

EAL Purpose Statement:

Qualification Title:	601/4567/5 EAL Level 3 Advanced Diploma in Plumbing
Qualification Overview:	<p>What is this qualification?</p> <p>The Level 3 Advanced Diploma in Plumbing is intended as a Technical Level qualification. It has been specifically designed for 16-19 year old learners in full time education who have completed the Level 2 Intermediate Diploma in Plumbing as part of their 16-19 Study Programme and who are interested in pursuing a career in this occupational area. The qualification may also be suitable for other learners, including adults, who are interested in plumbing and/or are considering a career change.</p> <p>Who is this qualification for?</p> <p>Learners must be at least 16 years of age and have successfully completed the Level 2 Intermediate Diploma in Plumbing. They must also demonstrate that they have the potential to achieve all aspects of the qualification. In particular, learners should be able to demonstrate that they have the minimum levels of literacy and numeracy required to comply with the health and safety aspects of the scheme, the completion of the learning outcomes, and the assessments.</p> <p>The qualification does not require evidence of occupational competence in the workplace. However, the units of the qualification have been derived from the relevant National Occupational Standards (NOS) and so contribute to developing the skills and knowledge that have been identified to operate effectively as a plumber.</p> <p>What does the qualification cover?</p> <p>The qualification provides learners with practical experience of plumbing and an expectation of some of the situations that they could face as a plumber in the building services sector. It builds on the Level 2 Diploma by providing learners with more advanced knowledge and the related practical skills they will need to pursue a career in this occupational area.</p> <p>The qualification has SIX mandatory units. These cover the essential knowledge and understanding that is required by someone aspiring to work as a plumber in the building services industry, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to organise resources within the building services environment • Domestic cold water system installation, commissioning, service and maintenance techniques • Domestic hot water system installation, commissioning, service and maintenance techniques • Domestic central heating system installation, commissioning, service and maintenance techniques • Domestic sanitation system installation, commissioning, service and maintenance techniques • The fundamental principles and requirements of environmental technology systems.

What could this qualification lead to?	<p>The EAL Level 3 Advanced Diploma in Plumbing will not automatically qualify learners to work as plumbers. However, it does offer a stepping stone into employment by providing learners with the opportunity to progress to one of the following apprenticeships and/or Industry recognised qualifications at level 3:</p> <p>Apprenticeships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plumbing and Heating• Domestic Heating <p>Industry Recognised Qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• EAL Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Plumbing and Heating• EAL Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Heating
Who supports this qualification?	<p>This qualification is supported by the Chartered Institute of Plumbing and Heating Engineering (CIPHE) which is the professional body and Chartered Institute for the UK Plumbing and Heating industry.</p>
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