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601/2710/7 – Level 3 Diploma in Blacksmithing

OVERVIEW

What does this qualification cover?

This qualification covers a very wide range of areas related to the skills and knowledge required to work in the Blacksmithing Industry.

The allow learners to learn, develop and practice the skills required for career progression in the Blacksmithing industry.

.This qualification has four pathways;

- General Blacksmithing
- Artistic Blacksmithing
- Heritage Blacksmithing
- Industrial Blacksmithing

The following areas will be covered in the mandatory core units

- Forging techniques for blacksmithing and metalworking
- Finishing surfaces by applying coatings or coverings
- Communicate effectively in craft
- Blacksmithing forge practices using small forge assemblies
- Design processes for blacksmithing work



The choice of optional units will allow the learner develop and practice the skills required for career progression in the required area of expertise to work as blacksmiths in the heritage craft sector.

This is a Framework qualification.

Who could take this qualification?

For learners who work or want to work as blacksmiths in the heritage craft sector.

This qualification is suitable for anyone from 16 years old or over to take this qualification.

WHAT COULD THIS QUALIFICATION LEAD TO?

There are opportunities to work as:

- Industrial Blacksmiths in the Armed Forces, Mining, Docks, Steel Manufacture and Engineering for Maintenance, repair and production.
- Artist Blacksmiths for the most part tend to be self-employed in designing and making a wide range of products for domestic and architectural environments either through direct sale or to commission.
- Heritage Blacksmiths can work for larger conservation organisations or as self-employed specialists in ironwork conservation and replication.
- General Blacksmiths are mostly self-employed or work for small family businesses. They often undertake a whole range of work comprising of repairs, forging and fabrication products that can be functional and/or decorative. In larger organisations there may be opportunities for blacksmiths to gain promotion to supervisor.

WHO SUPPORTS THIS QUALIFICATION?

This qualification is supported by British Artist Blacksmiths Association