

Vocationally Related Qualifications (VRQs)

What is a VRQ?

A VRQ is a work related and practical qualification helping candidates to develop their employment skills. This nationally recognised qualification is designed to bring real business benefits through its strong focus on practical skills and assessment.

VRQs are a great way to prepare for progression to NVQs, Apprenticeships or employment.

VRQs can provide:

- A more structured, traditional classroom based training programme
- An introduction to the selected industry and related topics
- Candidates with the relevant skills and knowledge needed for their chosen career
- Progression to employment or further study
- Candidates the opportunity to work towards the NVQ in stages, enabling them to build up their confidence through smaller steps

Changes to Government funding means that both the VRQ and NVQ qualifications are now fully subsidised

Why do both?

- Candidates will gain two nationally recognised qualifications
- The combined VRQ and NVQ will take no longer to complete than the NVQ on its own
- Once the VRQ and NVQ are completed candidates will only need to complete their Key Skills* to move to an Apprenticeship
- Candidates will gain valuable work experience
- Employers will gain skilled and qualified staff

Northampton College Business Centre offers VRQs in the following areas:

- Children's Care, Learning & Development
- Cleaning
- IT
- Motor Vehicle

For more information please call 01604 734323, visit www.northamptoncollege.ac.uk/business or email business.centre@northamptoncollege.ac.uk

*Key Skills are the skills that you need to operate confidently and successfully. These can include communication, application of number and information and communication technology.
