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# QUALIFICATION PURPOSE STATEMENT

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**Level 1 Award in Introduction to Logistics and Supply  
Chains (QCF)**

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***‘Once we rid ourselves of traditional thinking we can get on with creating the future ’***

**James Bertrand**

## QUALIFICATION OVERVIEW

### WHO IS THIS QUALIFICATION FOR?

This qualification is aimed at learners who want an introduction to the Logistics and Supply Chain industry and who are at pre-employment level. You may have been long term unemployed and looking to start a career within the industry or you may have left school or college recently; either way this qualification will provide a progression route to higher level qualifications that have been designed and recognised by employers.

*Some information can be found at the end of this document (Annex 1) that will help you understand the different levels and sizes of qualifications available.*

### WHAT QUALIFICATIONS/LEVELS OF ATTAINMENT DOES A LEARNER NEED TO TAKE THIS QUALIFICATION? ARE THERE ANY AGE RESTRICTIONS?

This qualification is aimed at people aged 16-18 or over 19 years of age.

There are no formal entry requirements, however, in order to benefit from undertaking the qualification you should at least possess communication skills sufficient enough to allow you to meet the assessment requirements.

### WHAT DOES THIS QUALIFICATION COVER?

This is a Qualifications Credit Framework (QCF) regulated qualification, containing 1 core unit to be completed and the minimum amount of time you will need to spend to complete your qualification is 30 hours.

The core unit covers:

- **Introduction to Logistics and Supply Chains** - this unit will help you understand the key elements of what is meant by logistics, the key elements of the supply chain process, the steps involved within the supply of goods and the key business terms within the logistics industry

You will have an initial assessment with your learning provider where any individual learning needs you may have will be reviewed and appropriate support put in place, then you will attend sessions with your learning provider allowing you to gain the skills and knowledge required to produce a portfolio of evidence demonstrating your learning and achievement against the requirements of the qualification.

### WHAT COULD THIS QUALIFICATION LEAD TO?

### WILL THIS QUALIFICATION LEAD TO EMPLOYMENT, AND IF SO, IN WHICH JOB ROLE AND AT WHAT LEVEL?

This qualification will help you develop the skills and knowledge that employers are looking for in the Logistics and Supply Chain industry. You will learn about subjects that employers need all new employees to know when they start to work for them so you will get a head start by doing this qualification, making you more employable. You could end up working in various roles within the supply chain industry, ie warehousing, storage, or even driving, ideally through an Apprenticeship programme where you can continue to build on your skills.

## WILL THE QUALIFICATION SUPPORT PROGRESSION TO FURTHER LEARNING, IF SO, WHAT TO?

In order to continue your development it would be advisable to progress from this introductory Level 1 qualification to the Level 2 Certificate in Introduction to Logistics and Supply Chains which offers wider learning opportunities in different aspects of the industry, eg air, rail, road and sea as well as areas such as sales, marketing and telemarketing. You could then progress to one of the appropriate Apprenticeships once employed. The table below outlines this qualification, the follow on Level 2 qualification along with some examples of the Apprenticeships you could progress to.

You could also progress into any other vocational learning of your choice and do other qualifications of your choice.

QUALIFICATION NAME	CREDIT VALUE	GUIDED LEARNING HOURS
<b>Level 1 Award in Introduction to Logistics and Supply Chains</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>30</b>
Level 2 Certificate in Introduction to Logistics and Supply Chains	15	75
Warehousing and Storage Apprenticeship		
Logistics Operations Apprenticeship		
Supply Chain Management Apprenticeship		
Express Logistics Apprenticeship		
Higher Apprenticeship in Supply Chain Management - Level 5		

## IF THERE ARE LARGER AND/OR SMALLER VERSIONS OF THIS QUALIFICATION AT THE SAME LEVEL, WHY SHOULD A LEARNER TAKE THIS PARTICULAR ONE?

This is the only qualification available from SFEDI Awards at this level in Introduction to Logistics and Supply Chains.

## QUALIFICATION SUPPORT

### WHO SUPPORTS THIS QUALIFICATION?

This qualification has been designed in conjunction with the following employers:

2B Interface  
Make It Work Logistics Corporation  
MSM Commercial Services  
RTM Consultants  
IAS (UK) Ltd

Letters of support are available on request.

### FURTHER INFORMATION

More information regarding this qualification, who delivers it, where and how, can be found on the SFEDI Awards website.

## ANNEX 1

Regulated qualifications in England, Wales and Northern Ireland are in one of the following frameworks:

- National Qualifications Framework (NQF)
- Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF)
- Framework for Higher Education Qualifications (FHEQ)

SFEDI Awards qualifications are on the QCF and the table below shows you how the most common qualifications compare. The levels show you how difficult a qualification is.

Level	NQF examples	QCF examples	FHEQ examples
Entry	Entry level certificate Entry level Skills for Life	Entry level award, certificate and diploma Entry level Functional Skills Entry level Foundation Learning	
1	GCSE (grades D-G) Key Skills level 1 NVQ level 1 Skills for Life level 1 Foundation diploma	BTEC award, certificate and diploma level 1 Foundation Learning level 1 Functional Skills level 1 OCR National	
2	GCSE (grades A*-C) Key Skills level 2 NVQ level 2 Skills for Life level 2 Higher diploma	BTEC award, certificate and diploma level 2 Functional Skills level 2	
3	AS and A level Advanced Extension Award Cambridge International award International Baccalaureate Key Skills level 3 NVQ level 3 Advanced diploma Progression diploma	BTEC award, certificate and diploma level 3 BTEC National OCR National Cambridge National	
4	Certificate of higher education Key Skills level 4 NVQ level 4	BTEC Professional award, certificate and diploma level 4	Certificate of higher education HNC
5	HND NVQ level 4 Higher diploma	BTEC Professional award, certificate and diploma level 5 HNC HND	Diploma of higher education Diploma of further education Foundation degree HND

Level	NQF examples	QCF examples	FHEQ examples
6	NVQ level 4	BTEC Advanced Professional award, certificate and diploma level 6	Bachelor's degree Graduate certificate Graduate diploma
7	BTEC Advanced Professional award, certificate and diploma level 7 Fellowship and fellowship diploma Postgraduate certificate Postgraduate diploma NVQ level 5	BTEC Advanced Professional award, certificate and diploma level 7	Master's degree Postgraduate certificate Postgraduate diploma
8	NVQ level 5	Vocational Qualification level 8	Doctorate

## EXPLANATION OF QUALIFICATION SIZES

All QCF qualifications are awarded a 'credit' value. One credit generally equals 10 hours of learning which helps you to estimate how much time you will need to gain a qualification. You can gain three types of qualifications:

Awards - 1 to 12 credits (10 to 120 hours of learning)

Certificates - 13 to 26 credits (130 to 260 hours of learning); and

Diplomas - 37 credits or more (370 hours of learning or more)

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