

Diploma Qualifications structures

Diplomas

Feature

Covers wide range of vocationally-related and general subjects

Levels

1-3

Completion time

24 months

Group Diplomas

Feature

Greater emphasis on vocationally-related subjects

Levels

3

Completion time

3 months

Specialised Diplomas

Feature

Emphasis on professional achievement and progression

Levels

3 (and 4 coming soon)

Completion time

6 months

Diplomas - These qualifications are suitable for students who have a general interest in business-related activities and want to develop their knowledge, understanding and skills across a broad range of related subjects.

The Diploma structure consists of a number of mandatory and optional vocationally-related and general subjects, such as English for Business and ICT skills. This structure provides students with a solid foundation for progressing to Group Diplomas at the same level, or a higher level.

Group Diplomas - These qualifications are suitable for students who have an interest in a particular business function (e.g. Accounting or Marketing) and want to develop their knowledge, understanding and skills across this broad functional area, without having to specialise.

The Diploma structure consists of mandatory and optional vocationally-related subjects, which apply to distinct functional business areas. This Diploma will allow students, who are undecided on their specialised subject area, to develop a broad range of knowledge and skills within a main function of business. For example, for a Group Diploma within the broad area of the accounting function, a student could combine Cost Accounting, Management Accounting and Financial Accounting; or similarly they could combine Marketing, Public Relations and Advertising, for a Group Diploma in the Marketing function.

Specialised Diplomas - The new Specialised Diplomas are suitable for students who have a clear idea of their professional aspirations and how they want to specialise within a business function. This range of coherent and flexible qualifications provides students with a diverse but related body of knowledge and skills, which together contribute to a rounded and motivating learning experience that is relevant to their interests and how they intend to progress. The range consists of:

- Level 3 Specialised Diploma in Accounting and Finance
- Level 3 Specialised Diploma in Managerial Accounting
- Level 3 Specialised Diploma in Cost Accounting
- Level 3 Specialised Diploma in Business Management and Accounting

The Specialised Diploma structure consists of mandatory and optional vocationally-related subjects. The mandatory subjects form the context for each Diploma and provide opportunities for students to develop and apply in-depth knowledge, understanding and skills within their chosen area of specialism.

The range of optional subjects provides complementary and relevant learning into the students' chosen Diploma to enhance their breadth of study. The optional modules are 'unit-sized' qualifications with recommended guided learning hours between 40 - 60 hours. These units are available at different levels and are accredited by the UK regulatory authorities.

The unit-sized qualifications can add value to the students learning programme as not only do they provide greater choice and flexibility in learning and assessment, their reduced timeframe can aid student motivation, as well as encourage students to undertake additional subjects to suit their needs and requirements.