A newsletter for employers



City & Guilds Construction

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A newsletter from City & Guilds on professional and technical education updates in construction for employers.

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<https://www.cityandguilds.com/qualifications-and-apprenticeships/construction/latest-news-in-construction>

**Update on government reforms**

Apprenticeship standards – England

City & Guilds are currently working with CITB and the employer groups on how best to support the new apprenticeship standards and in becoming an End-point Assessment Organisation.

To check the status of standards currently in development, please visit the government website:

<https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/>

**Standards approved by IfA for delivery so far:**

* Carpentry and Joinery
* Advanced Carpentry and Joinery
* Bricklayer
* Plasterer
* Painter and Decorator
* Steel Fixer
* Scaffolder
* Digital Engineering Technician
* Construction Site Engineering Technician
* Surveying technician
* Chartered surveyor (degree)
* Civil engineering technician
* Civil engineer (Degree)
* Civil engineering site management (Degree)
* Geospatial Mapping and Science (Degree)
* Geospatial Survey Technician
* Lifting Technician
* Tunnelling operative

We are closely working with employers and we want to hear from you. Please contact us at [construction@cityandguilds.com](mailto:construction@cityandguilds.com)

For information on how City & Guilds can support your apprentices, please visit:

[www.cityandguilds.com/apprenticeships](http://www.cityandguilds.com/apprenticeships)



T Levels – England

*Design, Surveying and Planning* pathway is now closed for tender. To see the proposed content for 2020 delivery please click on the link below:

<https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/about/outline-content-for-first-new-t-levels/>

[](https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/about/outline-content-for-first-new-t-levels/)

*Building Services Engineering* and *On-site Construction* will follow, with first delivery expected in 2021. The draft outline content for these pathways can be found by clicking the link below:

<https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/about/consultation-launches-on-content-for-t-levels/>

[](https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/media/2326/construction-outline-content-osc-final.pdf) [](https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/media/2327/construction-outline-content-bse-final.pdf)

For information T Levels, please visit:

<https://www.cityandguilds.com/tlevels>

Qualifications Wales Review of Construction

The first stage of the Qualifications Wales tender for Construction is now closed.

In February 2018, Qualifications Wales published its sector review of qualifications and the qualification system in Construction and the Built Environment.

For the full *Building Futures* report please visit the Qualifications Wales website:

<http://qualificationswales.org/english/qualifications/vocational-qualifications/sector-reviews/construction-and-the-built-environment/>

The new qualification system will replace the existing VRQs and NVQs in Wales from September 2021.

[](http://qualificationswales.org/english/qualifications/vocational-qualifications/sector-reviews/construction-and-the-built-environment/)

**News and Policy media round-up**

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| **AoC - FE sector is essential to deliver the government's policy objectives** |

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| This week AoC director Julian Gravatt in his latest blog discussed the impact of the funding cuts on the college sector. He listed a number of the outcomes as a result  of the funding cuts:   * Although inspection grades have improved, there are fewer outstanding colleges * The rate of student outcomes improvement is starting to slow down * Courses are being taught with fewer teaching hours * Many colleges have reduced student support services or extra curricular activities * Many colleges have dropped courses in STEM as a result of funding pressures * College teachers are being paid about 20% less than teachers in schools with all the implications for recruitment and retention. |

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| **Construction Manager - Outlook for UK construction weakest in six years** |

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| The outlook for UK construction has deteriorated to its weakest level in six years, according to a new survey of construction buyers. The IHS Markit / CIPS UK Construction PMI index reported a “sustained” increase in business during October at 53.2, up from 52.1 in September, where any score above 50 indicates a growth in activity. That was the second-highest level in 16 months, although it was still below the long-run survey average of 54.3. |

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**From Twitter**

#Construction industry to benefit from major skills boost <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/construction-industry-to-benefit-from-major-skills-boost>

The government has announced a £72m investment which will see virtual reality revolutionise the UK’s #construction sector <https://www.ukconstructionmedia.co.uk/news/the-future-is-virtual/>  [@constructionukm](https://twitter.com/constructionukm)

### Just 1% of workers on #constructions sites are women, according to new CIF report <https://amp.irishexaminer.com/breakingnews/ireland/just-1-of-construction-workers-are-women-according-to-new-cif-report-870511.html>[**@**irishexaminer](https://twitter.com/irishexaminer)

Prison targets HS2 with inmate training facility <https://www.constructionnews.co.uk/best-practice/skills/prison-targets-hs2-with-inmate-training-facility/10036446.article?blocktitle=More-industry-news&contentID=20393> @CNPlus

Could #construction save the government £15bn? <https://www.constructionnews.co.uk/analysis/cn-briefing/could-construction-save-the-government-15bn/10036463.article?blocktitle=CN-Briefing&contentID=15900> @CNPlus

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### **#Apprenticeships: the future of the industry** <https://www.worldcement.com/europe-cis/01112018/apprenticeships-the-future-of-the-industry/>[**@**World\_Cement](https://twitter.com/World_Cement)

New #construction T Levels offer welcome boost to the sector <http://constructionmaguk.co.uk/new-construction-t-levels-offer-welcome-boost-to-the-sector/> [@constructionukm](https://twitter.com/constructionukm)

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