



Access to HE

PART OF **nocn** GROUP



Access to HE Diploma

The QAA Access to HE Diploma

The QAA Access to HE Diploma is an exciting route to Higher Education and into a new career. It is one of the main routes into Higher Education for adults and is part of the UCAS Tariff Point system. It is a highly flexible Level 3 qualification with a wide range of subject options and modes of study. The qualification also enables progression to a whole range of Level 4 programmes including higher apprenticeships. Students can apply for a place at a higher education institution using the usual UCAS application process with the majority successfully gaining a place at their chosen institution.

The Access to HE Diploma is funded by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) for students aged between 19 and 23 who meet the eligibility criteria and via the Advanced Learner Loan for those aged 19 and above who do not meet the ESFA criteria. However, this loan is written off by the Government when students complete their Higher Education course.

Benefits of the QAA Access to HE Diploma

Life-changing for Students

Access to HE students go on to succeed at Higher Education and beyond, pursuing new careers and seeing changes in their lives they never thought possible

Inspiring for Tutors

Tutors enjoy a hugely rewarding teaching experience working with highly motivated mature students to transform lives

Perfect for Providers

The only Level 3 qualification eligible for an advanced learner loan write-off and appeals to those hard to reach learners with diplomas available in a wide range of subject areas

Important for Stakeholders

Meets the widening participation agenda in Higher Education and progression into employment including progression to a myriad of undergraduate courses, HNC/HNDs and Higher Degree Apprenticeships

How is the Access to HE Diploma structured?

Each Diploma is composed of a number of units with a level and credit value. Students must achieve 60 credits in total. 15 credits are from ungraded units and 45 credits are from graded ones. The grades are determined as Pass, Merit and Distinction.

The overriding aim of all Diplomas is to prepare students for study at Higher Education.



Why choose One Awards

One Awards is one of the leading Access Validating Agencies in the UK. For over 25 years we have delivered outstanding customer service offering the highest quality Access to HE Diplomas.

If you are considering seeking approval to deliver the Access to HE Diploma for the first time or transferring from another Access Validating Agency, there are many reasons why we think you should consider One Awards as your AVA for example:

Learners achieving One Awards diplomas achieve the highest all distinction grade profile
(Correct as of 2018/2019 data).

Lowest risk rating from our regulator, the Quality Assurance Agency for HE

Our service standards mean that certificates are provided within 2 days of provider claims and your calls are answered within 3 rings

Our diplomas are mainly 9 credit units, meaning your administration workload is much reduced compared to lots of 3 credit ones

We can develop any title of diploma providing there is a market need and clear progression opportunities to HE for students

We have a wide range of existing diploma titles fit for 21st century learning from Creative and Digital Industries, Emerging Technologies, Media, Science and Engineering, Art and Design to Health



Becoming a One Awards Access to HE Centre

There are two processes which work in parallel to make your approval with One Awards easy:

DIPLOMA APPROVAL

Centre makes an application to One Awards. Access to HE Manager and Head of Quality are informed

Access to HE Manager works with the Centre to complete the necessary Access Diploma application documents

Centre attends an external review panel with HE subject specialists and other representatives

Recommendations from external or internal panels are submitted to the Access to Higher Education Committee for formal consideration and approval

Once approved and Centre Recognised, the Diplomas are uploaded to the QAA Access Diploma Database, enabling them to be eligible for funding.

CENTRE APPROVAL

Centre applies to the Head of Quality at One Awards for Centre Recognition

Quality assurance checks are completed with the Head of Centre to ensure QAA requirements will be met

Approval Recommendation is made to the Managing Director, One Awards

If approval is given, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, Centre recognition is granted



PART OF **nocn** GROUP

One Awards • 1 Palmer Road • South West Industrial Estate • Peterlee • Co Durham • SR8 2HU
Tel: 0191 518 6550 • Fax: 0191 518 6551 • www.oneawards.org.uk

Delivering services on behalf of

