



Award in Understanding and Using Holland & Barrett Herbal Products (Level 3)

This qualification specification covers the following qualification:

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About this qualification specification

This qualification specification is intended for tutors, assessors, internal quality assurers, centre quality managers and other staff within Gateway Qualifications recognised centres and/or prospective centres.

It sets out what is required of the learner in order to achieve the qualification. It also contains information specific to managing and delivering the qualification(s) including specific quality assurance requirements.

The specification should be read in conjunction with the Gateway Qualifications Centre Handbook and other publications available on the website which contain more detailed guidance on assessment and verification practice.

In order to offer the qualification/s within this specification you must be a Gateway Qualifications recognised centre and be approved to deliver the qualification/s.

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1. Qualification Information

1.1. About the qualification

The qualification has been approved by the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual) that regulates qualifications, examinations and assessments in England and Qualifications Wales, the regulator of non-degree qualifications and the qualifications system in Wales.

The qualification has been developed in collaboration with Holland & Barrett and reflects the training undertaken by Holland & Barrett staff to ensure that they have the appropriate knowledge to provide information and advice to customers safely.

The achievement of this qualification is directly linked to increased salary reward as well as personal professional development for Holland & Barrett employees.

1.2. Objective

The objective of this qualification is to support Holland & Barrett employees in their job roles within the workplace.

1.3. Key facts

Qualification Title	Total Qualification Time	Guided Learning	Credit Value
Gateway Qualifications Level 3 Award in Understanding and Using Holland & Barrett Herbal Products	70	40	7

Total Qualification Time is the number of notional hours which represents an estimate of the total amount of time that could be reasonably expected to be required for a Learner to achieve and demonstrate the achievement of the level of attainment necessary for the award of the qualification.

Total Qualification Time is comprised of the following two elements:

- the number of hours which an awarding organisation has assigned to a qualification for Guided Learning, and
- an estimate of the number of hours a Learner will reasonably be likely to spend in preparation, study or any other form of participation in education or training, including assessment, which takes place by – but, unlike Guided Learning, not under the Immediate Guidance or Supervision of – a lecturer, supervisor, tutor or other appropriate provider of education or training.

1.4. Achievement methodology

The qualification will be awarded to learners who successfully achieve an approved combination of units that has been successfully verified and monitored through Gateway Qualifications' Quality Assurance process. Achievement is therefore determined by successful completion of unit assessment, which comprises a multiple-choice test.

1.5. Geographical coverage

This qualification has been approved by Ofqual to be offered in England and by Qualification Wales to be delivered in Wales.

It may also be offered to Holland & Barrett employees in stores outside the UK.

1.6. Progression opportunities

Achievement of the qualification is linked to personal professional development for Holland & Barrett employees.

1.7. Funding

This qualification will not be eligible for public funding.

1.8. Equality, diversity and inclusion

It is Gateway Qualifications' aim that there shall be equal opportunities within this organisation and in all the services it provides and within its recognised centres and via the services they provide and so meet the organisation's legal responsibilities to prevent discrimination.

In particular it is the organisation's intention that there should be no discrimination on the grounds of a protected characteristic including age, disability, gender assignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion and belief, sex, sexual orientation. It is acknowledged that this is not an exhaustive list.

2. Learner Entry Requirements

2.1. Age

The approved age range for this qualification is: 16-18 and 19+.

2.2. Prior qualifications

Learners must achieve the Gateway Qualifications Level 3 Award in Key Body Systems and the application of Holland & Barrett Products prior to undertaking this qualification.

2.3. Prior skills/knowledge/understanding

See Section 2.2 above.

2.4. Restrictions

There are no restrictions to entry, other than that the learners must be employed by Holland & Barrett.

2.5. Access to qualifications for learners with disabilities or specific needs

Gateway Qualifications and recognised centres have a responsibility to ensure that the process of assessment is robust and fair and allows the learner to show what they know and can do without compromising the assessment criteria.

Gateway Qualification has a duty to permit a reasonable adjustment where an assessment arrangement would put a disabled person at a substantial disadvantage in comparison to someone who is not disabled.

The following adaptations are examples of what may be considered for the purposes of facilitating access, as long as they do not impact on any competence standards being tested:

- adapting assessment materials;
- adaptation of the physical environment for access purposes;
- adaptation to equipment;
- assessment material in an enlarged format or Braille;
- assessment material on coloured paper or in audio format;
- British Sign Language (BSL);
- changing or adapting the assessment method;
- changing usual assessment arrangements;

- extra time, e.g. assignment extensions;
- language modified assessment material;
- practical assistant;
- prompter;
- providing assistance during assessment;
- reader;
- scribe;
- transcript;
- use of assistive software;
- using assistive technology;
- use of CCTV, coloured overlays, low vision aids;
- use of a different assessment location;
- use of ICT/responses using electronic devices.

It is important to note that not all of the adjustments (as above) will be reasonable, permissible or practical in particular situations. The learner may not need, nor be allowed the same adjustment for all assessments.

Learners should be fully involved in any decisions about adjustments/adaptations. This will ensure that individual needs can be met, whilst still bearing in mind the specified assessment criteria for a particular qualification.

A reasonable adjustment for a particular learner may be unique to that individual and may not be included in the list of available access arrangements specified above.

Special Considerations

Requests for special consideration should be submitted as soon as possible. Please refer to the [Reasonable Adjustments and Special Consideration Policy](#).

2.6. Additional requirements/guidance

Learners must be employed by Holland & Barrett. There are no other rules or guidance regarding learner entry requirements. Apart from those identified above in 2.2

2.7. Recruiting learners with integrity

It is vital that the employer recruits with integrity with regard to qualifications. The employer must ensure that learners have the correct information and advice and that the qualification will meet their needs.

The recruitment process must include the employer assessing each potential learner and making justifiable and professional judgements about the learner's potential to successfully complete the assessment and achieve the qualification. Such an assessment must identify, where appropriate, the support that will be made available to the learner to facilitate access to the qualification.

3. Achieving the Qualification

3.1. Qualification structure

The knowledge, skills and understanding that will be assessed as part of the qualification are set out within the unit specification. This includes the learning outcomes and associated assessment criteria.

For information on Recognition of Prior Learning/Exempt and Equivalent units please see section **3.2 Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)/Exemptions/Equivalencies**

Gateway Qualifications Level 3 Award in Key Body Systems and the Application of Holland & Barrett Products

Learners must achieve this mandatory unit.

Unit Number	Unit Title	Level	Guided Learning	Credit Value
A/617/4971	Understanding and Using Holland & Barrett Herbal Products	3	40	7

3.2. Recognition of prior learning

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) provides learners and Centres with an alternative assessment method by which a learner's previous achievements can meet the assessment requirements for a unit/qualification through the knowledge, understanding or skills that they already possess and so, do not need to develop these through a course of learning.

It enables the recognition of achievement from a range of activities using any valid assessment methodology. Provided that the assessment requirements of a given unit or qualification have been met, the use of RPL is acceptable to contribute to a unit, units or a whole qualification according to the RPL criteria for a given qualification.

The process of Recognition for Prior Learning is not applicable to this qualification.

3.3. Links to other qualifications

There are no direct links to other qualifications.

4. Assessment and Quality Assurance

The following are in addition to the standard assessment and quality assurance requirements set out in the Gateway Qualifications Centre Handbook.

4.1. Method of assessment

The method of assessment is through completion of a multiple-choice test.

4.2. Assessment language

The language of assessment will be English for employees in the UK. Where the qualification is offered outside the UK, the assessment may be in another language to reflect the requirements of the role. This is permissible because the primary objective of the qualification is to support a role in the workplace and proficiency in English is not a requirement where the job role is not in the UK.

4.3. Assessment materials

There are no specific assessment materials provided for this qualification. Apart from the end test

4.4. Assessment guidance

There is no specific assessment guidance for this qualification.

4.5. Qualification-specific tutor/assessor requirements

There are no additional tutor/assessor requirements for this qualification.

4.6. Qualification-specific quality assurance requirements

There are no additional internal/external quality assurance requirements for this qualification.

4.7. Additional requirements/guidance

There are no additional requirements that learners must satisfy in order for assessment to be undertaken and the unit/qualification to be awarded.

5. What to do next

If needed, contact your named Development Manager or Development Officer

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7. Appendices

7.1. Appendix 1 – Unit Details

Understanding and Using Holland & Barrett Herbal Products

Level:	Level 3
Credit Value:	7
GLH:	40
Unit Number:	A/617/4971
Unit Aim:	To develop knowledge and understanding of how use the use of herbal remedies has involved, the way herbal products are manufactured and the different benefits and cautions relating to the use of Holland & Barrett herbal products.
Assessment Guidance:	e-Assessment (MCQ)

This unit has 5 learning outcomes.

LEARNING OUTCOMES	ASSESSMENT CRITERIA
The learner will:	The learner can:
1. Understand how the use of herbal remedies has evolved.	1.1 Explain the origins of the major branches of herbal medicines. 1.2 Evaluate the resurgence in the use of herbal remedies in the 20th/21st centuries.
2. Understand the ways herbal products are manufactured.	2.1 Explain how and why common excipients are used in the manufacturing of herbal products. 2.2 Discuss the differences between the use of concentrated extracts and the use of whole herbs in the manufacturing of herbal products. 2.3 Explore customer attitudes and preferences for the two different methods of manufacturing.
3. Understand the regulations that are in place to monitor use of herbal products.	3.1 Explain the regulations relating to the licensing of herbal products for medicinal use. 3.2 Explain the regulations relating to the licensing of herbal products classed as food supplements.

LEARNING OUTCOMES	ASSESSMENT CRITERIA
The learner will: 4. Understand the impact on physical and mental health and wellbeing of herbal products.	The learner can: 4.1 Explain how the major active ingredients in herbal products influence the human body systems. 4.2 Explain the benefits of herbal remedies in relation to health and wellbeing. 4.3 Explain how active ingredients in certain products may result in contra indications. 4.4 Compare the side effects of certain herbal remedies to commonly used pharmaceutical drugs for similar everyday ailments.

