

A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a black pen, writing in a spiral-bound notebook. The person is wearing a dark blazer and a ring on their ring finger. The background is blurred, showing another person's face.

# A Guide to the ABP Customised Framework

The ABP Customised Framework enables providers of education and training to design flexible and customised qualifications. These qualifications can support access to education and employment, lifelong learning or the requirements of particular employers and employees.

Some of the benefits of the ABP Customised Framework are:

- its flexibility, coherence and relevance across eight levels
- certification of small or larger blocks of learning
- the opportunity to customise a qualification for specific employment or industry needs
- the potential for links to existing qualifications or to other qualifications which are recognised by other organisations, such as UK universities
- the ability to provide the knowledge, skills and understanding that underpin the National Occupational Standards for a particular sector
- the opportunities for progression to either a higher level qualification or to an extended programme of study at the same level.

The ABP Customised Framework consists of centre-devised ABP Awards, Certificates and Diplomas. The following table illustrates the qualifications that you can develop within the ABP Customised Framework.

*ABP Customised Framework*

Qualification Level & Titles	Award 10-120 hours	Certificate 130-360 hours	Diploma >370 hours
7	ABP Postgraduate Award	ABP Postgraduate Certificate	ABP Postgraduate Diploma
5 & 6	ABP Professional Award	ABP Professional Certificate	ABP Professional Diploma
3 & 4	ABP Intermediate Award	ABP Intermediate Certificate	ABP Intermediate Diploma
1 & 2	ABP Foundation Award	ABP Foundation Certificate	ABP Foundation Diploma
Entry	ABP Entry Award	ABP Entry Certificate	ABP Entry Diploma

Customised ABP qualifications offer flexibility - they can be designed from a choice of unit sizes and qualification sizes and are available from Entry level up to level 7 in stipulated sizes. These pre-defined qualification sizes allow you to develop qualifications that compare to full UK level 2 and 3 qualifications and to university qualifications.

Support on selecting the qualification that will meet your requirements is available from ABP.

The Association of Business Practitioners is a UK awarding body linked to the Association of Business Executives (ABE), an awarding body recognised by the UK regulatory authorities for qualifications.

ABP offers a wide range of standard Business and Management qualifications at a variety of levels based on the UK National Qualifications Framework (NQF).

Through a network of UK and overseas ABE offices, our centres receive the support they need to help them deliver their education and training programmes to learners.



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