

# **Assessor Award- A1**

## **Course content**

The A1 Assessor Award is a single NVQ unit which replaces the D32 and D33 units. These revised standards are designed to reflect the requirements of Assessors in all occupational sectors, and are the benchmark of good practice in the assessment of NVQ qualifications.

This work-based, professional qualification is delivered via one-to-one tutorials, and is assessed via observation, written questioning, professional discussion and review of portfolio evidence.

## **After completing the A1 award you should be able to:**

- Develop plans for assessing competence with NVQ candidates.
- Judge evidence against agreed standards to make assessment decisions.
- Provide candidates with feedback and support on your assessment.
- Contribute to the internal quality assurance process.

This qualification is aimed at Managers and Supervisors wishing to assess staff in the workplace against NVQ and vocational competence. The duration of the course is at least 6 months and consists of two 1 day workshops approximately 4 weeks apart and a third day for observation and portfolio building.

Workshop one consists of an overview of NVQ, the role of the assessor, assessment methods, special assessment requirements and a strong emphasis on planning. The work is linked to the Care standards throughout. Trainee assessors will be asked to undertake specific work with their candidates in preparation for workshop two.

The second workshop reviews the previous actions, and incorporates the quality assurance components of the A1 award. Assessment and feedback practice is reviewed and further planning is undertaken for the third workshop.

The final workshop is in two parts. The first part involves the trainee assessor being observed working with their candidate by the assessor. The second part concentrates on putting together the A1 portfolio.

## **What will I study?**

Element A1.1: Develop plans for assessing competence with candidates.

Element A1.2: Judge evidence against criteria to make assessment decisions.

Element A1.3: Provide feedback and support to candidates on assessment decisions.

Element A1.4: Contribute to the internal quality assurance process.

At the end of the workshop participants will be able to:

State the role and responsibilities of the assessor.  
Identify and use assessment plans.  
State the types of NVQ evidence  
State the “rules of evidence”  
Understand each stage of the assessment process  
Identify and collect evidence for A1

### **The assessment package includes:**

Five live assessments – the trainer will observe two of these. One observation, one evidence based e.g. candidate work.  
Support and Guidance  
Questioning  
Portfolio assessment  
Registration and certification (when competent).

### **What the course can lead to**

This unit is part of the full NVQ in Learning and Development. Candidates achieving this award can progress to NVQ level  $\frac{3}{4}$  or can work towards the Internal Verifier Unit after 1 year of completing the A1.

### **Qualification/s**

EDEXCEL A1 Assessor Award.

### **Entry requirements**

Candidates for this award need to be assessing in the workplace, using at least four methods of assessment for a competency based NVQ. Candidates must have THREE NVQ learners to assess immediately.

**Course Duration:** 1 Year