

## ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION

### TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE NQF LEVEL 2

#### Technical Certificate

Vocationally Related Qualifications (VRQs) designated as Technical Certificates were introduced to SEMTAs engineering frameworks in September 2002.

They are included in apprenticeship programmes to support the relevant National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) by delivering the necessary underpinning knowledge. There is a wide range in the number of Guided Learning Hours specified for Technical Certificates: in engineering (sector code 106) the GLHs can range from 60 to 1250 hours.

The evidence generated from Technical Certificates is used in the assessment of NVQs.

#### National Qualification Framework Level 2

Level 2 qualifications recognise the ability to gain a good knowledge and understanding of a subject area of work or study, and to perform varied tasks with some guidance or supervision. Learning at this level involves building knowledge and/or skills in relation to an area of work or a subject area and is appropriate for many job roles.

#### Entry Standards

- 3 to 5 GCSEs or equivalent at grades D to G
- Young Apprenticeship
- Accreditation of Experiential Learning (APEL) for experienced employees

#### Career Progression

- Good progression for GCSE or Young Apprenticeship achiever or employee (operator or senior operator).
- Mode of academic learning could be full-time or part-time.