All About Construction

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

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**Extensions and Withdrawals**

**Qualification extensions and withdrawals**

NVQ incremental changes

As part of the “incremental changes” being made to the NVQs this year, several suites will be given new qualification numbers. For a summary of the changes being made to the NVQs, including new qualification numbers, please refer to our “*Summary of NVQ incremental changes*” document on the website:

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

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| For the NVQs listed below there will be a period of time where centres will be unable to register candidates. **It is therefore strongly recommended that centres register all learners before 1st May 2018 where possible.*** 6569-01 to -07 will be expiring in April 2018, with the replacement offer available from 1st June 2018.
* 6577-01 to -06 will be expiring in April 2018, with the replacement offer available from 1st July 2018.
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Further detail of the changes can be found in the updated Qualification Handbooks on the individual product pages. Centres approved on existing NVQs will be given automatic approval to the replacement.

**New Apprenticeship Standards**

**Carpentry & Joinery and Advanced Carpentry & Joinery**

The new standards and assessment plans for Carpentry & Joinery and Advanced Carpentry & Joinery were approved by the *Institute for Apprenticeships* (IFA) on 27th February 2018. Please find a summary of the new apprenticeship structures below:

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|  | **Carpentry & Joinery** | **Advanced Carpentry & Joinery** |
|   | **Level** | 2 | 3 |
| **Number of pathways** | 2 | 2 |
| **Duration** | 18 months | 12 months |
| **Funding Band** | £12K | £9K |
| **On-programme** | **NVQ** | Mandatory:6571-21 Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Wood Occupations (construction) - Site CarpentryOr6571-22 Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Wood Occupations (Construction) - Architectural Joinery | Mandatory:6571-27 Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Wood Occupations (Construction) - Site CarpentryOr6571-28 Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Wood Occupations (Construction) - Architectural Joinery |
| **Technical training** | Qualification not required.Training Specification available. | Qualification not required.Training Specification available. |
| **Maths & English requirement** | Level 1 (achieved)Level 2 (to have taken) | Level 2 (achieved) |
| **End-point assessment** | **Practical Test** | 6 hours | 6 hours |
| **Short-answer test** | 45 minutes | 45 minutes |

City & Guilds are currently developing support materials to support the on-programme for the above standards, including SmartScreen learning resources, Training Manuals, and End-point Assessment preparation material.

City & Guilds will also be applying to become an end-point Assessment organisation. If you are interested in becoming an independent assessor, please [contact us by filling out the form on our website](https://www.cityandguilds.com/apprenticeships/emerging-standards/independent-end-assessor).

**Network events**

Please find below further details and joining instructions for our Construction Network Events:

**Newcastle: 20th April 2018**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/construction-regional-network-newcastle-tickets-42899127445>

**Wakefield: 25th April 2018**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/city-guilds-construction-network-wakefield-tickets-41705288641>

**Glasgow: 1st May 2018**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/construction-regional-network-glasgow-tickets-43339139533>

**Oxford: 2nd May 2018**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/construction-regional-network-oxford-tickets-42899508585>

**Aberdeen: 3rd May 2018**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/construction-network-event-aberdeen-tickets-43472039039>

**Manchester: 5th June 2018**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/construction-regional-network-hopwood-hall-manchester-area-tickets-41874185817>

**CITB Grant reforms**

CITB’s reformed Grants Scheme came into place on 1st April 2018. Included in the new scheme are the *Apprenticeship grants* and *One-year or less qualifications: Short-period qualification grants.*

*Apprenticeship grants*

These grants are for attendance and achievements, namely:

* off-the-job attendance with an approved apprenticeship provider
* the achievement of an apprenticeship framework, including advanced and higher apprenticeship frameworks
* the achievement of an End Point Assessment (EPA) of a new apprenticeship standard in England.

[Find out more about the CITB Apprenticeship grants](https://www.citb.co.uk/en-GB/grant/New-grants-scheme-2018/Apprenticeships-grant/).

*One-year or less qualifications: Short-period qualification grants*

CITB pay grants for the achievement of approved short-period qualifications (lasting 1 year or less) that are focused on the core construction skills needed across the industry. These include NVQ and SVQ Levels 2 and above, as well as several other qualifications.

[Find out more about the CITB Short-period qualification grants](https://www.citb.co.uk/en-GB/grant/New-grants-scheme-2018/Short-period-qualifications-grant/).

**How to claim**

Registered employers will need to sign-up to CITB’s [*Grant Online*](https://www.citb.co.uk/levy/sign-up-to-citb-online/#Sign), allowing them to:

* Submit grant claims
* View grant statements to see how much grant has been paid or is awaiting payment
* Request grant reports

**Update on government reforms**

Trailblazer Apprenticeship standards – England

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

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

Several standards have had recent IfA approvals, including:

* Carpentry & Joinery: approved for delivery
* Advanced Carpentry & Joinery: approved for delivery
* Bricklayer: Assessment Plan approved, but not yet ready for delivery
* Plasterer: Assessment Plan approved, but not yet ready for delivery
* Lifting Technician: approved for delivery

T-Levels - England

The Department for Education are currently reviewing the outputs of the public consultation, which ended on 8th February 2018. For more information regarding T-Levels please visit the City & Guilds webpage:

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

Qualifications Wales Sector Review - Wales

Qualifications Wales has 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/>

Public consultation on the sector review closed on 13th April 2018.

**Tell us what you think**

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Each edition is numbered, so we can refer back to previous issues or tell you when information has been superseded.

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