



Focus Awards Level 3 Diploma in Exercise Referral (RQF)

601/7916/8

Qualification Summary

Key Information

Level	Sector	Qualification Type
3	Sport, leisure and recreation	Occupational
Total Qualification Time	Credit Value	Guided Learning Hours
380	38	242
Status	Methods of Assessment	Minimum Age
Available to learners	Portfolio of evidence	16



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GLH: 242
TQT: 380
Credit: 38

Qualification Purpose:

The purpose of the Focus Awards Level 3 Diploma in Exercise Referral (RQF) is to provide the learner with the knowledge and understanding of applying the principles of anatomy and physiology, medical conditions, professional practice and nutrition. Learners will develop the skills and knowledge needed to plan and instruct suitable programmes for exercise referral patients.

The Focus Awards Level 3 Diploma in Exercise Referral (RQF) is aimed at those learners that are currently working or are wishing to work within the Fitness and Active Leisure sector.

Age ranges

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 and Northern Ireland.

Learner Entry Requirements

Learners must have achieved a pre-requisite qualification either in Fitness Instructing (gym based, exercise to music or aqua) at Level 2 or Personal Training at Level 3.



Reasonable Adjustments

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 Diabetic Clients (RQF)
- Focus Awards Level 4 Certificate In Developing Physical Activity And Weight Management Strategies For Obese Clients (RQF)
- Focus Awards Level 4 Certificate In Delivering Physical Activity For Individuals With Mental Health Conditions (RQF)

Supporting Material and Useful Websites

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

Qualification Structure

In order to successfully complete the Focus Awards Level 3 Diploma in Exercise Referral (RQF) learners must achieve 38 credits from 6 mandatory units.

Mandatory Units

Unit Title	Unit Reference	Level	Credit	Guided Learning Hours
Planning exercise referral programmes with patients	D/503/7494	3	8	52
Understanding Medical Conditions for Exercise Referral	R/503/7492	4	7	35
Professional Practice for Exercise Referral Instructors	Y/503/7493	3	2	14
Instructing exercise with referred patients	L/503/7491	3	9	58
Anatomy and physiology for exercise and health	A/600/9051	3	6	43
Applying the principles of nutrition to a physical activity programme	L/600/9054	3	6	40

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.