

Unit 8: Research Project

Learning hours: 60

NQF level 4: BTEC Higher National – H2

Description of unit

This unit is designed to introduce learners to the techniques and methods of research. The unit addresses a variety of research methodologies, including the opportunity to carry out interventionist or action research.

Learners will be required to produce a project report based on independent research into an area of professional business practice that interests them and will add to their professional development.

The study should use both primary and secondary sources of information, and should be an exploration of a current major issue. The study undertaken should build on knowledge, skills and understanding that have been achieved in other units. Tutor approval should be sought before commencing study.

Summary of learning outcomes

To achieve this unit a learner must:

- 1 Prepare a **research proposal** relating to a specified area of business
- 2 Conduct research using **primary and secondary sources** of information
- 3 Carry out the **research project** into a specified area of business
- 4 **Present and evaluate** the findings with regard to the initial proposal.