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Level 1 Award in Practical Cleaning Skills (601/4262/5)

OVERVIEW

What does this qualification cover?

This qualification moves on from the Entry Level 3 in Practical Cleaning Skills (601/4239/X) qualification which deals with basic cleaning operations: cleaning bathrooms; washrooms; stairs and landings; suctioning floors and gives you the chance to show your skills in more complex cleaning operations.

You will take 2 to 3 units from the following selection of units depending on where you are working in the cleaning industry

- Prepare and clean hard floor surfaces using machinery
- Prepare, spray clean and buff floor surfaces
- Clean and dispose of bodily fluids, spillages and hazardous items
- Prepare and clean refuse chutes
- Prepare, clean and service guestrooms and public areas
- Prepare and clean a food area and appliances
- Prepare and clean external surfaces of IT equipment
- Prepare to work in the cleaning industry
- Prepare to clear and clean internal and external waste storage areas

These units cover both internal and external cleaning operations and it should take around 24 hours studying to complete.

This is a Framework qualification.

Who could take this qualification?

This qualification is good for you if you have already taken the Entry Level 3 Award in Practical Cleaning Skills and already have an understanding of basic cleaning operations. This qualification will give you the opportunity to move on to more specialised cleaning operations.

You need to be 16 years or over to take this qualification.

WHAT COULD THIS QUALIFICATION LEAD TO?

It could lead to a variety of cleaning roles including

- Hygiene and cleaning operative
- Industrial cleaning operative
- Street cleaning operative

You could progress onto an intermediate apprenticeship in 'Cleaning and Environmental Support Services' or other qualifications such as

- Level 1 Certificate in Practical Cleaning Skills (601/4263/7)
- Level 2 Certificate in Practical Cleaning Skills (601/4264/9)
- Level 1 Award in Introduction to the Facilities Industry (600/2887/7)
- Level 1 Certificate in Introduction to the Facilities Industry (600/2938/9)
- Level 2 Certificate in Cleaning and Support Services Skills (500/8104/4)

WHY CHOOSE THIS QUALIFICATION OVER OTHER SIMILAR QUALIFICATIONS?

You should take this qualification if you already have successfully completed the Entry Level 3 Award in Practical Cleaning Skills or already have an understanding of basic cleaning operations including: cleaning bathrooms; washrooms; stairs and landings; suctioning floors and want to show your skills in more involved cleaning operations including: cleaning food areas; cleaning IT equipment; cleaning hard surfaces using machinery.

This qualification is more advanced than the Entry Level 3 Award in Practical Cleaning Skills, however it is less advanced than the Level 1 Certificate in Practical Cleaning Skills which contains units on applying emulsion floor polish, green cleaning methods, pressure cleaning and cosmetic and deep cleaning of carpets. If you have these skills then you should think about the Level 1 Certificate. If you have team leading or training skills then you should think about the Level 2 Certificate in Practical Cleaning Skills which contains units on training operatives and team leading.

WHO SUPPORTS THIS QUALIFICATION?

This qualification is supported by

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