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A PRE-PRESS TECHNICIAN IS SKILLED IN ALL THE PHYSICAL PROCESSES THAT OCCUR BEFORE THE PRINTING AND FINISHING STAGES.

Pre-press is the first stage of production, and is the term used for the processes and procedures that occur between the creation of a print-ready design and the actual printing process. As part of their training they will develop their knowledge, skills and behaviours (KSBs) in the core elements as defined in the standard. In conjunction with this core set of KSBs, they will also focus on the KSBs required for their specific job. A skilled Pre-press Technician would be able to demonstrate the following knowledge and skills:

- Know how to produce plates, cylinders, screens and/or electronic files
- Recognise the different company equipment and its associated needs
- Understand colour theory
- Understand receipt, checking, and processing of digital files
- Can produce reports and relevant paperwork
- Are able to design and produce creative digital artwork
- Plan and produce edited images ready for various software such as Adobe InDesign, Illustrator, Photoshop, QuarkXPress etc.
- Check digital files and solve issues with software and work flow management
- Create imposition schemes and job layouts
- Demonstrate proficiency in a range of pre-press, design, workflow management and business software packages e.g. 'Screen True-flow', 'Adobe Creative Suite' and 'Tharstern'
- Customer communication
- Use scanning techniques to create digital images that are compatible
- Produce a printed or digital 'proof'
- Manage digital colour reproduction in pre-press so that the Press Technician can set up and run effectively

This training programme on offer from the BPIF will include additional non-mandatory qualifications including the Print VRQ or technical certificate, which will cover the majority of the core knowledge elements and provide the apprentice with an additional recognised qualification. English and Maths continue to be a requirement for all apprenticeships and apprentices will need to pass functional skills at Level 2.

THE BPIF ARE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU AND YOUR APPRENTICE THROUGH THIS NEW STANDARD, ALLOWING YOU TO GROW A HIGHLY SKILLED WORKFORCE.