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## **Level 1 Certificate in practical cleaning skills (601/4263/7)**

### OVERVIEW

What does this qualification cover?

This qualification moves on from the Level 1 Award in Practical Cleaning Skills (601/4262/5) which covered a range of cleaning operations: cleaning hard floors using machinery, cleaning IT equipment, cleaning and disposing of spillages and hazardous items and covers even more advanced cleaning skills including preparing and pressure cleaning porous or non-porous surfaces, preparing and carrying out cosmetic cleaning of carpets and preparing and deep cleaning carpets.

You will take the following unit

- Prepare to work in the cleaning industry

and then choose up to four units from the following group

- 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 clear and clean internal and external waste storage areas

and then a further one unit from this group

- Clean and maintain bathrooms
- Clean and maintain washrooms
- Prepare, dry sweep and damp mop floor surfaces
- Prepare and clean furniture fixtures and fittings
- Prepare and clean interior walls and windows
- Prepare and suction clean floor surfaces
- Prepare and clean stairs and landings
- Prepare, strip and apply emulsion floor polish
- Green Cleaning methods and practices
- Prepare and pressure clean porous or non-porous surfaces
- Prepare and carry out cosmetic cleaning of carpets
- Prepare and deep clean carpets



This qualification should take around 99 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 Level 1 Award in Practical Cleaning Skills or have an understanding of more specialised cleaning skills including cleaning food areas, cleaning IT equipment, cleaning and disposing of bodily fluids, spillages and hazardous items and spray cleaning and buffing floor surfaces.

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

**WHAT COULD THIS QUALIFICATION LEAD TO?**

It could lead to a variety of cleaning roles including

- Industrial cleaning operative
- Specialist flooring operative
- Specialist bio hazard operative
- Passenger Transport Cleaner

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

- 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 Level 1 Award in Practical Cleaning Skills or already have an understanding of more specialised cleaning operations including: cleaning food areas; preparing and cleaning IT equipment; preparing and cleaning hard surfaces using machinery; cleaning and disposing of bodily fluids, spillages and hazardous items. This qualification will give you the opportunity to show your skills in even more advanced cleaning operations including preparing and pressure cleaning porous or non-porous surfaces, preparing and carrying out cosmetic cleaning of carpets and preparing and deep cleaning carpets.

WHO SUPPORTS THIS QUALIFICATION?

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