

WHAT IS AN NVQ?

1. INTRODUCTION

National Vocational Qualifications (NVQs) provide a consistent national system of qualification related to specific work areas and are based on work roles and describe the functions needed to be able to perform that role. Having an NVQ shows that you are competent at performing that particular role. NVQs have been designed to specifically match industry skills and knowledge, improve employability and are transferrable.

2. NVQ LEVELS

NVQs are available at five levels, which can be broadly described as follows:

Level 1 - covers routine and basic knowledge and is ideal for individuals who are starting out or those new to a subject

Level 2 - is for individuals who already have some knowledge or experience in their chosen area

Level 3 - covers more complex work and helps to deliver skills at a more detailed level

Level 4 - involves a thorough analysis of a high level of information and knowledge

Level 5 - is for increasing depth of knowledge and responding to complex problems and situations

All Doctore On Track Training Services Instructors are Level 4 NVQ or above. The level of NVQ that will be assessed and awarded by Doctore On Track Training Services Ltd is NVQ Level 2

3. NVQ LEVEL 2 AWARD

To achieve an NVQ Level 2 Award, a candidate must present evidence that proves that they are competent to national standards in a real working environment. This evidence comes in many different forms; the best being direct observation. Other forms of evidence can be witness testimonies, naturally generated documentation, video, written reports, etc. The evidence is supported by questioning. In some cases, an individual may already have some form of training and qualification and this can sometimes be taken in account as evidence, called Accreditation of Previous Learning (APL). All evidence is compiled into a portfolio and presented for assessment and internal verification prior to certification.

4. WHAT IS ACCREDITATION OF PRIOR LEARNING (APL)?

APL is a means by which an individual can demonstrate competence in what they have achieved in the past, through learning and experience. The candidate still has to present a portfolio, which should contain valid, authentic, current and sufficient evidence. An example of APL evidence would be a testimonial from their line manager stating that they are competent to the standards required. This testimonial can provide an excellent platform for a candidate to use APL.

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