

Toolkit for EQAs carrying out Technical Approval visits

City & Guilds Technical Qualifications is a new approach to skills-based education, designed to prepare learners for the world of work. They can be delivered standalone or as part of TechBac. EQAs are required to carry out the Qualification Approval visit (QAPv) and to check the centres planner to demonstrate Employer Involvement. Prior to the centre visit you should refer to the Qualification Handbook for specific information about delivery and assessment.

The links below will take you to key documents and handbooks which you should refer to in preparation for when completing the Approval visits for Technical qualifications:

Technical Qualifications

For key subject specific details you should refer to the subject area information and 'provider guides' on the [TechBac](#) webpages. The 'provider guides' include details about progression, UCAS points, synoptic/end assignment timeline and examination dates.

Guide to Teaching, Learning & Assessment

You may be asked questions about the types of assessment the Technical qualifications involve as well as how teaching and learning can be supported. You should refer to the [Teaching, Learning and Assessment guidance](#) for further detail:

Centre Support

As centres prepare for delivery of the qualifications it is useful to direct them to the support resources on the website including academic calendars, webinars, tutor training and CPD events, Smartscreen resources, schemes of work, sample assessments, digital learning packages and signing up for TechBac updates. Centres may also find it useful to use some of the bank of marketing materials which have been developed. The [TechBac](#) website provides resource to help support our centres with TechBac.

Guide to Marking and Moderation

Centres may have questions regarding how to mark and what the moderation process involves. Details about these processes can be found in the [Marking and Moderation guide](#)

Employer Involvement Centre Guidance

During the Approval visit you will discuss Employer Involvement as this is a key aspect of the Technical qualifications. The [Employer Involvement centre guidance](#) guide provides details regarding the requirements, how to plan effectively as well as submitting evidence to City & Guilds:

Exam Timetable

For a list of the Technical Qualifications examination timetable for 2017, please refer to the [Exams and Administration](#) page