



What courses or employment can I progress to at the end of my course ?

Students gaining a National Certificate in Business will have access to a range of career and further education opportunities. You learn and use a variety of skills throughout the course, including collecting, analysing and interpreting data, communicating your findings in different ways, and identifying and developing the links between different parts of the subject.

These skills are in great demand and are recognised and highly valued by employers and colleges.

**A National Certificate in Business is equivalent to 4 GCSEs at grades A\* - C**

**A National Award in Business is equivalent to 2 GCSEs at grades A\* - C**



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# OCR National Certificate or Award in Business Level 2



# What do I need to know or be able to do before taking the OCR National Certificate in Business ?

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It is not a requirement that you should have studied Business before, but that you have a lively and enquiring mind, an interest in Business, a willingness to explore new ideas and an ability to communicate your ideas effectively.

# Who is the National Certificate suitable for ?

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This course will appeal to students who:

- Have 3 GCSEs or less who are hoping to seek employment in the business world or who wish to go on to study for the Advanced Vocational Certificate in Education.

And who:

- Have a keen interest in business and how it is operated.
- Enjoy studying a subject that is relevant to their own lives.
- Want to find out more about business through personal investigation.
- Are interested in developing an understanding of how businesses work, develop and make a profit.
- Want to study a course that is active and enjoyable.

# The structure of the National Certificate in Business

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## Typical Units of Study

- Investigating Business
- Enterprise and Operations
- Finance in Business
- Communication in Business
- Working with People in Business
- Keeping Customers Happy

THERE IS NO EXAMINATION

All of the units are internally assessed through assignments that are set and marked by your teachers.

All of the units are externally moderated.

# Can I develop my full range of skills by doing this course ?

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As well as covering the National Certificate in Business you will develop your Key Skills in the areas of:

Communication  
Application of Number  
Information Technology

# What will I learn?

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You will:

- Gain a broad understanding of business and be able to study in depth selected areas of business.
- Develop skills, knowledge and understanding.
- Follow a programme of study that enables progression.
- Have an opportunity to apply learning in a practical and realistic way.
- Develop key skills which are highly valued by employers.
- Gain confidence by developing independent learning skills.

# The Certificate is Equivalent to 4 GCSEs Grade A\* - C with no Final Examination

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There may be the opportunity to participate in work experience sessions in local organisations.

The certificate is awarded when all units have been completed when you will be awarded a Pass, Merit or Distinction Grade equivalent to 4 GCSEs grades A\* - C.

If for any reason you do not succeed at the Certificate, you may achieve the 3 Unit Award which is equivalent to 2 GCSEs A\* - C.