

<b>UAN:</b>	F/600/7799
<b>Level:</b>	2
<b>Credit value:</b>	2
<b>GLH:</b>	16
<b>Aim:</b>	The aim of this unit is to help the learner understand the business environment and how it impacts on opportunities for learning and work.

<b>Learning outcome</b>
The learner will:
1. understand that there are different types of business
<b>Assessment criteria</b>
The learner can:
1.1 define the private sector and give examples of types of private sector businesses
1.2 define the public sector and give examples of public sector organisations
1.3 define the voluntary sector and give examples of voluntary sector organisations
1.4 explain the possible advantages and disadvantages of working in one of the following sectors: private, public or voluntary.

<b>Learning outcome</b>
The learner will:
2. understand how businesses function
<b>Assessment criteria</b>
The learner can:
2.1 describe the following business functions:
a. Operations
b. People
c. Information
d. Research and development
e. Finance
2.2 compare the possible advantages and disadvantages of working for a national organisation and a Small and Medium-sized Enterprise (SME).

<b>Learning outcome</b>
The learner will: 3. understand changing patterns of employment
<b>Assessment criteria</b>
The learner can: 3.1 outline some of the changes in patterns of employment locally 3.2 outline some of the changes in patterns of employment nationally 3.3 outline some of the changes in patterns of employment in Europe and globally 3.4 describe how changing patterns of employment may affect his/her choices for learning or work.

<b>Learning outcome</b>
The learner will: 4. understand how business activity is affected by market forces
<b>Assessment criteria</b>
The learner can: 4.1 explain the relationship between supply and demand in the business environment 4.2 describe the relationship between price and profit 4.3 identify the connections between markets and competition