	N/A

## Knowledge qualifications available to this pathway (cont.)

K3 - Level 2 Diploma in Furniture Finishing Methods					
No.	Ref no.	Awarding organisation	Credit value	Guided learning hours	UCAS points value
K3a	600/3191/8	City & Guilds	54	435	N/A

  

K4 - Level 2 Diploma in Furnishings - Traditional Upholstery					
No.	Ref no.	Awarding organisation	Credit value	Guided learning hours	UCAS points value
K4a	600/3193/1	City & Guilds	65	511	N/A

## Combined qualifications available to this pathway

N/A

## Notes on competence and knowledge qualifications (if any)

K1 provides the underpinning knowledge and understanding for C1.

### COMPETENCE:

Learners must achieve a **minimum of 46 credits** to gain the qualification. To achieve the qualification learners will need to complete all three units from mandatory group A (34 credits) and 3 optional units from optional group B.

**KNOWLEDGE:** Learners must achieve **one** of the knowledge qualifications.

**Level 2 Diploma in Furniture Making:** Learners must achieve all mandatory units (55 credits) **or**

**Level 2 Diploma in Hand Finishing Methods:** Learners must achieve all mandatory units (39 credits) **or**

**Level 2 Diploma in Furniture Finishing Methods:** Learners must achieve all mandatory units (54 credits) **or**

**Level 2 Diploma in Furnishings - Traditional Upholstery:** Learners must achieve all mandatory units (65 credits)

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# Transferable skills (Wales)

## Essential skills (Wales)

	Minimum level	Credit value
Communication	Level 1	6
Application of numbers	Level 1	6
IT	Not Required	

# Progression routes into and from this pathway

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GLH: 18

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## Level 2, Pathway 4: Fitted Furniture and Interiors

### Description of this pathway

Fitted Furniture and Interiors - includes installation of kitchens, bathrooms, bedrooms, soft furnishings, blinds and shutters

**Total Credit Value = 100**

### Entry requirements for this pathway in addition to the framework entry requirements

There are no additional requirements other than the general entry conditions.

Job title(s)	Job role(s)
Furniture Installer/Blind & Shutter Installer	Installation of furniture including kitchen, bedroom, bathroom and soft furnishings. Also includes installation of blinds and shutters. This is usually onsite at the customer's commercial or domestic premises.

# Qualifications

## Competence qualifications available to this pathway

C1 - Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Fitted Furniture and Interiors					
No.	Ref no.	Awarding organisation	Credit value	Guided learning hours	UCAS points value
C1a	500/8463/X	City & Guilds	44	136-319	N/A

## Knowledge qualifications available to this pathway

K1 - Level 2 Diploma in Furniture Installation					
No.	Ref no.	Awarding organisation	Credit value	Guided learning hours	UCAS points value
K1a	600/3201/7	City & Guilds	44	351	N/A

## Combined qualifications available to this pathway

N/A

## Notes on competence and knowledge qualifications (if any)

K1 provides the underpinning knowledge and understanding for C1.

### COMPETENCE:

Learners must achieve a **minimum of 44 credits**.

Learners have two qualifications to choose from.

- To achieve the **Installing Furniture, Blinds & Shutters** qualification learners must complete Group B (common mandatory), D1 Installing Furniture, Blinds & Shutters and two units from Group C (optional)
- To achieve the **Kitchen Fitting** qualification learners must complete Group B (common mandatory), D2 Kitchen Fitting and two units from Group C (optional).

### KNOWLEDGE

Learners must achieve all mandatory units (44 credits).

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# Transferable skills (Wales)

## Essential skills (Wales)

	Minimum level	Credit value
Communication	Level 1	6
Application of numbers	Level 1	6
IT	Not Required	

## Progression routes into and from this pathway

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GLH: 18

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## Level 2, Pathway 5: Upholstery and Soft Furnishings

### Description of this pathway

Upholstery and Soft Furnishings

**Total Credit Value = 99 - 121** (depending on which knowledge qualification is taken).

### Entry requirements for this pathway in addition to the framework entry requirements

There are no additional requirements other than the general entry conditions.

Job title(s)	Job role(s)
Soft Furnisher	Measuring, cutting, sewing of fabrics to customer or company requirements usually within a workshop. Items may include cushions, curtains and similar products. Use of hand and power tools, possibly machinery under supervision.
Upholsterer (incl Cutter & Sewer)	Add padding and soft covers to furniture. Cover or re-cover items with fabric or other materials, occasionally repairing furniture. Apprentices may work in a production environment or a craft workshop. Some may specialise in one aspect, e.g. padding sofa arms, others may complete entire items.

# Qualifications

## Competence qualifications available to this pathway

C1 - Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Upholstery and Soft Furnishings					
No.	Ref no.	Awarding organisation	Credit value	Guided learning hours	UCAS points value
C1a	500/9709/X	City & Guilds	37	139-327	N/A

## Knowledge qualifications available to this pathway

K1 - Level 2 Diploma in Furnishings - Traditional Upholstery					
No.	Ref no.	Awarding organisation	Credit value	Guided learning hours	UCAS points value
K1a	600/3193/1	City & Guilds	65	511	N/A

K2 - Level 2 Diploma in Furnishings - Modern Upholstery					
No.	Ref no.	Awarding organisation	Credit value	Guided learning hours	UCAS points value
K2a	600/3192/X	City & Guilds	56	441	N/A

## Knowledge qualifications available to this pathway (cont.)

K3 - Level 2 Diploma in Furnishings - Soft Furnishings					
No.	Ref no.	Awarding organisation	Credit value	Guided learning hours	UCAS points value
K3a	600/3195/5	City & Guilds	50	371	N/A

K4 - Level 2 Diploma in Furnishings - Upholstery					
No.	Ref no.	Awarding organisation	Credit value	Guided learning hours	UCAS points value
K4a	600/3194/3	City & Guilds	72	583	N/A

## Combined qualifications available to this pathway

N/A

## Notes on competence and knowledge qualifications (if any)

K1, K2, K3 or K4 provides the underpinning knowledge and understanding for C1.

### COMPETENCE:

Learners must achieve a **minimum of 37 credits**.

Learners have the choice of six pathways. All Learners must successfully complete the mandatory units in Group B plus one of the following pathways which include their own mandatory and optional units:

1. **Modern Upholstery** - P1
2. **Traditional Upholstery** - P2
3. **Cutting (Upholstery)** - P3
4. **Cutting (Soft Furnishings)** - P4
5. **Sewing** - P5
6. **Soft Furnishings** - P6

**KNOWLEDGE;** Learners must achieve **one** of the knowledge qualifications.

**Level 2 Diploma in Furnishings - Traditional Upholstery:** Learners must achieve all mandatory units  
(65 credits) **or**

**Level 2 Diploma in Furnishings - Modern Upholstery:** Learners must achieve all mandatory units  
(56 credits) **or**

**Level 2 Diploma in Furnishings - Soft Furnishings:** Learners must achieve all mandatory units  
(50 credits) **or**

**Level 2 Diploma in Furnishings - Upholstery:** Learners must achieve all mandatory units  
(72 credits)

**NOTE:** Details above taken from: <http://register.ofqual.gov.uk/Qualification>



# Transferable skills (Wales)

## Essential skills (Wales)

	Minimum level	Credit value
Communication	Level 1	6
Application of numbers	Level 1	6
IT	Not Required	

## Progression routes into and from this pathway

### PROGRESSION INTO THIS PATHWAY:

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the Furniture industry, or a production environment, is also a valuable foundation for entry into this pathway.

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### **PROGRESSION FROM THIS PATHWAY INCLUDES:**

- Continuing to develop your craft and technical skills and experience in Upholstery & Soft Furnishings and striving to "be the best" in your chosen occupational route and have pride in your work.
- Participating in relevant in-house company training or external learning, where available and/or offered.
- Broadening and developing your skill base by progression into other job roles within the Furniture industry - "horizontal progression"
- Progression into higher level jobs within the Furniture industry such as Team Leader/Supervisor, or into other functional areas such as design, marketing, sales, planning, procurement, finance or warehouse and distribution.
- Undertaking a Level 3 Apprenticeship in Furniture, Furnishings and Fitted Interiors.
- Undertaking a related Engineering Apprenticeship.
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# Delivery and assessment of employee rights and responsibilities

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1. Knows and understands the range of employer and employee statutory rights and responsibilities under Employment Law and that employment rights can be affected by other legislation as well.
2. Knows and understands the procedures and documentation in their organisation which recognise and protect their relationship with their employer.
3. Knows and understands the range of sources of information and advice available to them on their employment rights and responsibilities.
4. Knows and understands the role played by their occupation within their organisation and industry.
5. Has an informed view of the types of career pathways that are open to them.
6. Knows the types of representative bodies relevant to their industry and organisation, and their main roles and responsibilities.
7. Knows where and how to get information and advice on their industry, occupation, training and career.
8. Can describe and work within their organisation's principles and codes of practice.
9. Recognises and can form a view on issues of public concern that affect their organisation and industry.

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Unit Ref: F/602/3940

Credit Value: 3

GLH: 18

**NOTE: QCF units for ERR are also available from other Awarding Organisations**

## Level 2, Pathway 6: Wood Machining

### Description of this pathway

Wood Machining

**Total Credit Value = 162**

### Entry requirements for this pathway in addition to the framework entry requirements

There are no additional requirements other than the general entry conditions.

Job title(s)	Job role(s)
Wood Machinist	Manufacture furniture and components using machinery to perform precision tasks. Set-up, operate and maintain woodworking machines such as planers, moulders, lathes, routers and saws to cut, plane, shape and sand all types of wood components. Hand tools and manually operated machines are also used.

# Qualifications

## Competence qualifications available to this pathway

C1 - Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Wood Machining (Furniture)					
No.	Ref no.	Awarding organisation	Credit value	Guided learning hours	UCAS points value
C1a	500/8481/1	City & Guilds	98	358-468	N/A

  

C2 - Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Wood Machining (Furniture)					
No.	Ref no.	Awarding organisation	Credit value	Guided learning hours	UCAS points value
C2a	600/5687/3	PIABC	98	358-468	N/A

## Knowledge qualifications available to this pathway

K1 - Level 2 Diploma in Wood Machining					
No.	Ref no.	Awarding organisation	Credit value	Guided learning hours	UCAS points value
K1a	600/1976/1	City & Guilds	52	441-444	N/A

## Combined qualifications available to this pathway

N/A

## Notes on competence and knowledge qualifications (if any)

K1 provides the underpinning knowledge and understanding for C1.

### COMPETENCE:

To achieve the Woodmachining (Furniture) qualification Learners must achieve a **minimum of 98 credits**.

Learners must complete all four units from Mandatory Group A, two units from Pathway Group A1 and two units from Optional Group B.

### KNOWLEDGE:

Learners must achieve a **minimum of 52 credits**. 40 credits from mandatory group M and minimum 12 credits from optional group O.

**NOTE:** Details above taken from: <http://register.ofqual.gov.uk/Qualification>



# Transferable skills (Wales)

## Essential skills (Wales)

	Minimum level	Credit value
Communication	Level 1	6
Application of numbers	Level 1	6
IT	Not Required	

## Progression routes into and from this pathway

### PROGRESSION INTO THIS PATHWAY:

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### **PROGRESSION FROM THIS PATHWAY INCLUDES:**

- Continuing to develop your craft and technical skills and experience in Wood Machining and striving to "be the best" in your chosen occupational route and have pride in your work.
- Participating in relevant in-house company training or external learning, where available and/or offered.
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5. Has an informed view of the types of career pathways that are open to them.
6. Knows the types of representative bodies relevant to their industry and organisation, and their main roles and responsibilities.
7. Knows where and how to get information and advice on their industry, occupation, training and career.
8. Can describe and work within their organisation's principles and codes of practice.
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Unit Ref: F/602/3940

Credit Value: 3

GLH: 18

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## Level 3

Title for this framework at level 3

# Apprenticeship in Furniture, Furnishings and Fitted Interiors

### Pathways for this framework at level 3

Pathway 1:	Furniture Making
Pathway 2:	Finishing Furniture
Pathway 3:	Restoring Furniture
Pathway 4:	Fitted Furniture and Interiors
Pathway 5:	Furniture Design
Pathway 6:	Upholstery and Soft Furnishings
Pathway 7:	Supervision in the Furniture, Furnishings and Interiors Industry
Pathway 8:	Wood Machining

## Level 3, Pathway 1: Furniture Making

### Description of this pathway

Furniture Making - includes Mattress Making

**Total Credit Value = 132 or 146 (depending on which knowledge qualification is taken)**

### Entry requirements for this pathway in addition to the framework entry requirements

There are no additional requirements other than the general entry conditions.

Job title(s)	Job role(s)
Experienced Cabinet/Furniture Maker	Produce/assemble component pieces of furniture items e.g. tables, chairs, cabinets, chests of drawers, office furniture & kitchen cupboards. Machining of timber & veneered board & finishing processes. Use of hand tools, power tools & machinery. Basic machine maintenance. Supervise & train others.
Experienced Mattress Maker	Produce and assemble components pieces for mattresses for both domestic and commercial use. Plan work requirements and supervise and train others.

# Qualifications

## Competence qualifications available to this pathway

C1 - Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Furniture Making					
No.	Ref no.	Awarding organisation	Credit value	Guided learning hours	UCAS points value
C1a	500/8982/1	City & Guilds	50	191-370	

## Knowledge qualifications available to this pathway

K1 - Level 3 Diploma in Furniture Design and Making					
No.	Ref no.	Awarding organisation	Credit value	Guided learning hours	UCAS points value
K1a	600/1978/5	City & Guilds	84	615-790	

K2 - Level 3 Diploma in Furnishings					
No.	Ref no.	Awarding organisation	Credit value	Guided learning hours	UCAS points value
K2a	600/1979/7	City & Guilds	70	513-723	



## Combined qualifications available to this pathway

N/A

## Notes on competence and knowledge qualifications (if any)

K1 or K2 provides the underpinning knowledge and understanding for C1.

### COMPETENCE:

To achieve this qualification learners must achieve a **minimum of 50 credits**.

Learners have four pathways to choose from:

1. Furniture Making - Contemporary P1
2. Furniture Making - Traditional P2
3. Furniture Making - Mattress Manufacture P3
4. Furniture Making - Veneering P4

To achieve one of these qualifications learners must complete all 3 units from Common Mandatory Group M, one of Pathway Groups P1 to P4 and three units from Optional group O.

### KNOWLEDGE:

Learners must achieve 1 of the knowledge qualifications.

**Diploma in Furniture Design and Making:** Learners must achieve a **minimum of 84 credits**. 61 credits from mandatory group A and minimum 23 credits from optional group B.

**Diploma in Furnishings:** Learners must achieve a **minimum of 70 credits**. 45 credits from mandatory group A1 plus either 51 credits from **P1 Traditional Upholstery** or 33 credits from **P2 Modern Upholstery** or 25 credits from **P3 Mattress Manufacture**.

**NOTE:** Details above taken from: <http://register.ofqual.gov.uk/Qualification>

# Transferable skills (Wales)

## Essential skills (Wales)

	Minimum level	Credit value
Communication	Level 2	6
Application of numbers	Level 2	6
IT	Not Required	

## Progression routes into and from this pathway

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#### **PROGRESSION FROM THIS PATHWAY INCLUDES:**

- Continuing to develop your craft and technical skills and experience in Furniture Making and striving to "be the best" in your chosen occupational route and have pride in your work.
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- Undertaking a related Engineering Apprenticeship.
- Undertaking a Higher/Advanced Diploma in Manufacturing and Product Design, Construction and the Built Environment or the Creative and Media.
- Undertaking Assessor and Verifier qualifications.
- Undertaking further training in Management & Leadership, Lean Manufacturing or Business Improvement Techniques.

- Progressing to an industry related undergraduate programme e.g. Engineering, Design or Business Studies. **Entry may require additional training/learning.**

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### UCAS points for this pathway:

*(no information)*

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Unit Ref: F/602/3940

Credit Value: 3

GLH: 18

**NOTE: QCF units for ERR are also available from other Awarding Organisations**

## Level 3, Pathway 2: Finishing Furniture

### Description of this pathway

Finishing Furniture

**Total Credit Value = 117 - 148** (depending on which knowledge qualification is taken).

### Entry requirements for this pathway in addition to the framework entry requirements

There are no additional requirements other than the general entry conditions.

Job title(s)	Job role(s)
Experienced Finisher/Polisher	Prepare/treat wood using range of techniques. Finish items like tables, chairs, cabinets, kitchen units & shop fittings. May also work on fixed timbers e.g. doors/wall fittings. Polishing by pressure spray-painting, hand polishing or other machine applications. Supervise & train others.



# Qualifications

## Competence qualifications available to this pathway

C1 - Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Finishing Furniture					
No.	Ref no.	Awarding organisation	Credit value	Guided learning hours	UCAS points value
C1a	500/8981/X	City & Guilds	52	218-397	

## Knowledge qualifications available to this pathway

K1 - Level 3 Diploma in Furniture Design and Making					
No.	Ref no.	Awarding organisation	Credit value	Guided learning hours	UCAS points value
K1a	600/1978/5	City & Guilds	84	615-790	

K2 - Level 3 Diploma in Furniture Restoration					
No.	Ref no.	Awarding organisation	Credit value	Guided learning hours	UCAS points value
K2a	600/2340/5	City & Guilds	53	405-413	

## Combined qualifications available to this pathway

N/A

## Notes on competence and knowledge qualifications (if any)

K1 or K2 provides the underpinning knowledge and understanding for C1.

### COMPETENCE:

To achieve this qualification learners must achieve a **minimum of 52 credits**. Learners must complete all four units in mandatory group A and 3 optional units from Group B.

**KNOWLEDGE:** Learners must achieve **one** of the knowledge qualifications.

**Level 3 Diploma in Furniture Design and Making:** Learners must achieve a minimum of 84 credits. 61 credits from mandatory group A and minimum 23 credits from optional group B. **or**

**Level 3 Diploma in Furniture Restoration:** Learners must achieve a total of 53 credits. 35 credits from group A and a minimum of 18 credits from group B.

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# Transferable skills (Wales)

## Essential skills (Wales)

	Minimum level	Credit value
Communication	Level 2	6
Application of numbers	Level 2	6
IT	Not Required	

## Progression routes into and from this pathway

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#### **PROGRESSION FROM THIS PATHWAY INCLUDES:**

- Continuing to develop your craft and technical skills and experience in Finishing Furniture and striving to "be the best" in your chosen occupational route and have pride in your work.
- Participating in relevant in-house company training or external learning, where available and/or offered.
- Broadening and developing your skill base by progression into other job roles within the Furniture industry - "horizontal progression"
- Progression into higher level jobs within the Furniture industry such as Team Leader/Supervisor, or into other functional areas such as design, marketing, sales, planning, procurement, finance or warehouse and distribution.
- Undertaking a related Engineering Apprenticeship.
- Undertaking a Higher/Advanced Diploma in Manufacturing and Product Design, Construction and the Built Environment or the Creative and Media.
- Undertaking Assessor and Verifier qualifications.
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## UCAS points for this pathway:

*(no information)*

# Delivery and assessment of employee rights and responsibilities

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2. Knows and understands the procedures and documentation in their organisation which recognise and protect their relationship with their employer.
3. Knows and understands the range of sources of information and advice available to them on their employment rights and responsibilities.
4. Knows and understands the role played by their occupation within their organisation and industry.
5. Has an informed view of the types of career pathways that are open to them.
6. Knows the types of representative bodies relevant to their industry and organisation, and their main roles and responsibilities.
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Credit Value: 3  
GLH: 18

**NOTE: QCF units for ERR are also available from other Awarding Organisations**

## Level 3, Pathway 3: Restoring Furniture

### Description of this pathway

Restoring Furniture

**Total Credit Value = 124**

### Entry requirements for this pathway in addition to the framework entry requirements

There are no additional requirements other than the general entry conditions.



Job title(s)	Job role(s)
Experienced Furniture Restorer	Care/repair of furniture. From simple things like re-gluing broken parts, through to completely rebuilding an item including making missing components & re-polishing. Also encompasses re-upholstery, french polishing, woodturning, gilding and marquetry. Supervise and train others.

# Qualifications

## Competence qualifications available to this pathway

C1 - Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Restoring Furniture					
No.	Ref no.	Awarding organisation	Credit value	Guided learning hours	UCAS points value
C1a	500/9045/8	City & Guilds	59	196-442	

## Knowledge qualifications available to this pathway

K1 - Level 3 Diploma in Furniture Restoration					
No.	Ref no.	Awarding organisation	Credit value	Guided learning hours	UCAS points value
K1a	600/2340/5	City & Guilds	53	405-413	

## Combined qualifications available to this pathway

N/A

## Notes on competence and knowledge qualifications (if any)

K1 provides the underpinning knowledge and understanding for C1.

### COMPETENCE:

Learners must achieve a **minimum of 59 credits**. Learners must complete all units from mandatory group A and three optional units from group B.

### KNOWLEDGE

Learners must achieve a **minimum of 53 credits**. 35 credits from mandatory group A and a **minimum** of 18 credits from optional group B.

**NOTE:** Details above taken from: <http://register.ofqual.gov.uk/Qualification>

# Transferable skills (Wales)

## Essential skills (Wales)

	Minimum level	Credit value
Communication	Level 2	6
Application of numbers	Level 2	6
IT	Not Required	

## Progression routes into and from this pathway

### PROGRESSION INTO THIS PATHWAY:

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#### **PROGRESSION FROM THIS PATHWAY INCLUDES:**

- Continuing to develop your craft and technical skills and experience in Furniture Restoration and striving to "be the best" in your chosen occupational route and have pride in your work.
- Participating in relevant in-house company training or external learning, where available and/or offered.
- Broadening and developing your skill base by progression into other job roles within the Furniture industry - "horizontal progression"
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## UCAS points for this pathway:

*(no information)*

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3. Knows and understands the range of sources of information and advice available to them on their employment rights and responsibilities.
4. Knows and understands the role played by their occupation within their organisation and industry.
5. Has an informed view of the types of career pathways that are open to them.
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Unit Ref: F/602/3940  
Credit Value: 3  
GLH: 18

**NOTE: QCF units for ERR are also available from other Awarding Organisations**



## Level 3, Pathway 4: Fitted Furniture and Interiors

### Description of this pathway

Fitted Furniture and Interiors - includes installation of kitchens, bedrooms, bathrooms, soft furnishings, blinds and shutters.

**Total Credit Value = 111**

### Entry requirements for this pathway in addition to the framework entry requirements

There are no additional requirements other than the general entry conditions.

Job title(s)	Job role(s)
Experienced Furniture/Blinds & Shutters Installer	Installation of furniture including kitchen, bedroom, bathroom and soft furnishings. Also includes installation of blinds and shutters. This is usually onsite at the customer's commercial or domestic premises. Plan work schedules to meet business requirements. Supervise & train others.

# Qualifications

## Competence qualifications available to this pathway

C1 - Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Fitted Furniture and Interiors					
No.	Ref no.	Awarding organisation	Credit value	Guided learning hours	UCAS points value
C1a	500/9662/X	City & Guilds	55	239-273	

## Knowledge qualifications available to this pathway

K1 - Level 3 Diploma in Furniture Installation					
No.	Ref no.	Awarding organisation	Credit value	Guided learning hours	UCAS points value
K1a	600/1977/3	City & Guilds	44	326	

## Combined qualifications available to this pathway

N/A

## Notes on competence and knowledge qualifications (if any)

K1 provides the underpinning knowledge and understanding for C1.

### COMPETENCE:

Learners must achieve a **minimum of 50 credits**. Learners have two pathways to choose from.

- **Fitted Furniture and Interiors** - to achieve this qualification learners must complete Group B, Group C1 & 3 units from C2
- **Kitchen Fitting** - to achieve this qualification learners must complete Group B, Group D1 & 3 units from D2.

### KNOWLEDGE:

Learners must achieve a **minimum of 44 credits**. 35 credits from the five units in mandatory group A and a minimum of 9 credits from the units in optional group B

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# Transferable skills (Wales)

## Essential skills (Wales)

	Minimum level	Credit value
Communication	Level 2	6
Application of numbers	Level 2	6
IT	Not Required	

## Progression routes into and from this pathway

### PROGRESSION INTO THIS PATHWAY:

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#### **PROGRESSION FROM THIS PATHWAY INCLUDES:**

- Continuing to develop your craft and technical skills and experience in Fitted Furniture & Interiors and striving to "be the best" in your chosen occupational route and have pride in your work.
- Participating in relevant in-house company training or external learning, where available and/or offered.
- Broadening and developing your skill base by progression into other job roles within the Furniture industry - "horizontal progression"
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### UCAS points for this pathway:

*(no information)*

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Credit Value: 3

GLH: 18

**NOTE: QCF units for ERR are also available from other Awarding Organisations**

## Level 3, Pathway 5: Furniture Design

### Description of this pathway

Furniture Design

**Total Credit Value = 156**

### Entry requirements for this pathway in addition to the framework entry requirements

There are no additional requirements other than the general entry conditions.

Job title(s)	Job role(s)
Experienced Furniture Designer	Mainly work with wood but can use other materials like ceramics, glass and metal. Create initial ideas and design development towards a technical drawing by hand or computer. Work out costs of materials and time and price items accordingly. Plan & organise projects. Supervise and train others.

# Qualifications

## Competence qualifications available to this pathway

C1 - Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Design in the Furniture, Furnishings and Interiors Industry					
No.	Ref no.	Awarding organisation	Credit value	Guided learning hours	UCAS points value
C1a	500/8980/8	City & Guilds	60	268-397	

## Knowledge qualifications available to this pathway

K1 - Level 3 Diploma in Furniture Design and Making					
No.	Ref no.	Awarding organisation	Credit value	Guided learning hours	UCAS points value
K1a	600/1978/5	City & Guilds	84	615-790	

## Combined qualifications available to this pathway

N/A

## Notes on competence and knowledge qualifications (if any)

K1 provides the underpinning knowledge and understanding for C1.

### COMPETENCE:

Learners must achieve a **minimum of 60 credits** to gain the qualification.

To achieve the qualification learners will need to complete all four units from mandatory Group A and 3 optional units from optional Group B.

### KNOWLEDGE:

Learners must achieve **minimum of 84 credits**. 61 credits from mandatory group A and minimum 23 credits from optional group B.

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# Transferable skills (Wales)

## Essential skills (Wales)

	Minimum level	Credit value
Communication	Level 2	6
Application of numbers	Level 2	6
IT	Not Required	

## Progression routes into and from this pathway

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## UCAS points for this pathway:

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Unit Ref: F/602/3940

Credit Value: 3

GLH: 18

**NOTE: QCF units for ERR are also available from other Awarding Organisations**

## Level 3, Pathway 6: Upholstery and Soft Furnishings

### Description of this pathway

Upholstery and Soft Furnishings - includes Mattress Making

**Total Credit Value = 126 - 152** (depending on which knowledge qualification is taken).

### Entry requirements for this pathway in addition to the framework entry requirements

There are no additional requirements other than the general entry conditions.

Job title(s)	Job role(s)
Experienced Soft Furnisher	Measuring, cutting, sewing of fabrics to customer/company reqs. Items include cushions, curtains & similar products. Use hand & power tools & machinery. Basic machine maintenance. For blinds/curtains - take measurements, provide cost estimates, fit tracks & curtains on site. Supervise/train others.
Experienced Upholsterer	Add padding and soft covers to furniture. Work with design, texture and colour to cover or re-cover items with fabric or other materials. May also repair furniture. Some may specialise in one aspect, e.g. padding sofa arms, others may complete entire items. Supervise & train others.

# Qualifications

## Competence qualifications available to this pathway

C1 - Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Upholstery and Soft Furnishings					
No.	Ref no.	Awarding organisation	Credit value	Guided learning hours	UCAS points value
C1a	500/9995/4	City & Guilds	44	139-327	

## Knowledge qualifications available to this pathway

K1 - Level 3 Diploma in Furnishings - Traditional Upholstery					
No.	Ref no.	Awarding organisation	Credit value	Guided learning hours	UCAS points value
K1a	600/3197/9	City & Guilds	96	723	

K2 - L3 Diploma in Furnishings - Modern Upholstery					
No.	Ref no.	Awarding organisation	Credit value	Guided learning hours	UCAS points value
K2a	600/3198/0	City & Guilds	78	563	

## Knowledge qualifications available to this pathway (cont.)

K3 - Level 3 Diploma in Furnishings - Mattress Making					
No.	Ref no.	Awarding organisation	Credit value	Guided learning hours	UCAS points value
K3a	600/3200/5	City & Guilds	70	513	

K4 - Level 3 Diploma in Furniture Design & Making					
No.	Ref no.	Awarding organisation	Credit value	Guided learning hours	UCAS points value
K4a	600/1978/5	City & Guilds	84	615-790	

## Combined qualifications available to this pathway

N/A

## Notes on competence and knowledge qualifications (if any)

K1, K2, K3 or K4 provides the underpinning knowledge and understanding for C1.

### COMPETENCE:

Learners have three pathways to choose from.

1. **Upholstery** - pathway C - learners must complete mandatory Groups B & C1 and two units from optional Group C2.
2. **Fabric Wall Coverings & Tented Ceilings** - pathway D - - learners must complete mandatory Groups B & D1 and two units from optional Group D2.
3. **Soft Furnishings** - pathway E - learners must complete mandatory Groups B & E1 and two units from optional Group E2. The minimum credit value for this qualification is 44.

**KNOWLEDGE:** Learners must achieve **one** of the knowledge qualifications.

**Level 3 Diploma in Furnishings - Traditional Upholstery:** Learners must achieve all mandatory units  
(96 credits) or

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(78 credits) or

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(70 credits) or

**Level 3 Diploma in Furniture Design & Making:** Learners must achieve all mandatory units  
(84 credits)

**NOTE:** Details above taken from: <http://register.ofqual.gov.uk/Qualification>

# Transferable skills (Wales)

## Essential skills (Wales)

	Minimum level	Credit value
Communication	Level 2	6
Application of numbers	Level 2	6
IT		

## Progression routes into and from this pathway

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#### **PROGRESSION FROM THIS PATHWAY INCLUDES:**

- Continuing to develop your craft and technical skills and experience in Upholstery & Soft Furnishings and striving to "be the best" in your chosen occupational route and have pride in your work.
- Participating in relevant in-house company training or external learning, where available and/or offered.
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- Progression into higher level jobs within the Furniture industry such as Team Leader/Supervisor, or into other functional areas such as design, marketing, sales, planning, procurement, finance or warehouse and distribution.
- Undertaking a related Engineering Apprenticeship.
- Undertaking a Higher/Advanced Diploma in Manufacturing and Product Design, Construction and the Built Environment or the Creative and Media.
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- Undertaking further training in Management & Leadership, Lean Manufacturing or Business Improvement Techniques.
- Progressing to an industry related undergraduate programme e.g. Engineering, Design or Business Studies. **Entry may require additional training/learning.**

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## UCAS points for this pathway:

*(no information)*

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3. Knows and understands the range of sources of information and advice available to them on their employment rights and responsibilities.
4. Knows and understands the role played by their occupation within their organisation and industry.
5. Has an informed view of the types of career pathways that are open to them.
6. Knows the types of representative bodies relevant to their industry and organisation, and their main roles and responsibilities.
7. Knows where and how to get information and advice on their industry, occupation, training and career.
8. Can describe and work within their organisation's principles and codes of practice.
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Credit Value: 3

GLH: 18

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## Level 3, Pathway 7: Supervision in the Furniture, Furnishings and Interiors Industry

### Description of this pathway

Supervision in the Furniture, Furnishings and Interiors Industry

**Total Credit Value = From 102 - 154** (depending on which knowledge qualification is taken).

### Entry requirements for this pathway in addition to the framework entry requirements

There are no additional requirements other than the general entry conditions.

Job title(s)	Job role(s)
Production Supervisor - Furniture, Furnishings and Interiors	The role can be undertaken in a variety of occupational areas and will involve planning production schedules, allocating work, motivating individuals and teams, monitoring and maintaining health and safety, training new staff and encouraging new ideas within the team.

# Qualifications

## Competence qualifications available to this pathway

C1 - Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Supervision in the Furniture, Furnishings and Interiors Industry					
No.	Ref no.	Awarding organisation	Credit value	Guided learning hours	UCAS points value
C1a	500/8983/3	City and Guilds	46	203-331	

## Knowledge qualifications available to this pathway

K1 - Level 3 Diploma in Furniture Design and Making					
No.	Ref no.	Awarding organisation	Credit value	Guided learning hours	UCAS points value
K1a	600/1978/5	City and Guilds	84	615-790	

K2 - Level 3 Diploma in Furnishings - Mattress Making					
No.	Ref no.	Awarding organisation	Credit value	Guided learning hours	UCAS points value
K2a	600/3200/5	City and Guilds	70	515	

## Knowledge qualifications available to this pathway (cont.)

K3 - Level 3 Diploma in Furniture Restoration					
No.	Ref no.	Awarding organisation	Credit value	Guided learning hours	UCAS points value
K3a	600/2340/5	City and Guilds	53	405-413	
K4 - Level 3 Diploma in Furniture Installation					
No.	Ref no.	Awarding organisation	Credit value	Guided learning hours	UCAS points value
K4a	600/1977/3	City and Guilds	44	326	
K5 - Level 3 Diploma in Furnishings - Traditional Upholstery					
No.	Ref no.	Awarding organisation	Credit value	Guided learning hours	UCAS points value
K5a	600/3197/9	City and Guilds	96	723	
K6 - Level 3 Diploma in Furnishings - Modern Upholstery					
No.	Ref no.	Awarding organisation	Credit value	Guided learning hours	UCAS points value
K6a	600/3198/0	City and Guilds	78	563	



## Combined qualifications available to this pathway

N/A

## Notes on competence and knowledge qualifications (if any)

**K1a, K2a, K3a, K4a, K5a OR K6a** provides the underpinning knowledge and understanding for C1.

**COMPETENCE:** Candidates must complete all 4 mandatory units and 3 optional units.

**KNOWLEDGE:** Learners must achieve **ONE** of the knowledge qualifications:

**K1a: Level 3 Diploma in Furniture Design and Making:** Learners must achieve a 84 credits. 61 credits from mandatory units and 23 credits from optional units. **OR**

**K2a: Level 3 Diploma in Furnishings - Mattress Making:** Learners must achieve 70 credits by completing all the mandatory units. **OR**

**K3a: Level 3 Diploma in Furniture Restoration:** Learners must achieve 35 credits by completing all the mandatory units and 18 credits from optional units. **OR**

**K4a: Level 3 Diploma in Furniture Installation:** Learners must achieve 35 creditsby completing all the mandatory and 9 credits from optional units. **OR**

**K5a: Level 3 Diploma in Furnishings - Traditional Upholstery:** Learners must achieve 96 credits by completing all the mandatory units. **OR**

**K6a: Level 3 Diploma in Furnishings - Modern Upholstery:** Learners must achieve 78 credits by completing all the mandatory units.

# Transferable skills (Wales)

## Essential skills (Wales)

	Minimum level	Credit value
Communication	Level 2	6
Application of numbers	Level 2	6
IT		

## Progression routes into and from this pathway

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### UCAS points for this pathway:

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## Level 3, Pathway 8: Wood Machining

### Description of this pathway

Wood Machining

Total Credit Value = 175 (Traditional) or 170 (CNC)

### Entry requirements for this pathway in addition to the framework entry requirements

There are no additional entry requirement for this pathway.

Job title(s)	Job role(s)
Wood Machinist	Manufacture complex furniture and components using machinery to perform precision tasks. Set-up, operate, monitor and maintain woodworking machines such as planers, lathes, routers and saws to cut, plane, shape and sand complex wood components. Hand tools & manually operated machines are also used.



# Qualifications

## Competence qualifications available to this pathway

C1 - Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Wood Machining (QCF)					
No.	Ref no.	Awarding organisation	Credit value	Guided learning hours	UCAS points value
C1a	600/5436/0	PIABC	103	415	n/a

## Knowledge qualifications available to this pathway

K1 - Level 3 Diploma in Wood Machining					
No.	Ref no.	Awarding organisation	Credit value	Guided learning hours	UCAS points value
K1a	600/3206/6	City & Guilds	60	478	n/a

K2 - Level 3 Diploma in Wood Machining - CNC Machines					
No.	Ref no.	Awarding organisation	Credit value	Guided learning hours	UCAS points value
K2a	600/3205/4	City & Guilds	55	417	n/a

## Combined qualifications available to this pathway

N/A

## Notes on competence and knowledge qualifications (if any)

K1 and K2 provides the underpinning knowledge and understanding for C1. K1 to be taken for Traditional and K2 for CNC Machines.

# Transferable skills (Wales)

## Essential skills (Wales)

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*The remaining sections apply to all levels and pathways within this framework.*

# How equality and diversity will be met

## OVERVIEW

The delivery of an Apprenticeship framework must be in environments that are free from prejudice and discrimination where all learners can contribute fully and feel that their contribution to the industry is valued. There must be no discriminatory practices in the selection and recruitment of Apprentices to this programme. It is available to all people, regardless of age, gender, ethnic origin, religion/belief, sexual orientation or disability, who meet the stated selection criteria. This Furniture, Furnishings and Fitted Interiors Apprenticeship aims to promote diversity, opportunity and inclusion by offering a high-quality learning opportunity to all who meet the required entry conditions.

## ISSUES

A recent Labour Force Survey shows that the majority of the current Furniture workforce is female, full time and directly employed. The largest occupational groups in the industry are skilled trades occupations, machine operatives and managers/senior officials. The Furniture, Furnishings and Interiors industries operates an open recruitment policy but is currently not attracting, in sufficient numbers, applicants from females, black and minority ethnic groups or those with a difficulty or disability. The industry recognises that it is not making the most of this pool of untapped talent, which could help the industry to meet their skills gaps and shortages.

Another key challenge for Furniture, Furnishings and Interiors industries is that their current workforce is ageing, with a particular shortfall of employees aged 16-24 (currently only 8% of workforce). Effective succession planning needs to start now in order to meet future gaps in the workforce as older workers leave the industry - attracting younger people into the industry will be key to addressing this issue.

The “**Skills That Work For Wales**” strategy identifies that there is further work to be done to address the needs of young people not in education, employment or training, people with complex needs (such as offenders and ex-offenders) and adults who are unemployed or economically inactive. Modern Apprenticeships continue to be the Welsh Assembly Government’s preferred work based learning route and employers who do not appreciate the business benefits of diversity are missing out on a large pool of talented recruits.



## BARRIERS

The reasons for the imbalances in the current make up of Furniture, Furnishings and Interiors workforces are largely down to its historical poor image and a misconception that jobs in process manufacturing industries involve heavy, dirty, dangerous and manual work. The wide range of challenging and varied career opportunities within Furniture, Furnishings and Interiors industries are not widely known. It is not currently a career of choice for many first time job seekers or for those considering a career change. This is especially so in the case of young people.

However, the Furniture, Furnishings and Interiors industry of the 21st Century is very dynamic and progressive and makes good use of cutting edge technology and processes whilst, at the same time, retaining many of the traditional skills and processes. The industry needs to raise awareness of its innovativeness and diversity and to overcome its poor image and current misconceptions.

## ACTIONS

Entry to a career in any of the Furniture, Furnishings and Interiors industries is non-exclusive and there are no significant barriers to entry and progression within any of its occupational roles. As a way of addressing the issue of attracting young people into the industry, Proskills has developed a number of Schools Into Industry Programmes. These are industry-backed programmes designed to educate and engage young people in the world of process manufacturing and to raise awareness of the exciting and challenging career opportunities available within these industries.

**MakeIT! Furniture** is an industry-based project and competition for schools, mapped to the national curriculum and Diplomas. It familiarises students with how furniture is designed and made in the Furniture, Furnishings and Interiors (FFI) Industry through researching and designing products and investigating the various different aspects of the industry – from sourcing raw materials to producing finished products.

The schools into industry programmes are currently running very successfully in England and, following a number of pilot schemes, there are plans to make them available to schools in Wales.

For more information please visit: [www.proskills.co.uk/schools-competitions](http://www.proskills.co.uk/schools-competitions). This schools initiative is seen as being a key contributor to increasing awareness of the complexity and diversity of career opportunities within Furniture, Furnishings and Interiors and attracting greater numbers of school leavers into the industry.

The Proskills career website [www.prospect4u.co.uk](http://www.prospect4u.co.uk) has been developed to help raise the profile and set the skills standards and qualifications for the process and manufacturing sector and ensures that the skills system delivers against the current and future needs of the industries it represents.

The process and manufacturing sector, which includes Furniture, Furnishings and Interiors, is full of exciting and rewarding career opportunities and this website helps individuals to find all the information they need about getting started in any of these innovative industries.

The Furniture, Furnishings and Interiors Apprenticeship is seen as a vital route to encourage and facilitate a greater diversity of individuals into the industry and a current marketing plan is in place to widely promote Apprenticeships and to increase take-up figures by raising awareness of the opportunities available within this exciting and developing industry. It is also suitable for those already working in the industry and offers an opportunity for individuals to develop and expand their skills and knowledge, facilitate and encourage their progression within the industry and to contribute to workforce retention and succession planning.

Proskills regularly attend regional and national careers fairs and skills events to promote Apprenticeships. This provides an ideal opportunity to actively address equality and diversity issues within all of their industries.

# On and off the job training (Wales)

## Summary of on- and off-the-job training

### LEGAL REQUIREMENT

The Specification of Apprenticeship Standards for Wales (SASW) states that an Apprenticeship framework must specify the **minimum** number of **on-the-job training hours** and the **minimum** number of **off-the-job training hours** an Apprentice must receive to complete the framework and how these are to be evidenced.

An Apprenticeship framework must specify that on-and off-the-job training must either have been received:

a. Whilst working under an Apprenticeship Agreement;

or

b. During a qualifying period ending on the date of application for an Apprenticeship Certificate. A qualifying period of five years is recommended, but to meet the needs of their sector, frameworks may set a shorter or longer timescale than five years as the qualifying period.

Within Wales no distinction is made between whether the on-the-job or off-the-job training hours relate to the competencies qualification or the technical knowledge qualification: what is important is that a framework gives both the prospective Apprentice and the employer an accurate indication of the nature of the learning commitment required to complete the framework and become fully competent.

### All On and Off The Job training should:

- Be planned, reviewed and evaluated jointly between the Apprentice and a tutor, teacher, workplace supervisor or manager and, where relevant, the Apprentice's coach or mentor.
- Allow the Apprentice access to support from a tutor, teacher, mentor or manager, as and when required by the Apprentice.
- Be completed while working under an Apprenticeship Agreement and delivered during

contracted working hours.

- Be delivered through one or more of the following methods: individual and group teaching, distance learning, e-learning, coaching, mentoring, feedback and assessment, collaborative/networked learning with peers and guided study.
- Be systematically and formally recorded. For example, in a log book or diary, completed attendance records or on an electronic/online recording system, witness testimonies or video recordings.

The **minimum** recommended **total learning hours** (includes both on and off the job learning) per year for the pathways in the Foundation Level 2 Furniture, Furnishings & Interiors industry framework are:

Pathway 1 Furniture Making: **688**

Pathway 2 Finishing Furniture: **697**

Pathway 3 Restoring Furniture: **715**

Pathway 4 Fitted Furniture & Interiors: **741**

Pathway 5 Upholstery & Soft Furnishings: **764**

Pathway 6 Wood Machining: **1053**

The **minimum** recommended **total learning hours** (includes both on and off the job learning) per year for the pathways in the Level 3 Furniture, Furnishings & Interiors industry framework are:

Pathway 1 Furniture Making: **1016**

Pathway 2 Finishing Furniture: **935**

Pathway 3 Restoring Furniture: **913**

Pathway 4 Fitted Furniture & Interiors: **877**

Pathway 5 Furniture Design: **1195**

Pathway 6 Upholstery & Soft Furnishings: **964**

Pathway 7 Supervision in the Furniture, Furnishings and Interiors Industry: **920**

Pathway 8 Wood Machining: **1205 (Traditional) or 1144 (CNC)**

*Please note that these totals include both on and off the job learning and that all Apprentices will be assessed on their own abilities and previous experience and some of the learning hour requirements may need to be altered to take account of prior learning, existing qualifications and an individual's experience.*

## Off-the-job training

### OFF THE JOB TRAINING HOURS

**OFF THE JOB** training is defined as time for learning activities which take place outside of normal work duties. Off-the-job training may include any activity where an Apprentice receives any form of instruction, tuition, assessment or progress reviews. For example, (but not exclusively) private study, coaching, mentoring, e-learning, distance learning or classroom training may count as off-the-job training.

An Apprenticeship framework may specify that off-the-job training undertaken before the Apprentice started their Apprenticeship may count towards the off-the-job training required for the Apprenticeship if it was undertaken in relation to an accredited qualification contained in the framework for which an Apprenticeship Certificate is to be applied for.

For the **Level 2** Foundation Furniture, Furnishings & Interiors Framework the **minimum** required amount of off the job training hours for each Foundation Level 2 pathway are as follows:

**Pathway 1 Furniture Making:** For this pathway, an Apprentice will need to complete a recommended **minimum** of **521 LH off the job**, over 12 months.

**Pathway 2 Finishing Furniture:** For this pathway, an Apprentice will need to complete a recommended **minimum** of **505 LH off the job**, over 12 months.

**Pathway 3 Restoring Furniture:** For this pathway, an Apprentice will need to complete a recommended **minimum** of **505 LH off the job**, over 12 months.

**Pathway 4 Fitted Furniture & Interiors:** For this pathway, an Apprentice will need to complete a recommended **minimum** of **565 LH off the job**, over 12 months.

**Pathway 5 Upholstery & Soft Furnishings:** For this pathway, an Apprentice will need to

complete a recommended **minimum of 585 LH off the job**, over 12 months.

**Pathway 6 Wood Machining:** For this pathway, an Apprentice will need to complete a recommended **minimum of 655 LH off the job**, over 12 months.

For the **Level 3 Furniture, Furnishings & Interiors Framework** the minimum required amount of off the job training hours for each Level 3 pathway are as follows:

**Pathway 1 Furniture Making:** For this pathway, an Apprentice will need to complete a recommended **minimum of 765 LH off the job**, over 12 months.

**Pathway 2 Finishing Furniture:** For this pathway, an Apprentice will need to complete a recommended **minimum of 657 LH off the job**, over 12 months

**Pathway 3 Restoring Furniture:** For this pathway, an Apprentice will need to complete a recommended **minimum of 657 LH off the job**, over 12 months.

**Pathway 4 Fitted Furniture & Interiors:** For this pathway, an Apprentice will need to complete a recommended **minimum of 578 LH off the job**, over 12 months.

**Pathway 5 Furniture Design:** For this pathway, an Apprentice will need to complete a recommended **minimum of 867 LH off the job**, over 12 months.

**Pathway 6 Upholstery & Soft Furnishings:** For this pathway, an Apprentice will need to complete a recommended **minimum of 765 LH off the job**, over 12 months.

**Pathway 7: Supervision in the Furniture, Furnishings and Interiors Industry:** For this pathway, an Apprentice will need to complete a recommended **minimum of 657 LH off the job**, over 12 months.

**Pathway 8: Wood Machining:** For this pathway, an Apprentice will need to complete a recommended minimum of 739 (Traditional) or 678 (CNC) LH off the job, over 12 months.

## How this requirement will be met

**OFF THE JOB** training hours delivered under an Apprenticeship Agreement may vary depending on the previous experience and attainment of the individual Apprentice. As such, the stated minimum requirement of hours for off the job learning may be reduced accordingly. However, the minimum hours required in total for off the job training for this framework must still be able to be verified as part of the certification process.

## PREVIOUS ATTAINMENT

If a learner enters an Apprenticeship Agreement having previously attained part, or all, of the relevant qualifications contained therein, then this prior learning can be recognised using either a QCF Credit transfer (where appropriate) or through recording of exemptions for certificated learning that is outside of the QCF. For example, Principal Learning qualifications. For learners that have previously achieved the relevant qualifications, they must have attained these **within 3 years** of applying for either the Level 2 Foundation or Level 3 Apprenticeship Certificate. This is to ensure the continued relevance and currency of their previous attainment.

## PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

If a learner enters an Apprenticeship Agreement with previous work-related experience, this prior learning needs to be recognised but, in order to count towards an Apprenticeship certification, it does need to be recorded using the correct procedures. Please contact the appropriate Awarding Body for details of their "Recognition of Prior Learning" procedures. For more information on QCF Guidance on Claiming Credit please visit :

[www.qcda.gov.uk/resources/4374.aspx](http://www.qcda.gov.uk/resources/4374.aspx) For learners with prior uncertificated learning experience, the off the job learning must have been attained **within 3 years** of applying for either the Level 2 Foundation or Level 3 Apprenticeship Certificate. Alternatively, they should have been **continuously employed** in the relevant job role in the industry for **3 years** duration.

The **OFF THE JOB** learning for all the pathways in the **Level 2** Foundation framework will consist of the following:

***The recommended minimum Off The Job learning hours (LH) for each component is shown in brackets. However, please note that all Apprentices will be assessed on their own abilities and previous experience and some of the learning hours requirements may need to be altered in order to accommodate prior learning, qualifications and experience.***

- Level 2 Diploma in Furniture Making (307 GLH) or Level 2 Diploma in Furnishings - Mattress Making(388 GLH) or Level 2 Diploma in Furniture Finishing Methods (435 GLH) or Level 2 Diploma in Furniture Spray Finishing Methods(351 GLH) or Level 2 Diploma in Furniture Hand Finishing Methods(291 GLH) or Level 2 Diploma in Furnishings - Traditional Upholstery (511 GLH) or Level 2 Diploma in Furniture Installation (351 GLH) or Level 2 Diploma in Furnishings - Modern Upholstery (441 GLH) or Level 2 Diploma in Furnishings - Upholstery (583 GLH) or Level 2 Diploma in Furnishings - Soft Furnishings (371 GLH) or Level 2 Diploma in Wood Machining (441-444 GLH) or Level 3 Diploma in Wood Machining (478 GLH) or Level 3 Diploma in Wood Machining - CNC Machines (417 GLH)

- ERR (18 LH)
- Level 1 or Level 2 Essential Skill Wales in Communication (alternatively Key Skill Level 1 or Level 2 Communication)\* (60 LH)
- Level 1 or Level 2 Essential Skill Wales in Application of Number (alternatively Key Skill Level 1 or Level 2 Application of Number)\* (60 LH)
- Company training - this will include induction, ERR, Health & Safety and any relevant practical and technical training. Attendance on any training or instructional learning sessions away from the Apprentice's workstation - this could be on or off site (30 LH)
- Mentoring (approx 1 hour per week for the duration of the framework). (40 LH)
- Appraisal/Assessment relating to the Apprentice's participation and progress in the framework (approx 2 hrs quarterly, dependent on individual support needs) (6 LH)

**\* NB: Key Skills qualifications can be accepted as alternatives to Essential Skills Wales qualifications, where they have been achieved before 31st August 2011.**

## **EVIDENCE FOR OFF THE JOB LEARNING - LEVEL 2**

- Copy of relevant Level 2 knowledge qualification
- Copies of certificates for Essential Skills Wales Communication and Application of Number (or qualifying Key Skills certification)
- Copy of completed and signed ERR booklet (if used). Alternatively, verified evidence that all 9 national ERR outcomes have been achieved.
- Log book, diary, portfolio evidence recorded by the Apprentice documenting off the job coaching, mentoring and support received. This can include evidence of where off the job learning opportunities and/or activities have been met.
- Course attendance records for both on-site and off site training/learning interventions (records may be held electronically)
- Witness testimonies, video footage or any other authorised and valid mode of supporting evidence that required off the job training hours have been carried out.
- Verification from Providers that they are satisfied that the recommended minimum requirements for off the job learning hours for company training, mentoring, review and appraisal have been fulfilled and details of how any additional types of off the job training



has been achieved (e.g. mentoring, appraisal, assessment , off workstation instruction etc).

The **OFF THE JOB** learning for all the pathways in the **Level 3** framework will consist of the following:

***The recommended minimum Off The Job learning hours (LH) for each component is shown in brackets. However, please note that all Apprentices will be assessed on their own abilities and previous experience and some of the learning hours requirements may need to be altered in order to accommodate prior learning, qualifications and experience.***

- Level 3 Diploma in Furniture Design and Making (615 - 790 GLH) or Level 3 Diploma in Furnishings - Mattress Making (513 GLH) or Level 3 Diploma in Furniture Restoration (405-413 GLH) or Level 3 Diploma in Furniture Installation (326 GLH) or Diploma in Furnishings - Traditional Upholstery (723 GLH) or Diploma in Furnishings - Modern Upholstery (563 GLH)
- ERR - (18 LH)
- Level 2 Essential Skill Wales in Communication (alternatively Key Skill Level 2 Communication)\* (60 LH)
- Level 2 Essential Skill Wales in Application of Number (alternatively Key Skill Level 2 Application of Number)\* (60 LH)
- Company training - this will include induction, ERR, Health & Safety and any relevant practical and technical training. Attendance on any training or instructional learning sessions away from the Apprentice's workstation - this could be on or off site (45 LH)
- Mentoring (approx 1 hour per week for the duration of the framework) (60 LH)
- Appraisal/Assessment relating to the Apprentice's participation and progress in the framework (approx 2hrs quarterly, dependent on individual support needs) (9 LH)

**\* NB: Key Skills qualifications can be accepted as alternatives to Essential Skills Wales qualifications, where they have been achieved before 31st August 2011.**

#### **EVIDENCE FOR OFF THE JOB LEARNING - LEVEL 3**

- Copy of relevant Level 3 knowledge qualification

- Copies of certificates for Essential Skills Wales Communication and Application of Number (or qualifying Key Skills certification)
- Copy of completed and signed ERR booklet (if used). Alternatively, verified evidence that all 9 national ERR outcomes have been achieved.
- Log book, diary, portfolio evidence recorded by the Apprentice documenting off the job coaching, mentoring and support received. This can include evidence of where off the job learning opportunities and/or activities have been met.
- Course attendance records for both on-site and off site training/learning interventions (records may be held electronically).
- Witness testimonies, video footage or any other authorised and valid mode of supporting evidence that required off the job training hours have been carried out.
- Verification from Providers that they are satisfied that the recommended minimum requirements for off the job learning hours for company training, mentoring, review and appraisal have been fulfilled and details of how any additional types of off the job training has been achieved (e.g. mentoring, appraisal, assessment, off workstation instruction etc).

All Off the Job learning must be formally recorded in either a diary, workbook, portfolio, course attendance records or by an electronic recording system. This evidence needs to be checked, verified and signed off as valid by all relevant parties. For example, the Apprentice, their Employer, the Provider and Assessor. It can also be checked by the External Verifier.

**Evidence of the off the job learning hours may be requested when applying for an Apprenticeship Completion Certificate.**

## On-the-job training

**ON THE JOB** training includes workplace activity where skills, knowledge and competencies are being gained and applied in the course of an Apprentice's normal work duties. For this Furniture, Furnishings & Interiors framework the annual minimum required amount of on the job learning hours are:

### LEVEL 2 Foundation Apprenticeship Pathways:

**Pathway 1 Furniture Making:** For this pathway, an Apprentice will need to complete a recommended **minimum of 167 LH on the job**, over 12 months made up of the Level 2 Diploma

in Furniture Making 127-401 LH) and receiving regular on the job support, feedback, reviews, mentoring etc (40 LH).

**Pathway 2 Finishing Furniture:** For this pathway, an Apprentice will need to complete a recommended **minimum of 192 LH on the job**, over 12 months made up of the Level 2 Diploma in Finishing Furniture (152-390 LH) and receiving regular on the job support, feedback, reviews, mentoring etc (40 LH).

**Pathway 3 Restoring Furniture:** For this pathway, an Apprentice will need to complete a recommended **minimum of 210 LH on the job**, over 12 months made up of the Level 2 Diploma in Restoring Furniture (170-390 LH) and receiving regular on the job support, feedback, reviews, mentoring etc (40 LH).

**Pathway 4 Fitted Furniture & Interiors:** For this pathway, an Apprentice will need to complete a recommended **minimum of 176 LH on the job**, over 12 months made up of the Level 2 Diploma in Fitted Furniture & Interiors(136-319 LH) and receiving regular on the job support, feedback, reviews, mentoring etc (40 LH).

**Pathway 5 Upholstery & Soft Furnishings:** For this pathway, an Apprentice will need to complete a recommended **minimum of 179 LH on the job**, over 12 months made up of the Level 2 Diploma in Upholstery & Soft Furnishings (139-327 LH) and receiving regular on the job support, feedback, reviews, mentoring etc (40 LH).

**Pathway 6 Wood Machining:** For this pathway, an Apprentice will need to complete a recommended **minimum of 398 LH on the job**, over 12 months made up of the Level 2 Diploma in Wood Machining (Furniture) (358-468 LH) and receiving regular on the job support, feedback, reviews, mentoring etc (40 LH).

### **LEVEL 3 Apprenticeship Pathways:**

**Pathway 1 Furniture Making:** For this pathway, an Apprentice will need to complete a recommended **minimum of 251 LH on the job**, over 12 months made up of the Level 3 Diploma in Furniture Making (191-370 LH) and receiving regular on the job support, feedback, reviews, mentoring etc (60 LH).

**Pathway 2 Finishing Furniture:** For this pathway, an Apprentice will need to complete a recommended **minimum of 278 LH on the job**, over 12 months made up of the Level 3 Diploma in Finishing Furniture(218-397 LH) and receiving regular on the job support, feedback, reviews, mentoring etc (60 LH).

**Pathway 3 Restoring Furniture:** For this pathway, an Apprentice will need to complete a

recommended minimum of **256 LH on the job**, over 12 months made up of the Level 3 Diploma in Restoring Furniture (196-442 LH) and receiving regular on the job support, feedback, reviews, mentoring etc (60 LH).

**Pathway 4 Fitted Furniture & Interiors:** For this pathway, an Apprentice will need to complete a recommended **minimum of 299 LH on the job**, over 12 months made up of the Level 3 Diploma in Fitted Furniture & Interiors (239-273 LH) and receiving regular on the job support, feedback, reviews, mentoring etc (60 LH).

**Pathway 5 Furniture Design:** For this pathway, an Apprentice will need to complete a recommended **minimum of 328 LH on the job**, over 12 months made up of the Level 3 Diploma in Design in the Furniture, Furnishings & Interiors Industry (268-397 LH) and receiving regular on the job support, feedback, reviews, mentoring etc (60 LH).

**Pathway 6 Upholstery & Soft Furnishings:** For this pathway, an Apprentice will need to complete a recommended **minimum of 199 LH on the job**, over 12 months made up of the Level 3 Diploma in Upholstery & Soft Furnishings (139-327 LH) and receiving regular on the job support, feedback, reviews, mentoring etc (60 LH).

**Pathway 7 Supervision in the Furniture, Furnishings and Interiors Industry:** For this pathway, an Apprentice will need to complete a recommended **minimum of 263 LH on the job**, over 12 months made up of the Level 3 Diploma in Supervision in the Furniture, Furnishings and Interiors Industry (203-331 LH) and receiving regular on the job support, feedback, reviews, mentoring etc (60 LH).

**Pathway 8 Wood Machining:** For this pathway, an Apprentice will need to complete a recommended minimum of 475 LH on the job, over 12 months made up of the Level 3 Diploma in Wood Machining (415-654 LH) and receiving regular on the job support, feedback, reviews, mentoring etc (60 LH).

## How this requirement will be met

**ON THE JOB** training may include any activity where an Apprentice receives any form of instruction, tuition, guidance, support or feedback whilst carrying out their day-to-day job role. Typically, it consists of an Apprentice successfully meeting and demonstrating all of the skills and competencies contained in the competency qualification relevant to their chosen pathway and any time spent receiving regular, constructive on the job support, feedback and review on their job related performance.

On the job training hours delivered under an Apprenticeship Agreement may vary depending on the previous experience and attainment of the individual Apprentice. As such, the stated minimum requirement of hours for on the job learning may be reduced accordingly. However,

the minimum hours required in total for on the job training for this framework must still be able to be verified as part of the certification process and an Apprentice's occupational competence demonstrated and evidenced.

## PREVIOUS ATTAINMENT

If a learner enters an Apprenticeship Agreement having previously attained part, or all, of the relevant qualifications contained therein, then this prior learning need can be recognised using either a QCF Credit transfer (where appropriate) or through recording of exemptions for certificated learning that is outside of the QCF. (Same as above for off the job) For learners that have previously achieved the relevant qualifications, they must have been certified **within 3 years** of applying for either the Level 2 Foundation or Level 3 Apprenticeship Certificate.

## PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

Apprentices who commence training under an Apprenticeship Agreement with an employer may bring a range of prior experience with them. When an Apprentice can claim 30% (or more) of the total on the job training hours required for their chosen pathway then their learning programme should be tailored accordingly. Prior learning could have been acquired from previous education, employment or other vocational programmes.

Training Providers are encouraged to identify specific on the job training opportunities that customise and contextualise the Apprentice's prior learning to their new workplace and job role. This may include selecting appropriate additional units from QCF qualifications relevant to the workplace or Essential Skills at a higher level than that specified in the framework.

All of the job roles within the various pathways of the the Level 2 and 3 Furniture, Furnishings & Interiors Apprenticeship framework require a thorough level of technical skills, competence and knowledge and this will be gained through on the job, work based training, practice and experience and reinforced by regular feedback, review and support from an Apprentice's work based mentor or identified support network.

**The ON THE JOB learning for the Level 2 Foundation framework could consist of the following:**

- Level 2 competency qualification that relates to the Apprentice's chosen pathway.
- Regular on the job support, feedback, reviews, mentoring etc

## EVIDENCE FOR ON THE JOB LEARNING - Level 2

- Copy of Certificate for the relevant Level 2 competency qualification that relates to the

Apprentice's chosen pathway.

- Log book, diary, portfolio evidence recorded by the Apprentice documenting on the job coaching, mentoring and support received. This can include evidence of where on the job learning opportunities and/or activities have been met.
- Course attendance records for any "at workstation" training/learning interventions (records may be held electronically).
- Witness testimonies, video footage or any other authorised and valid mode of supporting evidence that required on the job training hours have been carried out.
- Verification from Assessors that they are satisfied that the recommended minimum requirements for on the job learning hours for company training, mentoring, review and appraisal have been fulfilled and details of how any additional types of on the job training has been achieved (e.g. mentoring, appraisal, assessment , at workstation instruction etc)

**The ON THE JOB learning for the Level 3 framework could consist of the following:**

- Level 3 competency qualification that relates to the Apprentice's chosen pathway.
- Regular on the job support, feedback, reviews, mentoring etc

### **EVIDENCE FOR ON THE JOB LEARNING - Level 3**

- Copy of Certificate for the relevant Level 3 competency qualification that relates to the Apprentice's chosen pathway.
- Log book, diary, portfolio evidence recorded by the Apprentice documenting on the job coaching, mentoring and support received. This can include evidence of where on the job learning opportunities and/or activities have been met.
- Course attendance records for any "at workstation" training/learning interventions (records may be held electronically).
- Witness testimonies, video footage or any other authorised and valid mode of supporting evidence that required on the job training hours have been carried out.
- Verification from Assessors that they are satisfied that the recommended minimum requirements for on the job learning hours for company training, mentoring, review and appraisal have been fulfilled and details of how any additional types of on the job training has been achieved (e.g. mentoring, appraisal, assessment , at workstation instruction etc)

All **On the Job learning hours** must be formally recorded in either a diary, workbook, portfolio, course attendance records or by an online system. This evidence needs to be checked, verified and signed off as valid by all relevant parties. For example, the Apprentice, their Employer, Provider and Assessor. It can also be checked by the External Verifier.

**Evidence of the on the job learning hours may be requested when applying for an Apprenticeship Completion Certificate.**

In order to facilitate the recording and evidencing of On The Job learning hours an organisation may choose to nominate an "Accountable Manager" (such as the company Training Manager, or someone who is part of the company management team) to take responsibility for regularly checking that an Apprentice has completed at least the recommended **minimum** number of **On The Job** learning hours.

# Wider key skills assessment and recognition (Wales)

## Improving own learning and performance

There is currently no requirement for the Wider Key Skill of **"Improving own Learning and Performance"** as it is felt that this is adequately covered by an Apprentice's completion of the other component parts of this Level 2 and 3 framework. For example, the achievement of the relevant competency and knowledge qualifications (including ERR) and participation in employer specific induction programmes and all on and off the job learning experiences.

## Working with others

There is currently no requirement for the Wider Key Skill of **"Working with Others"** as it is felt that this is adequately covered by an Apprentice's completion of the other component parts of this Level 2 and 3 framework. For example, the achievement of the relevant competency and knowledge qualifications (including ERR) and participation in employer specific induction programmes and all on and off the job learning experiences.

## Problem solving

There is currently no requirement for the Wider Key Skill of **"Problem Solving"** as it is felt that this is adequately covered by an Apprentice's completion of the other component parts of this Level 2 and 3 framework. For example, the achievement of the relevant competency and knowledge qualifications (including ERR) and participation in employer specific induction programmes and all on and off the job learning experiences.



# Additional employer requirements

There are no additional employer requirements.

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