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frequently asked questions

Am I too old to do an NVQ?

No, there is no upper age limit for Train to Gain.

I know how to do my job, why would I need to do an NVQ?

Of course you don't need to do a qualification, but if you chose to start a course with us you will have the opportunity to prove your experience and knowledge by achieving a recognised qualification and certificate. There is always more to learn.

What is a signup and what does it involve?

A signup is how we register you as a learner with the Learning and Skills Council (LSC). We discuss the appropriate qualification for you and your job role, complete the necessary documentation and agree a learning plan. This may take between 1 and 2 hours.

What work is involved?

- Most of the work involves performing your day-to-day tasks as you normally carry them out.
- You will do most of your learning and evidence collection at work, in work time.
- You will be asked to present evidence, which could include photographs, copies of documents or training records.
- You will be asked questions which can be answered either verbally (with your Learning Advisor) or in writing. These are not like a conventional exams which can make some people uncomfortable.
- Some qualifications have more writing requirements than others, but help from your Learning Advisor is on hand if you feel you need it. We also have other qualifications available which can help your confidence with maths, reading and writing.

How long does it take to complete an NVQ?

An NVQ usually takes between 5 - 8 months to complete.

How often will my Learning Advisor visits and for how long?

Your Learning Advisor will visit once every 2-3 weeks, on average for about 2 hours; this does not mean 2 hours away from your work duties.

What happens if I take longer than 8 months?

In the event of a Learner taking longer than 8 months to complete their qualification, we will work with them at their own pace until they finish their course.

How much does the NVQ cost?

Absolutely nothing for those eligible for Train to Gain (ask for more details).

How will my manager be involved?

We will work with your manager to plan your learning and assessment and involve them with periodic progress reviews.

I have more questions, where can I find out more?

- Ask your Qube contact
- Call our Head Office on 01491 824500
- Email us on tellmemore@qube-learning.co.uk
- Check the website at www.qube-learning.co.uk

