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Craft Certificates and Diplomas

**The Association of Master Upholsterers
and Soft Furnishers**

Approved Training Centre





How will this course help me?

The Association of Master Upholsterers and Soft Furnishers qualifications are based on acquiring good practical and relevant skills. These qualifications may lead to employment within the industry, or with additional practice, can lead to you starting your own small business.

Who is the course for?

Anyone who wants to develop skills in upholstery and/or soft furnishing. Adults who are interested in changing career or becoming self-employed.

How is the course structured?

The upholstery qualification is delivered in three stages with each stage being a qualification in its own right and will be certificated separately. The soft furnishing qualification is a single stage. These qualifications can only be delivered by an AMUSF Approved Training Centre.

How will I know how well I'm doing?

Completed work is assessed throughout the course. Feedback and support will help you complete the required work.

Will I have to do any work outside the sessions?

Each stage has an associated project to be completed in addition to the 228 guided learning hours. Some upholstery pieces will require additional time out of the guided learning hours.

What will I need to provide?

- Basic upholstery tools (your tutor will give you advice and guidance at the induction session).
- Materials and specific pieces of furniture to reupholster

Course Cost?

Each stage (228 Guided Learning hours) costs £2,800.

There may be a fee reduction for anyone on JSA/ESA, please enquire.



Stage 1

Craft Certificate

Guided Learning Hours: 228

Items highlighted in bold are the pieces that will be marked at the end of each stage but all other exercises must be completed. Students will also receive tuition on underpinning knowledge. It is expected that the written research project will be completed away from the class and is outside of the 228 hours.

- Drop-in seat (modern materials)
- Drop-in seat (traditional materials including fabric and bottoming cloth)
- *Stitched and stuffed footstool or chair (traditional materials and methods including fabric and bottoming)
- ***Sprung dining chair** (traditional materials and methods including fabric and bottoming cloth)*
- Sprung arm exercise for an inset facing (traditional materials and methods. Calico to be stitched under the roll. Fabric need not be applied)
- Box cushion with piping and zip (sample)
- Bolster end with piping (sample)
- ***Upholstered and lined box with decorative detail and deep-buttoned lid** (modern materials, with a minimum of three diamonds)
- Portfolio containing notes and details of work in progress
- **A written research project**

** Items of furniture to be provided by the learner*

Stage 2

Intermediate Craft Certificate

Guided Learning Hours: 228

Items highlighted in bold are the pieces that will be marked at the end of each stage but all other exercises must be completed. Students will also receive tuition on underpinning knowledge. It is expected that the written research project will be completed away from the class and is outside of the 228 hours. Additional practical work at home is required at stage 2.

- T-shaped cushion with piping and zips (samples)
- Tailoring, including the fitting of caps and collars (samples)
- Independent sprung edge for a cushion seat (traditional materials and methods, including fabric and front border)
- ***Armless chair with traditionally upholstered seat and back**
(seat to be sprung with coil springs)
- ***Post 1950s armchair upholstered using modern materials and methods**
- Portfolio containing notes and details of work in progress
- **A written research project**

** Items of furniture to be provided by the learner*





Stage 3 Diploma

Guided Learning Hours: 228

Items highlighted in bold are the pieces that will be marked at the end of each stage but all other exercises must be completed. Students will also receive tuition on underpinning knowledge. It is expected that the written research project will be completed away from the class and is outside of the 228 hours. Additional practical work at home is required at stage 3.

- ***Substantial traditional armchair** of advanced techniques, which should include at least two of the following elements: the fitting of caps and collars, scroll arms or stitched-up edges to arms, sprung arms, coil sprung seats, independent sprung edges, deep buttoning, fluting or an iron framed chair
- ***Modern chair with a concave inside back** incorporating tailored fitting and top stitching i.e. egg style (shell frame)
- Portfolio containing notes and details of work in progress
- **A written research project**

** Items of furniture to be provided by the learner*

The Soft Furnishing Qualification – Essential Soft Furnishings

Guided Learning Hours 210

A single stage qualification typically delivered over 210 hours. Students will be taught different techniques and make various samples before producing the following pieces for marking:

- A pair of full length interlined curtains
- A Roman blind
- A decorative scatter cushion
- A decorative bolster cushion
- A piped box cushions with zip in a stripe or check fabric
- Portfolio containing notes and details of work in progress
- **A written research project**



Advanced Learner Loans

Advanced Learner loans are not available for this qualification.

Where can I get further information, advice or guidance?

If you need help in considering the courses available to you, or generally in planning your learning or career, please visit the National Careers Service website. If you would like further advice and guidance, contact **01629 532430**.

What support can I get for my learning?

Some people may need extra support with their learning. We recognise this and offer a range of support, such as: towards the cost of learning and travel, childcare, special equipment, note-takers and signers. We also have a number of volunteers who provide valuable help to many learners. Further information on what is available is on our website or ask at your local Adult Community Education centre.

How to let us know what you think about your learning and what you want to do next?

To continue to provide a high quality experience for our learners, once in a while we may ask for your feedback through surveys and focus groups. It will also help us to know what you have done with what you have learned and what you plan to do next. We hope you will be able to help us. All information is treated in strictest confidence.

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