



Oxford Cambridge and RSA

Qualification title: OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Foundation Diploma in Business

Qualification number - 601/7700/7

Who is the OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Foundation Diploma in Business for?

This qualification is for you if you are 16 years old or over and you want to gain a broad understanding of business, but don't want to specialise in a specific business function at this stage.

There are no formal entry requirements for this qualification, but, ideally, you will typically have or be working towards GCSEs at grade 4/grade C or above including maths and English.

What does this qualification cover?

This qualification contains eight mandatory units:

- The business environment
- Working in business
- Business decisions
- Customers and communication
- Accounting concepts
- Principles of project management
- Responsible business practice
- Business events

In Business Events you will apply what you have learned in the other units you have taken; providing further application of your knowledge and skills; enhancing the applied nature of the qualification.

What could this qualification lead to?

This vocational qualification will help you to progress onto a qualification in the same subject area at a higher level in Higher Education (HE). Progression could be onto a Business, Administration and Management degree or other business-related or non-business-related degree programmes.

You will learn by applying the skills, knowledge and understanding from the qualification to tasks or activities that are relevant to business. This will help prepare you to continue your education in this sector. We have worked with leading universities and employers to design content that develops the knowledge, understanding and skills that they are looking for, such as:

- communication
- team work
- planning
- organisation
- book keeping.

As this qualification requires personal study as well as external and internal assessments, you will be better prepared to make the adjustment to the learner-led study at university.

Is this qualification right for me?

This qualification is part of a suite of Cambridge Technicals in Business at Levels 2 and 3.

You would take an OCR Level 2 Cambridge Technical qualification if you're 16 years old or over and you are looking for a qualification that will enable you to progress into employment in a specific job role.

You would take one of the OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technicals in Business if you wish to progress onto a qualification in the same subject area at a higher level in Higher Education (HE).

Normally, you would choose one of the OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technicals in Business qualifications because you have an interest in the subject area and/or have successfully gained Level 2 qualifications in a similar or related subject.

The qualification is designed to be taken as part of a study programme alongside other vocational qualifications, such as Cambridge Technicals in IT, Laboratory Skills or Digital Media and A levels including subjects such as Maths, English or Economics.

There are five sizes of qualification available in the Level 3 Cambridge Technicals in Business suite:

- OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Certificate in Business
- OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate in Business
- **OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Foundation Diploma in Business**
- OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Diploma in Business
- OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma in Business

This qualification is a similar size to one and a half A levels and can be taken in two years. This gives you the flexibility to take other qualifications, vocational or academic, to progress to a degree programme in HE or into employment where you could continue to study.

You would take the Certificate, which is the same size as an AS Level, if you were looking for a smaller qualification that could complement the main subjects in your study programme and prepare you for further study.

The Extended Certificate is similar in size to one A level and can be taken in one or two years. This gives you the flexibility to take other qualifications, vocational or academic, to progress to a degree programme in HE or into employment where you could continue to study.

The Diploma is a larger qualification, similar in size to two A levels, which gives you the flexibility to take other qualifications, vocational or academic. The Diploma allows you to tailor your learning to a specific area in the business sector by selecting a specialist pathway (marketing or accounting), to prepare you to study relevant business degrees in a HE institution. It would also prepare you to move onto an apprenticeship programme in business where you could continue to study.

The Extended Diploma is the largest qualification and is similar in size to three A levels. It can be taken in two years and will form your complete study program. This will give you the breadth of business knowledge, subject specific skills, understanding and transferable skills to progress to a business degree programme in HE. It would also prepare you to move onto an apprenticeship programme in business where you could continue to study.

Who supports this qualification?

The following Universities support this qualification:

Arden University

University of Buckingham

Coventry University

Leeds Beckett University

University of Sheffield

Staffordshire University

University of Wolverhampton

Details of this support can be found on the OCR website:

<http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/by-type/vocational-education-and-skills/performance-table-information/>

Further information

This is an Applied General qualification.

To find out more about the OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Foundation Diploma in Business please refer to the centre handbook available on the OCR website.

If you have any other queries please contact vocational.qualifications@ocr.org.uk

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Our general and vocational qualifications equip you with the knowledge and skills needed for the future, helping you to achieve your full potential.