

What is a NVQ?

National Apprenticeship Service

Vocational Qualifications Explained

NVQ Competencies Level	Description
1	Competence that involves the application of knowledge in the performance of a range of varied activities, most of which are routine and predictable.
2	Competence that involves the application of knowledge in a significant range of varied work activities, performed in a variety of contexts. Some of the activities are complex or non-routine, with some individual responsibility or autonomy. Evidence of team work/ collaboration with others is often required.
3	Competence that involves the application of knowledge in a broad range of varied work activities, performed in a wide variety of contexts, most of which are complex and non-routine. There is considerable responsibility and autonomy including control or guidance of others.
4	Competence that involves the application of knowledge in a broad range of complex, technical or professional work activities performed in a variety of contexts and with a substantial degree of personal responsibility and autonomy. Responsibility for the allocation of resources is often present.
5	Competence that involves the application of a range of fundamental principles across a wide and often unpredictable variety of contexts. Very substantial personal autonomy and often significant responsibility for the work of others and for the allocation of substantial resources feature strongly, as do personal accountabilities for analysis, diagnosis, design, planning, execution and evaluation.