

## How much time should you dedicate to your studies?

For every credit of the qualification you will be looking to do 10 hours of both learning and assessment. E.g. the Level 4 Diploma will take 480 hours to complete (a minimum of 48 credits).

Qualification size	Credit value	Estimated total time to complete	Recommend hours per week
<b>Level 2 Certificate</b>	13 credits	130 hours	3 - 6 hours
<b>Level 3 Award</b>	11 credits	110 hours	2- 5 hours
<b>Level 3 Certificate</b>	28 - 33 credits	280 - 330 hours	3 – 6 hours
<b>Level 3 Diploma</b>	48 - 55 credits	480 – 550 hours	5 – 10 hours
<b>Level 4 Award</b>	12-18 credits	120 - 180 hours	2- 5 hours
<b>Level 4 Certificate</b>	24-31 credits	240 - 310 hours	3 – 6 hours
<b>Level 4 Diploma</b>	48 credits	480 hours	5 – 10 hours

The total time will be spread over a two year registration period, how you choose to allocate your time within the two years will determine how quickly it will take your to complete.

## Study time guidance

### Recommended study hours per week

Depending on the size of qualification you have chosen and how quickly you wish to complete it will determine how many hours per week you should dedicate to studying. Below is a table with the recommended study times depending on what completion time you have as a target.

Qualification	Completion time			
	6 months	1 year	18 months	2 years
<b>Level 2 Certificate (13 credits)</b>	5 hours	2-3 hours	1-2 hours	
<b>Level 3 Award (11 credits)</b>	4-5 hours	2-3 hours	1-2 hours	
<b>Level 3 Certificate (min. 28 credits)</b>	10-11 hours	5-6 hours	3-4 hours	2-3 hours
<b>Level 3 Diploma (min. 48 credits)</b>	18-19 hours	9-10 hours	6-7 hours	4-5 hours
<b>Level 4 Award (min. 12 credits)</b>	4-5 hours	2-3 hours	1-2 hours	
<b>Level 4 Certificate (min. 24 credits)</b>	9-10 hours	4-5 hours	3-4 hours	2-3 hours
<b>Level 4 Diploma (min. 48 credits)</b>	18-19 hours	9-10 hours	6-7 hours	4-5 hours