Qualification Title: GQA Level 2 NVQ Certificate In Pre Press For Print

Qualification Number: 600/0608/0

Welsh Qualification Number: C00/1250/2

Qualification Specification

# Who is this qualification for?

# This qualification is aimed at those who work within a commercial production environment, with responsibilities for Digital Artwork, Digital Pre-Press or Digital Print Production. The standards cover the most important aspects of the job. This qualification is at Level 2, and should be taken by those who are fully trained to deal with routine assignments. Candidates should require minimum supervision in undertaking the job. A further qualification at Level 3 is also available.

# In addition, there are qualifications available to cover Machine Printing and Print Finishing.

# Candidates for this qualification will need to contribute to the Company objectives, follow Health and Safety guidelines and in addition will have varied duties according to the relevant pathway, for example:

# Those involved in Digital Printing will primarily be involved in:

# Operating Digital Printing machines

# Equipment maintenance

# Those involved in Pre-Press will primarily be involved in:

# Producing image carriers for output

# Equipment maintenance

# Those involved in Digital Artwork will primarily be involved in:

# Creating digital artwork for print

# Handling digital files

# Working with digital images

# Candidates are likely to have jobs entitled:

# Desk Top Publisher/Artworker

# Pre-Press Operatives

# Digital Printer

# Entry requirements

There are no formal entry requirements for learners undertaking this qualification. However, centres must ensure that learners have the potential and opportunity to gain the qualification successfully.

# Qualification support

This qualification has been designed and developed by GQA Qualifications with the support of

# Regulatory information

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| Countries offered in:  | England, Northern Ireland, Wales  |
| Qualification type: | Occupational Qualification |
| Subject/sector areas  | Manufacturing technologies |
| Qualification operational start date:  | 01-Feb-2011 |
| Qualification review date:  |  |
| Applicable age ranges (years):  | 16-18, 19+ |

# Further information

Further information about this qualification can be obtained from: [www.gqaqualifications.com/qualifications](http://www.gqaqualifications.com/qualifications)

You can also contact GQA Qualifications directly at:

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# Qualification achievement

This qualification includes 3 pathways for Digital Printing, Pre-Press and Digital Artwork. To achieve the qualification, candidates must complete the 3 mandatory units and then the required credits from one of the 3 pathways.

GQA qualifications are made up of units that have a credit value or credits. These credits must be achieved in the correct combination of mandatory and optional units. Qualifications are now required to indicate the total qualification time (TQT), this is to show the typical time it will take someone to attain the required skills and knowledge to meet the qualification criteria.

The units of assessment set out learning outcomes which describe what learners need to be able to do and understand. The learning outcomes are defined by assessment criteria which are used to assess competence, expressed as skills achieved and learned knowledge and understanding, to achieve the units. Achievement of the mandatory unit and optional units will mean the qualification has been completed and will be subject to approval of a claim for certification. GQA Qualifications will issue a certificate complete with the learner’s name, the qualification and unit titles and the credits achieved.

# Qualification Structure

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| **Qualification Number (QAN):** | 600/0608/0 |
| **Welsh Qualification Number:** | C00/1250/2 |
| **Total Credits:** | 19 |
| **Total Qualification Time (TQT):** | 190 |
| **Guided Learning Hours (GLH):** | 113 |
| To achieve the qualification, candidates must complete the 3 mandatory units and then the required credits from one of the 3 pathways. |
| **Mandatory units**  |
| **Unit number**  | **Title**  | **Level** | **Credit** |
| Y/601/9389 | Maintain health and safety within a print related working environment | 2 | 4 |
| H/601/9394 | Communicating and working with others in the print working environment | 2 | 3 |
| R/601/9407 | Knowledge of the organisations printing processes and related information | 2 | 4 |
| **Digital Printing (Mandatory)** |
| F/601/9399 | Keep equipment clean and in working order for use in the printing industry | 2 | 4 |
| R/502/8503 | Operate digital printing machines | 2 | 4 |
| **Digital Printing (Optional): Candidates must achieve 1 credit** |
| Y/502/8504 | Send and receive digital files | 2 | 1 |
| H/601/9430 | Set and run booklet making machinery | 2 | 5 |
| A/601/9417 | Set and run guillotines | 2 | 5 |
| Y/601/9392 | Materials handling, transportation and storage within the print working environment | 2 | 4 |
| Y/601/9439 | Set and run multi-knife trimming machinery | 2 | 4 |
| R/502/8534 | Preflight digital files | 3 | 4 |
| J/502/8532 | Manage colour reproduction in digital pre-press | 3 | 4 |
| **Pre-Press (Mandatory)** |
| F/601/9399 | Keep equipment clean and in working order for use in the printing industry | 2 | 4 |
| **Pre-Press (Optional): Candidates must achieve 4 credits** |
| D/502/8505 | Make photopolymer plates for flexographic printing | 2 | 4 |
| K/601/9400 | Make lithographic printing plates | 2 | 4 |
| K/502/8507 | Make gravure cylinders | 2 | 4 |
| M/502/8508 | Prepare stencils for printing | 2 | 4 |
| L/502/8502 | Output digital image carriers for print | 2 | 8 |
| Y/502/8504 | Send and receive digital files | 2 | 1 |
| **Digital Artwork (Mandatory)** |
| M/601/9396 | Create digital artwork for print | 2 | 5 |
| **Digital Artwork (Optional): Candidates must achieve 4 credits** |
| M/502/8511 | Plan and produce edited images | 3 | 4 |
| Y/502/8504 | Send and receive digital files | 2 | 1 |
| L/502/8502 | Output digital image carriers for print | 2 | 8 |
| A/502/8513 | Use of scanning techniques to create digital images | 2 | 6 |
| D/502/8505 | Make photopolymer plates for flexographic printing | 2 | 4 |
| K/601/9400 | Make lithographic printing plates | 2 | 4 |
| K/502/8507 | Make gravure cylinders | 2 | 4 |
| M/502/8508 | Prepare stencils for printing | 2 | 4 |
| R/502/8534 | Preflight digital files | 3 | 4 |
| J/502/8532 | Manage colour reproduction in digital pre-press | 3 | 4 |

# Assessment

The qualification must be assessed using the following assessment method:

* E-assessment,
* Portfolio of Evidence

Learners are required to achieve all learning outcomes within units of assessment. All assessment is subject to internal quality assurance within approved centres providing this qualification. External quality assurance of assessment and internal quality assurance within approved centres is provided by GQA Qualifications.