



PIABC LEVEL 2 AWARD IN TIMBER AND PANEL PRODUCTS AND THEIR USES (Qualification Number: 600/5496/7)

This qualification has a credit value of TEN.

What does this qualification cover?

The PIABC Level 2 Award in Timber and Panel Products and their Uses is a nationally recognised, single unit qualification which provides learners with basic knowledge of the different types of timber and timber products, how they are processed and their uses in construction. Those achieving the Award will be able to apply this knowledge to choosing appropriate products, advising others and suggesting correct applications for particular functions. The qualification is designed to provide trade specific knowledge appropriate for the day to day activities in a timber yard or office. By the end of the qualification, the learner should be familiar with the main softwoods, hardwoods and panel products traded in the UK. The learner should understand how they are graded, priced, measured and selected for use. The learner should be familiar with the trade terms for these products and be able to explain how and why the items are used in the principal buildings components.

Who is this qualification designed for?

There is no necessity for any formal entry requirement to this qualification beyond the basic literacy and numeracy expected from anyone entering the business world. There are no age restrictions for this qualification although typically this qualification will suit:

1. People recently employed in the industry who want to gain a sound foundation to the material that is central to the sector, to enable them to operate more effectively.
2. People who have been in the industry for some time who want to extend their knowledge and gain a recognised qualification.
3. Those pursuing a competence based qualification that requires underpinning knowledge.
4. Finally, the qualification will appeal to people who are not currently employed in the industry, but who wish to gain a basic qualification as a step towards getting a job and progressing in the sector.

What could this qualification lead to?

Success in this qualification prepares learners to advise others on the choice and application of different types of timber and timber products. Typical job roles include timber purchasing, timber sales and yard operations within a merchant, retailer, or sawmill.

Will the qualification support progression to further learning?

This qualification enables learners to progress to higher level qualifications which are planned for 2014/15 in wood science occupations (timber purchasing and sales roles including consultancy). This qualification will also prepare learners for apprenticeships in the wood and merchant sector at level 2 (and the planned level 3 apprenticeship 2014).

Qualification Structure

To achieve the PIABC Level 2 Award in Timber and Panel Products and their Uses; learners need to successfully gain the 10 credits:

Title	Level	Credit Value
Award in Timber and Panel Products and their Uses	2	10

Learners need to successfully pass an examination based on learning outcomes and the assessment criteria.

For more information and the specification on this qualification, please contact PIABC (piabc@iom3.org).