

EAL Purpose Statement:

600/8593/9 EAL Level 3 Certificate in Plumbing and Heating (QCF)

Qualification Overview:

This level 3 Vocationally Related Qualification (VRQ) is based on national occupational standards, which are statements of performance that describe what competent people in a particular occupation or task are expected to be able to do.

This qualification focuses on fundamental practical skills and knowledge and ensures that when the learner completes the qualification they will have gained practical experience and expectation of some of the situations that they could face in a job role within the plumbing sector. It covers complex knowledge and understanding of a broad range of plumbing competencies and has been developed in consultation with colleges and training associations to ensure that it meets the needs of the building services sector.

The qualification is **delivered by EAL Centres** and **does not** require occupational evidence.

The primary purpose of this qualification is to prepare individuals to enter a specific sector, job role and/or apprenticeship and you will need to select the appropriate pathway to enable you to achieve the assessment requirements. It can be taken by full-time employees or by school and college students with a work placement or part-time job that enables them to develop the appropriate skills in the workplace.

The achievement of this qualification will encourage an employee to value their contribution to the workplace, and it will develop their skills and potential.

What does this qualification cover?

To achieve this qualification you need **a minimum of 17 credits**.

You must complete a **minimum of 17 credits** from the unit group which cover the skills, knowledge and understanding required by someone aspiring to work in the gas industry including:

- 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

This VRQ is assessed by a number of ways including: controlled assessments, practical tests, written and multiple choice exams.

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Who could take this qualification? OR who is this qualification designed for?

- Learners who are progressing from the level 2 diploma in plumbing and heating and have the ability to achieve a level 3 plumbing and heating qualification
- learners would need additional competence training if they were successful in securing employment in industry
- Those who are new to the industry or looking for a career change or wish to learn new skills.
- Those looking for a nationally recognised qualification at Level 3

It is suitable for learners aged:

- 16-18
- 19+

What could this qualification lead to?

Typical job roles include:

- Domestic Plumber
- Domestic Plumber and Heating Engineer

Progression to further learning:

You will be able progress onto other qualifications such as:

- EAL Level 3 Diploma in Plumbing and Heating

If you gain employment or work placement within the plumbing industry, the qualification can be mapped into:

- EAL Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Plumbing and Heating
- EAL Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Heating

Apprenticeships:

This qualification can lead onto the SummitSkills apprenticeship frameworks.

Similar titled qualifications offered by EAL (e.g. Award/Certificate/Diploma):

You might find that the similar named qualifications are more appropriate for your needs:

EAL Level 3 Award In Plumbing and Heating (QCF) This qualification is smaller in size and you are required to complete **9 credits**.

EAL Level 3 Diploma In Plumbing and Heating (QCF) This qualification is larger in size and all **six mandatory units** need to be completed to achieve **54 credits**. It is recommended for learners wishing to progress onto competence based they complete a further 2 optional units.

Who supports this qualification?

- Trafford College (**UKPRN 10005998**) – one of the leading providers of education and training in Manchester, offering quality, responsive provision meeting the needs of young people, adults and employers alike.
- The City of Liverpool College (**UKPRN 10003955**) – offers a wide variety of courses for progression into employment.
- Hybrid Gas & Electrical Training Centre (**UKPRN 10026620**) - offering a wide range of course options to help you meet your career goals.

Any other relevant information:

Ofqual Qualification code: 600/8593/9

QCF Level: 3

QCF Credit Value: 17

Guided Learning Hours (GLH): Min 148 Max 174

Further Information:

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