LEVEL 3 OFQUAL REGULATED QUALIFICATION

Research Skills

PRODUCT SUMMARY

Develops the research skills needed for academic study at Level 3 and Level 4, such as:

- planning research
- assessing the reliability of sources
- using research to inform writing.

PRODUCT DETAILS

QUALIFICATION TITLE	OFQUAL CODE	CREDIT VALUE	RULES OF COMBINATION SUMMARY	TQT*	MIN AGE	FEE PER LEARNER
LASER Level 3 Award in Research Skills for Academic Study	600/2786/1	2	1 mandatory unit	17	14	See website.

* Total Qualification Time

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

LASER does not stipulate entry requirements for this qualification.

KEY BENEFITS TO LEARNERS AND CENTRES

- Created as a result of provider feedback
- Sufficiently flexible to be applied to any area of study
- Can be delivered in personal tutor time as only a small qualification in size
- Especially good for students wishing to go to university as it will increase students' confidence and will offer them an edge over their university peers
- Addresses skill that university admissions tutors say entrants lack
- Could be run as a precursor to an Extended Project course to increase knowledge or to assist with a research proposal
- Could be run as an alternative to an Extended Project
- This qualification attracts 8 UCAS points*
- Registrations can be made at any time during the year
- Evidence Log templates available

* Universities and colleges set their own entry requirements and do not have to accept a qualification simply because it is included in the UCAS Tariff tables.

ASSESSMENT

- Range of assessment methods
- Centre designs tasks
- Learner compiles a portfolio of evidence to show they have met each unit assessment criteria
- Internally assessed
- Internally quality assured
- Externally quality assured
- Direct Claim Status available

PUBLIC FUNDING

Pre-16s* ✔

This information is provided in good faith and is subject to change at any time by the funding agencies. Centres are responsible for checking funding eligibility directly with funding agencies.

*Last date for new starters 31 July 2026

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Available until at least 31 May 2026.

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