

Summary of the:

GQA PAA\VQSET LEVEL 5 DIPLOMA IN METEOROLOGICAL FORECASTING 603/2867/8

This qualification will provide recognition of the skills and knowledge of individuals working in Meteorological Forecasting. It covers dealing with customers, monitoring the weather, preparing forecast data and weather forecasts, and communicating this information to others.

Establishing underpinning knowledge and understanding for individuals who work in Meteorological Forecasting, this qualification is intended to be capable of delivery through both a taught programme of off-the-job learning or through workplace assessment (for those with access to the real workplace).

Learners must achieve 6 Mandatory Units.

What is required from candidates?

Qualifications are made up of a number of units that have a credit value or credits.

These credits must be achieved in the correct combination from mandatory units: this qualification has 6 mandatory units

The units are made up of the things you need to know and the things you need to be able to do to carry out your job safely and correctly. These are called Learning Outcomes, and all must be met to achieve the unit.

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, this qualification has a TQT of 850 hours.

Qualifications are also required to indicate the number of hours of teaching someone would normally need to receive in order to pass the qualification. These are referred to as Guided Learning Hours (GLH). The GLH for this qualification is 335 hours.

Unit Number	Unit Name
Met 11b	Clarify customers' meteorological needs
Met 12b	Monitor the weather
Met 13b	Prepare meteorological forecast data
Met 14b	Prepare and issue weather forecasts in different formats
Met 15b	Control the quality of weather forecasts
Met 16b	Convey meteorological information and weather forecasts to users

Assessment Guidance:

Evidence should show that you can complete all of the learning outcomes for each unit being taken.

Types of evidence:

Evidence of performance and knowledge is required. Evidence of performance should be demonstrated by activities and outcomes, and should be generated in the workplace only, unless indicated under potential sources of evidence (see below). Evidence of knowledge can be demonstrated through performance or by responding to questions.

Quantity of evidence:

Evidence should show that you can meet the requirements of the units in a way that demonstrates that the standards can be achieved consistently over an appropriate period of time.

Potential sources of evidence:

The main source of evidence for each unit will be observation of the candidate's performance and knowledge demonstrated during the completion of the unit. This can be supplemented by the following types of physical or documentary evidence:

- Accident book/reporting systems
- Safety records
- Training records
- Audio records
- Job specifications and documentation
- Delivery Records
- Witness testimonies
- Correspondence with customers
- Notes and memos
- Photo/video evidence
- Work diaries
- Timesheets
- Telephone Logs
- Meeting records
- Records of toolbox talks
- Equipment
- Prepared materials and sites
- Completed work

Please Note that photocopied or downloaded documents such as manufacturers' or industry guidance, H&S policies, Risk Assessments etc, are not normally acceptable evidence for GQA unless accompanied by a record of a professional discussion or Assessor statement confirming candidate knowledge of the subject. If you are in any doubt about the validity of evidence, please contact your GQA External Verifier.

