

Using LASER Qualifications for 2016-17



For 2016-17 colleges can use a much wider range of LASER qualifications and units to support the needs of learners. The Skills Funding Agency has removed many of the restrictions on which qualifications are fundable as part of the changes to the 2016-17 funding methodology. The new 'Local Flexibility' rules will allow courses to use qualifications and units to enable *"colleges and other training organisations more flexibility to respond to the needs of their local area."* (SFA January 2016) from Entry Level to Level 2 as within the redefined 'Adult Education Budget'.

This News Update highlights some of the key qualification areas that LASER can offer to meet the needs of learners for colleges and for training providers.

Supporting Learners with Learning Difficulties

[Independent Living](#)

This suite of qualifications is available at Entry Levels. The qualifications develop and foster life and learning skills. Appropriate for learners with learning difficulties or disabilities the qualifications are available to learners of any age. The Awards contain 8 pathways. The Certificates contain 2 pathways.

[Personal Progress](#)

These qualifications provide a foundation for lifelong learning and focus on the transferable social and life skills needed for living in the community. They are available to learners of any age.

[Preparing to Get a Job](#)

Flexible qualifications at Entry Level 2 consisting of a wide range of employability and work experience units for providers to choose from. These are available to learners aged 16 years or older.

[Participating in Learning](#)

Flexible qualifications at Entry Level 2 consisting of a wide range of academic and personal and social development units for providers to choose from. These are available to learners aged 16 years or older.

Supporting Progression

Following the tradition of our OCN origins we have always offered a wide range of qualifications to support learners to progress onto further learning and training opportunities. See below for a sample of our qualifications suites designed to enable progression:



[Learning, Employability and Progression](#)

A suite of qualifications offering a wide range of personal development and vocational taster units. The qualifications have been designed to offer maximum flexibility to learners to support them onto further learning or into work. Available to learners of any age.

[Skills for Working in Health and Social Care Professions \(QCF\)](#)

Designed to provide preparatory skills and knowledge for those interested in either entering the health and social care sectors, or for moving onto a training or learning course at Level 2 or Level 3.

[Enhancing Employability](#)

Intended to develop a wide range of transferable employability skills relevant to vocational employment and allow learners to 'taste' and gain experience in generic work-related activities.

[Getting Into Employment](#)

Supports learners looking for work, focusing on building confidence and preparing for a job interview. This is a suite of qualifications, with a number approved for use with learners of any age.

[Research Skills](#)

This small qualification develops the research skills needed for academic study at Level 3 and Level 4, such as planning research, assessing the reliability of sources and using research to inform writing. Available to learners of any age.

Examples

Pre-Access Courses:

Use our [Skills for Working in Health and Social Care Professions \(QCF\)](#) qualification at Level 2 to form the basis of a 'Pre-Access' course for students seeking to join an Access to HE course. There are units available in study skills, Maths, English and personal development that can be combined with health and social care related units to make a course tailored to meet the needs of students preparing for further study. Combine this with a GCSE in English or Maths and perhaps use the LASER 'Research Skills' qualification to offer a year long programme that will prepare students for successful study on an Access course.

Traineeships:

Choose from a range of units in ['Enhancing Employability'](#) to support a 'Traineeship' programme including units such as; Customer Service Skills, Communicating in a Practical Environment, to customise a course that provides learners with a nationally recognised qualification or units thereof to help them to progress into employment.

Other Qualifications and Services

Access to Higher Education



LASER is an Access Validating Agency licensed by the QAA with over 25 years of experience working to support Access to Higher Education. We have over 35 colleges and other providers using us for their Access needs and over 3,800 students are registered on our Access Diplomas in 2015-16. We offer a flexible approach to the design of courses to meet local and regional needs combined with customer support and advice that is second to none! [See our webpages](#)

Qualifications and Training for Education and Training Practitioners

We also offer a range of Qualifications to support the professional development of colleagues working in education, training and youth work. Including; [Education and Training \(QCF\)](#) [Learning Support \(QCF\)](#) [Youth Work Practice \(QCF\)](#) [Supporting Young People Leaving Care in Post-16 Education \(QCF\)](#). For details of our full qualification range and our training delivered on site see our [webpages](#).



Other Products and Services

We also offer:

- ⇒ [‘Quality Mark’](#) services for courses not needing certificates
- ⇒ [Sixth Form Baccalaureate](#) specifically for 6th Form Colleges
- ⇒ Consultancy and customised training delivered on-site
- ⇒ [Bespoke course accreditation](#) using a wide range of

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LASER as Trident Awards

LASER is a leading awarding organisation in the security sector where we use the brand name '[Trident Awards](#)'. We offer both online and paper based exams for these short course qualifications that are required for individuals to work in roles such as Door Supervisors or as CCTV operators. Our service is underpinned by excellent customer support and outstanding quality standards.



Licence to Practice Qualifications

[LASER Level 2 Award for Upskilling a Door Supervisor within the Private Security Industry \(QCF\)](#)

[LASER Level 2 Award for Working as a CCTV Operator \(Public Space Surveillance\) within the Private Security Industry \(QCF\)](#)

[LASER Level 2 Award for Working as a Door Supervisor within the Private Security Industry \(QCF\)](#)

[LASER Level 2 Award for Working as a Security Officer within the Private Security Industry \(QCF\)](#)

[LASER Level 2 Award for Working as a Cash and Valuables in Transit Operative within the Private Security Industry \(QCF\)](#)

Other Qualifications

We also offer

[LASER Level 2 Award for Personal Licence Holders \(QCF\)](#) (available within online exam testing and a detailed support guide)



[LASER Level 2 Award in Understanding Stewarding at Spectator Events \(QCF\)](#)

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