

# Unit 5: Common Law I

Learning hours: 60

NQF level 4: BTEC Higher National – H1

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## Description of unit

The aim of this unit is to provide an introduction to the law of contract, with a particular focus on the formation and operation of a business contract. Learners are encouraged to explore the contents of such an agreement and, in particular, to appreciate the practical application of standard-form business contracts. Additionally, the unit enables learners to understand how the Law of Tort differs from the law of contract and examines the Tort of Negligence and issues of liability pertinent to business.

## Summary of learning outcomes

**To achieve this unit a learner must:**

- 1 Understand the **essential elements of a valid** and legally binding **contract** and its role in a business context
- 2 Explore the significance of **specific terms in a business contract**
- 3 Examine the role of the **Law of Tort in business activities** assessing **particular forms of tortious liability**
- 4 Understand and apply the **elements of the Tort of Negligence**.