Meteorology (QCF)

These QCF qualifications will provide recognition of the skills, competence and knowledge of individuals who work in meteorological observing, forecasting and broadcasting.

Document detail:

- **Level 3 Diploma in Meteorological Observing** - 66 Credits
- **Level 4 Certificate for a Meteorological Forecasting Technician (QCF)** - 28 Credits
- **Level 5 Diploma in Meteorological Forecasting** - 85 Credits
- **Level 5 Certificate in Meteorological Broadcasting** - 13 Credits
- **Level 5 Award in Meteorological Briefing** - 9 Credits
- **Level 6 Diploma in Flood Forecasting** - 50 Credits

Who are the Qualifications for:

**Level 3 Diploma in Meteorological Observing**
This qualification will provide recognition of the skills and knowledge of individuals working in Meteorological Observing. It covers making and recording various types of observations using instrumentation, encoding and submitting weather observations and advising customers on how to interpret meteorological information.

**Level 4 Certificate for a Meteorological Forecasting Technician**
This qualification will provide recognition of the skills and knowledge of individuals working as Meteorological Forecasting Technicians. It covers dealing with customers and preparing forecast data and weather forecasts.

**Level 5 Diploma in Meteorological Forecasting**
This qualification will provide recognition of the skills and knowledge of individuals working in Meteorological Forecasting. It covers dealing with customers, monitoring the weather, preparing forecast data and weather forecasts, and communicating this information to others.

**Level 5 Certificate in Meteorological Broadcasting**
This qualification will provide recognition of the skills and knowledge of individuals working in Meteorological Broadcasting. It covers presenting audio weather forecasts and weather forecasts to camera.

**Level 5 Award in Meteorological Briefing**
This qualification will provide recognition of the skills and knowledge of individuals who make meteorological briefings; it covers preparing and making briefings.

**Level 6 Diploma in Flood Forecasting**
This qualification will provide recognition of the skills and knowledge of individuals working in flood forecasting; it covers establishing the hydrometeorological situation, forecasting and communicating flood risks using flood forecasting systems and understanding flood risk management.
For the Diploma: 7 Units totalling a minimum of 66 Credits are required.

Mandatory Units

- Met 01 Maintain continuous weather watch - 15 Credits
- Met 02 Make and record surface based visual meteorological observations - 13 Credits
- Met 03 Make and record surface based meteorological observations using instrumentation - 18 Credits
- Met 07 Encode and submit weather observations - 12 Credits
- Met 08 Advise customers how to interpret meteorological information - 4 Credits
- Met 09 Control the quality of weather observations - 2 Credits

Optional Units

Learners must achieve 1 Optional Unit totalling a minimum of 2 Credits.

- Met 04 Make and record upper air meteorological observations using instrumentation - 2 Credits
- Met 05 Make and record oceanographic observations using instrumentation - 2 Credits
- Met 06 Make and record climatological observations using instrumentation - 3 Credits

Certificate for a Meteorological Forecasting Technician (QCF)

For the Certificate: 5 Units totalling 28 Credits are required.

Mandatory Units

- Met 08 Advise customers how to interpret meteorological information - 4 Credits
- Met 10 Prepare preliminary meteorological forecast data - 5 Credits
- Met 11 Clarify customers’ meteorological needs - 6 Credits
- Met 14 Prepare weather forecasts in different formats - 10 Credits
- Met 21 Assist the lead forecaster to control the quality of weather forecasts - 3 Credits
### Diploma in Meteorological Forecasting (QCF)

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For the Diploma: 6 Units totalling 85 Credits are required.

**Mandatory Units**

- **Met 11**: Clarify customers’ meteorological needs - 6 Credits
- **Met 12**: Monitor the weather - 17 Credits
- **Met 13**: Prepare meteorological forecast data - 40 Credits
- **Met 14**: Prepare weather forecasts in different formats - 10 Credits
- **Met 15**: Control the quality of weather forecasts - 6 Credits
- **Met 16**: Convey meteorological information and weather forecasts to users - 6 Credits

### Certificate in Meteorological Broadcasting (QCF)

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For the Certificate: 2 Units totalling 13 Credits are required.

**Mandatory Units**

- **Met 17**: Present audio weather forecasts - 4 Credits
- **Met 18**: Present weather forecasts to camera - 9 Credits

### Award in Meteorological Briefing (QCF)

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For the Award: 1 Unit totalling 9 Credits is required.

**Mandatory Units**

- **Met 19**: Make meteorological briefings - 9 Credits
Diploma in Flood Forecasting (QCF)  

Level 6  
50 Credits  
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For the Diploma: 1 Unit totalling 50 Credits is required.  

Mandatory Units  

Met 20 Producing flood forecasts - 50 Credits