

# Levels 2 and 3 Certificate in Plumbing (6129)

## Frequently asked questions

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## 2 Additional questions

### **Where can I obtain documentation for this qualification?**

Documents are available to download from the City & Guilds **plumbing web pages**.

### **Where can I get the 6089 NVQ and 6129 candidate logbooks documents?**

Candidates registered **on or after the 1 October 2008** will have the appropriate Plumbing logbooks sent **automatically** to the centre that made the registration. No action is required to place an order for the publication. If you have any queries regarding your Plumbing order please contact the City & Guilds publications department on 020 7294 4113.

Candidates that were registered on, or prior to, the 30 September 2008 need to contact the JIB on 01480 476925 to obtain their logbooks.

All documents are available on City & Guilds website Plumbing Industry pages as masters.

### **Where can I get the paper based 6129 knowledge assessments?**

These assessments are available to download from the City & Guilds website. They are password protected and are obtained via the receipt of an application form available to download from the **6129 qualification web page**.

### **If I have a technical question about any Plumbing Scheme who can I ask for advice?**

Any technical questions **must** be directed to your allocated EV in the first instance.

### **Who are the Sector Skills Council for Plumbing?**

SummitSkills, based in Milton Keynes. Their website is: [www.summitskills.com](http://www.summitskills.com)

### **Where can I find the latest update information on Plumbing NVQ and VRQ schemes?**

Any information on these qualifications will be announced via News updates and put on our websites. You can subscribe to the updates by clicking **here**.

### **What are the accreditation dates?**

Please refer to the Walled Garden for the current registration and certification end dates.

### **How soon can candidates re-sit 6129 examinations?**

Candidates can sit any one exam up to three times. If they are still unable to pass the assessment, they must undergo a period of re-training of no less than three months before attempting the examination again.

## How do I register candidates for the 6129?

To register candidates for the 6129 you need to do so via:

- Level 2 6129-22
- Level 3 (England and Wales) 6129-33
- Level 3 (Northern Ireland and Channel Islands) 6129-55
- Combined registration for levels 2 and 3 - 6129-44.

Please note that the GOLA registration (e.g. 6126-26) only provides access to the test and **does not** provide a registration for the qualification.

### 3 New 6129 Level 2 and 3 GOLA tests

#### When will the tests be available?

The tests became mandatory for all new candidates from 1 September 2008.

Before centres can offer the on-line tests they will need to ensure that they are an approved GOLA centre. For information on how to become a GOLA centre please visit [www.cityandguilds.com/gola](http://www.cityandguilds.com/gola)

#### Do centres have to use GOLA?

Yes, for all new candidates from September 1 2008 the GOLA tests will be the **only** recognised testing method for the knowledge-based 6129 units.

Candidates registered on, or prior to, 31 August 2008 can continue to use paper-based assessments, versions D & E. These are available to download from the 6129 page of the City & Guilds website.

#### What are the costs of registering candidates?

Candidate will need to be registered to take the on-line tests. The prices for the GOLA tests are:

- Level 2 - £45 per candidate
- Level 3 - £25 per candidate.

The price includes unlimited access to **all** tests within the chosen route for the lifetime of the candidate's registration.

Please note that the price is on top of the normal registration and certificate fee and does not include the GOLA end test.

#### How do I register candidates for the on-line tests?

To register candidates for on-line tests at the same time you need to do so via:

- 6129-26 (for 6129-22 candidates)
- 6129-36 (for 6129-33 and -55 candidates)
- 6129-46 (for 6129-44 candidates.)

This applies to both existing and new candidates.

Please note this does **not** include registration for the qualification, which is still required.

For more information please refer to the catalogue.

#### How do I get approval to use the on-line tests?

All existing City & Guilds centres that are approved to run the Certificate in Plumbing (6129-22, -33, -44 and -55) have been given automatic approval for the on-line tests. Centres will only need to ensure that they become a GOLA centre.

**How long will the registration last?**

Registrations will last for the length of the candidate's registration.

**Where are the test specifications?**

These are available on the City & Guilds **6129 website**.

**What is the pass mark?**

70%.

**Is the GOLA end test still a requirement?**

Yes – candidates still need to successfully complete the end test in order to achieve the qualification. Please note that the GOLA end test is not included in the GOLA unit test banks.

**What should I do with the results?**

Results should be saved by the centre to a centrally secure location within their IT system. This is to avoid incidences where portfolios are misplaced. Centres should also ensure that copies of each score report are printed for inclusion in the candidate's portfolio.

Upon achievement a results entry must be submitted on the Walled Garden.

In cases where score reports are not saved by the centre it is possible for City & Guilds to recover candidate results. However, a fee will be payable for such services.

**Where can I find more information about the Plumbing GOLA tests?**

City & Guilds has provided a comprehensive **Centre guide to online plumbing tests** specifically related to the 6129 Plumbing GOLA tests. This is available on the City & Guilds 6129 website.

**Which materials can candidates take into the exam room?**

As with the old paper based assessments, all the 6129 assessments are closed-book, with the exception of units -300 and -401.

For the -300 exam, candidates may use the following materials only:

- A minimum number of at least six different sections from the Building regulation Approved Documents to test candidates in their ability to locate relevant information– these must include Part G, H, J & L1
- A minimum number of at least SIX different British standards documents including BS 6700, BS 5440, BS 5449, again this is to test candidates in their ability to locate relevant information
- CORGI manual(s)
- WRAS Water Regulations Guide
- Domestic Heating Design Guide – ISBN 0-903783-33-9
- Guide to Part L1 of the Building Regulations

The -401 assessment is intended as open book assessment in which candidates will have access to notes and source materials.

The following list, whilst not exhaustive, includes useful publications which may be used for information on completing this assessment test

### **Industry Publications**

APHC The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (Reference Manual)

BPEC Training and Careers Information

BPEC Open Learning Task and Workplace Safety Manual

BPEC Open Learning Course in Health and Safety

JIB for PMES Working Rules and Grading Definitions

### **Government Publications**

DTI Publications (ACAS publications)

Small Firms – Employing Staff - A guide to regulatory requirements

Consumer advice/trading standards

Employment Guides for Small Firms – Pack of fact sheets – Employment law and good practice explained by the experts

ACAS Advisory Handbooks

The A to Z of Work

Employing People

Discipline and Grievances at Work

### **Statutory requirements and Recommendations**

Building Regulations

British Standards

The Construction (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1996

The Control of Asbestos at Work Regulations

The Control of Lead at Work Regulations 1980

The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (COSHH)

Electricity at Work Regulations

Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations 1998

Health and Safety at Work etc. Act

Manual Handling Operations Regulations

Reporting of Injuries, Diseases, and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR)

Water Supply (Water Fittings) Regulations 1999