

Equality Impact Assessment

Document:	<i>SVQ Manufacturing Textiles Products at SCQF Level 7</i>
Executive Summary:	<i>The SVQ Manufacturing Textiles Products at SCQF Level 7 builds on the current MA provision and will enable progression for work-based students within their chosen field. This allows to apply for promoted posts and further develop their skills and knowledge of the textiles sector.</i>

By law we must meet the requirements of the Equality Act 2010 including the Public Sector Equality Duty. Please give due regard to the following when completing an EIA;

- 1: Does the policy/practice eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation?
- 2: Does the policy/practice promote equality of opportunity?
- 3: Does the policy/practice promote good relations?

Protected Characteristic	<p>Commentary</p> <p><i>For each protected characteristic provide a commentary of impact. If a negative impact occurs, consider the following;</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Change the policy so impact is no longer negative</i> <i>2. Justify why it has to be done e.g. health and safety legislation</i> <i>3. Consider how you are going to mitigate the impact</i>
<p>Age</p> <p><i>Someone belonging to a particular age, or range of ages</i></p>	<p><i>The award is aimed at all eligible adults and hopes to provide a positive impact on their career by developing appropriate skills and knowledge to enable them to apply for promoted posts. The awards are funded through the Modern Apprenticeship Programme with employers contributing some funding depending on age and level of award. The DEBI is also able to discuss potential cohorts with employers to ensure cost effective delivery and ensure there are no financial barriers to accessing the course.</i></p>
<p>Care Experienced</p> <p><i>Someone who has been or is currently in care or from a looked-after background at any stage in their life. This includes adopted children who were previous looked-after.</i></p>	<p><i>Adults meeting the eligibility criteria will be supported to achieve the award. Additional support will be offered as required to ensure equal access to the qualification and minimise any risk of discrimination direct or indirect.</i></p>

<p>Marriage/Civil Partnership <i>Married couples and civil partnership should be treated the same on a wide range of matters</i></p>	<p><i>Adults meeting the eligibility criteria will be supported to access and achieve the award without risk of discrimination either direct or indirect.</i></p>
<p>Race <i>Refers to a group of people defined by their race, colour and nationality (including citizenship) ethnic or national origins</i></p>	<p><i>Adults meeting the eligibility criteria will be supported to access and achieve the award without risk of discrimination either direct or indirect.</i></p>
<p>Sexual Orientation <i>A persons sexual and/or romantic attraction to other people, or lack thereof</i></p>	<p><i>Adults meeting the eligibility criteria will be supported to access and achieve the award without risk of discrimination either direct or indirect.</i></p>
<p>Disability <i>A physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effective on a person's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities</i></p>	<p><i>Adults meeting the eligibility criteria will be supported to access and achieve the award without risk of discrimination either direct or indirect.</i></p>
<p>Gender identity/ reassignment <i>The process of transitioning from one gender to another (can include changing names, pronouns, dressing differently, medical intervention and living in their self-identified gender)</i></p>	<p><i>Adults meeting the eligibility criteria will be supported to access and achieve the award without risk of discrimination either direct or indirect.</i></p>
<p>Pregnancy/maternity <i>Refers to being pregnant and the period after birth (linked to maternity leave in the employment context)</i></p>	<p><i>Adults meeting the eligibility criteria will be supported to access and achieve the award without risk of discrimination either direct or indirect.</i></p>

Religion or Belief <i>Religious and philosophical beliefs, including lack of belief (atheism)</i>	<i>Adults meeting the eligibility criteria will be supported to access and achieve the award without risk of discrimination either direct or indirect.</i>
Sex <i>Gender assigned at birth</i>	<i>Adults meeting the eligibility criteria will be supported to access and achieve the award without risk of discrimination either direct or indirect.</i>
Employment or Trade Union Membership	<i>Adults meeting the eligibility criteria will be supported to access and achieve the award without risk of discrimination either direct or indirect. The award is designed to support those in a role within the production of textiles to develop their skills, underpin their knowledge and provide evidence of competence in their chosen subject.</i>
Past Criminal Convictions	<i>Adults meeting the eligibility criteria will be supported to access and achieve the award without risk of discrimination either direct or indirect.</i>
Poverty or Deprivation	<i>Positive – this award is available to anyone who is in a suitable role via the MA programme. Adults meeting the eligibility criteria will be supported to access and achieve the award without risk of discrimination either direct or indirect.</i>

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