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As a streetworks contractor, it is now your responsibility to ensure that your employees are competent in their job. Current legislation requires that at least one operative in each gang is qualified, and that each site is managed by a qualified supervisor. Without these requirements being fulfilled, you risk your sites being shut down, with all complications and loss of money that entails.

The regulations cover all branches and sectors of the streetworks industry. This includes contractors working on road improvements, utilities companies, and smaller operators.

Which qualifications are available in this area? Certificate in Streetworks Excavation and Reinstatement (Operators)

This award fully covers the regulatory requirements relating to operatives, and can be taken by anyone currently employed in the highway maintenance and utilities sector. Every candidate must take a core unit on health and safety, and can then choose to take any number of the following:

- Location and avoidance of underground apparatus
- Signing lighting and guarding
- Excavation in the highway
- Reinstatement and compaction of backfill material
- Reinstatement of sub-base and base (roadbase) in non-bituminous materials
- Reinstatement of cold-lay bituminous materials
- Reinstatement of hot-lay bituminous materials
- Reinstatement of concrete slabs
- Reinstatement of modular surfaces and concrete footways

Certificate in Streetworks Excavations and Reinstatement (Supervisors)

This award fully covers the regulatory requirements relating to supervisors.

- Monitoring signing, lighting and guarding
- Monitoring excavation in the highway
- Monitoring reinstatement and compaction of backfill materials
- Monitoring reinstatement of sub-base and base (roadbase) in non-bituminous materials
- Monitoring reinstatement of bituminous materials
- Monitoring reinstatement of concrete slabs
- Monitoring reinstatement of modular surfaces and concrete footways

Each unit in both award will have a knowledge assessment, conducted in your college or training provider, and a practical assessment which will take place during working hours and involve the candidate being observed on the job.

As soon as a candidate completes either award, we notify the Streetworks Qualifications Register who will issue a Streetworks Identity Card.

You can check operator or supervisor registration detail by contacting SQR at:

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Are there learning materials available?

A centre handbook is available on CD-ROM and will be provided upon registration. This will contain all the information your candidates would need to complete the award.

Are there any other qualifications that may be of interest?

Levels 1 and 2 NVQ in Construction and Civil Engineering (6158)

What's the next step?

If you are not an existing City & Guilds centre, you will need to contact your nearest one for more information. Alternatively, you can become a centre in your own right. To find out more about the requirements for becoming an approved centre and whether this is right for you, please contact your nearest City & Guilds office.

How can I find out more?

You can find out more by contacting your nearest City & Guilds centre. Log on to our website to find the location of your nearest one, or contact our Customer Relations team at:

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Key points

- The law requires each gang to have one qualified operative and each site to have a qualified supervisor.
- These qualifications satisfy the legal requirements.
- All candidates who have passed these awards will be issued with a Streetworks Identity Card by SQR