



# Award in Understanding Damp and Mould in Domestic Dwellings

**NOCN Level 2 · 1 Credit**

**Qualification Specification**

The purpose of this qualification is to equip learners with the knowledge and understanding of the different types of damp in domestic Dwellings.



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## Introduction to Apex Training

Apex Training is the training arm of The Verdancy Group, delivering accredited green skills programmes across Scotland and the wider UK. We specialise in practical, industry-focused learning that supports individuals and organisations to develop the knowledge required for the transition to a low-carbon built environment.

Training is delivered online, in our Apex Training Centres and through partner venues, with options for employer-based delivery where suitable. All programmes are led by practising industry specialists to ensure alignment and compliance with current standards, regulations and sector expectations.

## About The Verdancy Group and NOCN

The Verdancy Group is a specialist provider of green skills training, consultancy, sustainability education, and workforce development. Our programmes are designed to meet emerging industry needs and support national and regional net zero goals.

For over three decades, NOCN has been at the forefront of creating opportunities through learning and skills development. As an educational charity, NOCN Group's primary objectives are to support learners in achieving their full potential and to assist organisations in flourishing. Their long-standing commitment to education and development underscores their contribution to personal and professional growth across various sectors.

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## Overview

This Level 2 qualification provides learners with a range of knowledge and skills. Learners will also develop an understanding of the causes of damp, condensation, and mould in domestic dwellings, how to identify, remedy and treat it, and its socio-economic impact on individuals and communities, for working in the building maintenance or housing industry.

## Duration

The award has a total notional learning time of 10 hours, comprising:

- Guided learning: approximately 7 hours
- Independent learning: approximately 3 hours

Delivery may be offered online, in person or through a blended model.

## Who Is This Qualification For?

This course is suitable for professionals involved in housing management, property maintenance, building services, or retrofit, particularly those with responsibility for identifying damp and mould, understanding their causes and impacts, and supporting appropriate remedial or management responses.

## Materials And Certification

Learners will be provided with access to all required learning materials through online or in-person delivery formats.

Learners who successfully meet the assessment requirements will receive a certificate of achievement issued by The Verdancy Group, confirming the award's NOCN Level 2 status and 1 credit point.

## Assessment

This qualification will be assessed by 25 multiple-choice questions, which are externally set and externally assessed. Learners will be required to complete an end-of-unit knowledge test covering the following learning areas:

- Types of damp in domestic dwellings
- Causes and effects of condensation mould in domestic dwellings
- Impacts of damp and mould on individuals and communities

## Progression After This Qualification

Achievement of this qualification confirms that the learner has developed the underpinning knowledge required for roles in housing management, property maintenance, building services, or retrofit, particularly where there is responsibility for recognising damp and mould issues and understanding their causes, impacts, and appropriate responses. The qualification also supports progression into further learning at a higher level, including specialist housing, retrofit, or building performance pathways.

# Qualification Structure and Module Content

There are three modules of learning within the Award in Understanding Damp and Mould in Domestic Dwellings:

## Module 1

### Types of Damp in Domestic Dwellings

#### Module Purpose

The purpose of this module is to provide learners with a clear understanding of the different types of damp that can occur in domestic dwellings, including their characteristics and distinguishing features. This knowledge supports the accurate identification of damp-related issues and underpins appropriate management and response approaches.

#### Module Content

- Identify the main types of damp found in domestic dwellings, including rising damp, penetrating damp, and condensation
- Explain the characteristics and typical indicators associated with different types of damp
- Distinguish between damp types based on building form, construction methods, and materials
- Recognise common causes and contributing factors associated with different types of damp
- Understand how moisture moves through buildings and building fabric
- Identify the limitations of visual inspection and the need for appropriate investigation
- Understand the potential consequences of misidentifying damp types



## Module 2

### Causes and Effects of Condensation Mould in Domestic Dwellings

#### Module Purpose

The purpose of this module is to develop learner knowledge of the causes and effects of condensation mould in domestic dwellings. The module focuses on how condensation forms, the factors that contribute to mould growth, and the implications for buildings and occupants, supporting informed and appropriate responses within housing, maintenance, retrofit, and installer contexts.

#### Module Content

- Explain the process of condensation and the conditions that lead to mould growth in domestic dwellings
- Identify common building-related factors that contribute to condensation mould, including insulation, ventilation, and thermal bridging
- Understand the influence of occupant behaviour and lifestyle factors on condensation and mould formation
- Recognise the typical signs and indicators of condensation mould
- Explain the potential effects of condensation mould on building fabric, internal environments, and building performance
- Understand the health and wellbeing implications associated with condensation mould exposure
- Identify the limitations of short-term or isolated remedial actions when addressing condensation mould

## Module 3

# Impacts of Damp and Mould on Individuals and Communities

### Module Purpose

The purpose of this module is to develop learner knowledge of the impacts that damp and mould can have on individuals and communities. The module explores health, social, and economic implications, and supports an understanding of the wider consequences of damp and mould issues within domestic dwellings.

### Module Content

- Understand the health impacts associated with exposure to damp and mould, including respiratory and wellbeing effects
- Recognise how damp and mould can affect quality of life and daily living for occupants
- Understand the social impacts of damp and mould, including stigma, displacement, and vulnerability
- Identify the economic impacts of damp and mould on households, housing providers, and communities
- Recognise groups who may be disproportionately affected by damp and mould issues
- Understand the implications of damp and mould for housing standards, tenant satisfaction, and community wellbeing
- Recognise the importance of timely identification and appropriate management of damp and mould to reduce wider impacts

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