





OVERVIEW

The European Legislation which created the Domestic Energy Assessor also requires buildings that are not domestic dwellings to be given an energy performance certificate (EPC).

The Non Domestic EPCs identify how energy efficient the building is. EPCs for these commercial and public buildings can only be produced by qualified Non Domestic Energy Assessors who hold a license to practice. Public buildings over 1000sqm will need a Display Energy certificate [DEC] as well as an EPC. Those who would like to also work in this area should undertake the ABBE Level 3 Diploma in Display Energy Certificates qualification designed for this role. The number of buildings which need to be handled is large and varied and will include commercial and public buildings.

The ABBE Level 3 Diploma in Non Domestic Energy Assessment award is aimed at those who wish to focus on smaller, naturally ventilated non-domestic buildings. It does not cover newly constructed buildings. New build along with larger existing buildings will be covered in the level 4 award of the same name.

Like the other highly regarded ABBE energy and related awards this level 3 qualification is based very closely on the National Occupational Standards developed specifically for this work-role. These were developed in consultation with representatives from industry, the Sector Skills Council and the Department for Communities and Local Government [CLG] and are designed to ensure candidates are well equipped to undertake this technically challenging role. As usual, with ABBE awards the emphasis is on quality not on expediency.

More information about the Diploma can be downloaded from the ABBE website www.abbeqa.co.uk

WHAT SORT OF PERSON BECOMES A NON DOMESTIC ENERGY ASSESSOR?

Upwards of 2500 energy assessors will eventually be required to service the needs of industry. ABBE awards enable new entrants and experienced practitioners to become qualified, though naturally the starting point will vary accordingly. Qualified and motivated DEAs should be able to achieve this award as well as those who work in this sector already such as architects, surveyors and energy rating specialists.

BEGINNING THE JOURNEY TO BECOMING A NON DOMESTIC ENERGY ASSESSOR

You should register with one of ABBE's approved Assessment Centres. Details of all centres are available on the ABBE website - www.abbeqa.co.uk. Most centres operate nationally so their geographical location may not need to be your main concern.

We would advise you to contact two or three centres for details to determine who can provide the service that best meets your needs. The assessment centres will help you through the process including registering you for the qualification with ABBE and, at the appropriate time, will allocate an assessor to you.

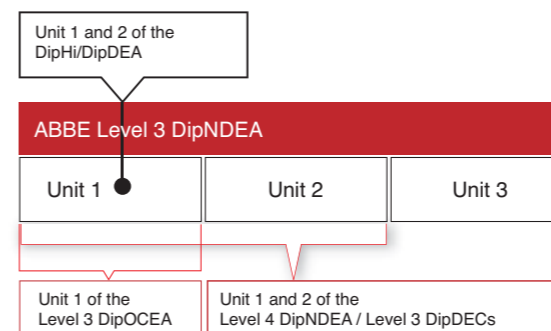
HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

Assessment Centre costs will vary depending on a number of factors such as:

- The level and depth of your previous experience. A new entrant will need much more tuition than an Experienced Practitioner
- The way in which each assessment centres structures its delivery.

IF YOU HAVE ACHIEVED THE DipNDEA WHAT COULD YOU DO NEXT?

Successful candidates of this award have a number of other career options. You will be able to go on to the level 4 award in Non Domestic Energy Assessment, the level 3 award in Display Energy Certificates or the well established level 3 Diploma in Domestic Energy Assessment and the Level 4 Diploma in Home Inspection. ABBE's awards have been designed deliberately to maximise what you have already achieved and enable your achievement to count towards your next career move. The diagram below shows how you can use the units you have achieved in this qualification towards the other ABBE qualifications.



HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO ACHIEVE THE DIPLOMA?

If you have substantial prior knowledge and experience of similar work, the period could be as short as a few weeks. For candidates with no knowledge or experience, it is likely to take several months depending on the way the training is delivered. Your centre will be able to advise you on this in more detail. To some extent it will also depend on the amount of time and self motivation you can dedicate to achieving the award.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Information about the Diploma including the reading list which supports underpinning knowledge for the Diploma can be downloaded from the ABBE website: www.abbeqa.co.uk See the Asset Skills Sector Skills Council website: www.assetskills.org The CLG: <http://www.communities.gov.uk/planningandbuilding/theenvironment/energyperformance/whenmeasures/>

SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS FOR QUALIFICATION

Whether you are an experienced practitioner or new entrant, you are required to reach the same level of performance as set out in the qualification handbook. This details the standard that you need to demonstrate and the evidence requirements you will need to meet to prove your competence. ABBE designs its awards to maximize the skills and abilities you may already have from other achieved awards such as the DipDEA. This includes memberships of specified professional bodies. You may be able to use evidence within this award in other awards you choose to undertake. Your assessment centre will guide you in this. Irrespective of how you achieve the awards, the basic requirement to satisfactorily complete the three units and the external examination administered by ABBE remains. This includes the need for a minimum of 3 Energy Performance Certificates based on the Simplified Building Energy Model [SBEM] to be submitted as evidence.

STARTING AND COMPLETING YOUR DIPLOMA

1. Register with one of the ABBE approved Assessment Centres.
2. Look at the requirements of the Diploma and compare your existing skills and experience against them. Identify any evidence from other sources such as previously achieved qualifications that can be used to satisfy parts of the DipNDEA.
3. With guidance from your assessment centre identify your skills gaps and undertake any training necessary to fill them. *Keep a careful record of all the training you undertake, as the assessed outputs from this may prove useful to you in your portfolio.*
4. Begin to complete the three units necessary for the diploma. The Assessment Centre will provide you with guidance on how best to compile your portfolio such as making use of a Structured Professional Interview or utilizing evidence from previously achieved awards such as the DipDEA, DipHI or other sources.
5. After acceptance of your portfolio, and successful completion of the examination, your Assessment Centre will obtain your ABBE DipNDEA Certificate and send it to you.