



Focus Awards Level 4 Diploma in Massage Therapy for Sports (RQF)

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Qualification Summary

Level	Sector	Qualification Type
4	Sport, Leisure and Recreation	Occupational Qualification
Total Qualification Time	Credit Value	Guided Learning Hours
560	56	353
Status	Methods of Assessment	Minimum Age
Available to Learners	Portfolio of Evidence	16



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QRN: 603/5000/3

GLH: 353

TQT: 560

Credit: 56

Qualification Purpose:

The Focus Awards Level 4 Diploma in Sports Massage Therapy (RQF) is aimed at those learners currently working in the sports and active leisure sector.

The purpose of the Focus Awards Level 4 Diploma in Sports Massage Therapy (RQF) is to provide the learner with the knowledge, skills and understanding that is needed to be able to Conducting Subjective and Objective Assessments, Provide Sports Massage Techniques to Prevent and Manage Injury and Treatment Modalities to Support Soft Tissue Repair.

Age Range

Entry is at the discretion of the centre. However, learners should be aged 16 to undertake this qualification.

Geographical Coverage

This qualification is available in England.

Learner Entry Requirements:

Focus Awards does not set any other entry requirements, but additional criteria may be requested or specified by the centre.

Reasonable Adjustments and Special Considerations

Please refer to the Focus Awards 'Reasonable Adjustments and Special Considerations Policy'. A copy is available for download from the Focus Awards website at the following url: <https://www.focusawards.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Reasonable-Adjustments.pdf>

Assessment Methods

This qualification is Internally Assessed. Each learner must create a portfolio of evidence that demonstrates achievement of all the learning outcomes and assessment criteria associated with each unit.

The main pieces of evidence for the portfolio could include some or all of the following:

- Assessor observation
- Witness testimony
- Learner product
- Worksheets
- Assignments/projects/reports
- Record of oral and written questioning
- Learner and peer reports
- Recognition of prior learning (RPL)

Progression Routes

Learners seeking progress from this qualification can advance their skills further through the following:

- Focus Awards Level 4 Certificate In Developing Physical Activity And Weight Management Strategies For Obese Clients (RQF)
- Focus Awards Level 4 Certificate In Developing Physical Activity And Weight Management Strategies For Diabetic Clients (RQF)
- Focus Awards Level 4 Certificate In Exercise For Managing Lower Back Pain (RQF)

Supporting Material and Useful Websites

- <https://focusawards.org.uk/supportingmaterials>
- <https://ofqual.gov.uk>

Mandatory Units

Unit Title	Unit Reference	Level	Credit	Guided Learning Hours
Anatomy and Physiology for Sports Massage	F/616/8377	3	5	40
Principles of Health and Fitness	J/616/8378	2	4	28
Understand the Principles of Soft Tissue Dysfunction and Injury	M/617/6331	3	5	30
Understand Professional Practice in Sports Massage Treatments	T/617/6332	3	6	40
Understand and Provide Different Sports Massage treatments	A/617/6333	3	17	87
Performing Subjective and Objective Assessment	L/617/6286	4	7	50
Understand and Provide Sports Massage Techniques	R/617/6287	4	9	58
Understand Treatment to Support injury rehabilitation	F/617/6334	4	3	20

Staff Requirements

Requirements for Tutors/Instructors

Tutors delivering the qualification will be required to hold or be working towards a teaching qualification. This may include qualifications such as the Levels 3, 4 or 5 in Education and Training, or a Certificate in Education. Focus Awards will however; consider other teaching qualifications upon submission. Tutors must also be able to demonstrate that they are occupationally competent within the sector area.

Requirements for Assessors

Assessors will be required to hold, or be working towards a relevant assessing qualification. This includes qualifications such as:

- Level 3 Award in Assessing Competence in the Work Environment
- Level 3 Award in Assessing Vocationally-Related Achievement
- Level 3 Certificate in Assessing Vocational Achievement

Focus Awards will however; consider other relevant assessing qualifications upon submission.

Assessors who only hold the Level 3 Award in Understanding the Principles and Processes of Assessment will be required to complete an additional programme of study to achieve the relevant competency units required for one of the qualifications listed above.

Trainee assessors who do not hold an assessment qualification will require their decisions to be countersigned by a suitably qualified assessor.

Assessors must also be able to show they are occupationally competent within the sector area

Requirements for Internal Quality Assurers (IQA)

Internal Quality Assurers should hold or be working towards the following an IQA qualification. This may include qualifications such as the V1 (previously D34), or the Level 4 Award in the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice. Focus Awards will however; consider other relevant IQA qualifications upon submission. Trainee IQAs who do not hold an IQA qualification will require their decisions to be countersigned by a suitably qualified IQA. IQAs must be able to demonstrate occupational competence.