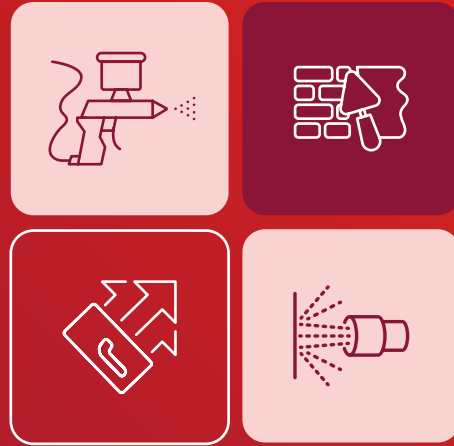


Construction short courses



Targeted upskilling for modern construction and finishing trades

Our new Level 3 construction short courses are designed to help experienced tradespeople develop specialist skills that meet the needs of the construction industry.

Covering spray-applied coating methods, plaster skimming and spray plastering incorporating external wall insulation (EWI), these qualifications support workforce development in key finishing trades.

Flexible and practical by design, these short courses enable learners to gain recognised specialist skills without the commitment of a full qualification programme, helping employers respond quickly to changing project requirements, modern construction methods and growing demand for retrofit expertise.



Developing specialist construction skills

Advance existing trade skills

Designed for experienced construction professionals looking to build on their existing expertise and develop specialist skills in modern finishing techniques.

Apply learning immediately

Gain practical, job-ready skills that can be used straight away across new-build, refurbishment and retrofit projects, supporting productivity and quality on site.

Meet industry demand

Develop knowledge and competence in specialist application methods that are becoming increasingly important across modern construction, energy-efficiency and building improvement projects.



Who are these courses for?

These industry-recognised short courses are designed for experienced construction tradespeople looking to develop specialist skills, improve on-site performance and keep pace with modern methods of construction.

Suitable for learners with relevant Level 1–3 construction trade qualifications, these courses support:

- Progression from existing construction qualifications
- Continuing professional development (CPD) for experienced tradespeople
- Workforce upskilling in modern methods of construction and retrofit delivery
- Development of specialist skills for energy-efficiency and building improvement projects



Level 3 Award in Applying Coating Using Spray Methods (Painting and Decorating)

Learners develop the advanced spray-application techniques increasingly used across construction, refurbishment and retrofit environments. The qualification focuses on achieving consistent, high-quality finishes while meeting industry standards for efficiency, quality and site performance.

Qualifications at a glance

City & Guilds qualification no:
6721-13

Guided learning hours (GLH):
30 hours (TBC)

Assessment:
Portfolio of evidence

Funded:
Not funded

Who it's for

For qualified painters and decorators looking to develop specialist spray-application skills.

What it covers

The qualification will have two pathways, including HVLP spray painting and airless spray painting, both will develop specialist knowledge and practical skills in:

- Principles of spray-applied coatings
- Surface preparation and masking techniques
- Spray equipment operation and maintenance
- Material selection and application methods
- Health, safety and environmental conditions
- Achieving consistent, high-quality finishes across a range of surfaces





Level 3 Award in Plaster Skimming, Taping & Jointing

Learners develop the advanced plaster skimming, taping and jointing techniques increasingly required across new-build, refurbishment and retrofit projects. The qualification focuses on delivering smooth, high-quality finishes efficiently, helping tradespeople meet industry expectations for productivity, precision and workmanship.

Qualifications at a glance

City & Guilds qualification no:
6722-13

Guided learning hours (GLH):
30 hours (TBC)

Assessment:
Portfolio of evidence

Funded:
Not funded

Who it's for

For experienced plasterers and construction professionals seeking to enhance finishing techniques and improve quality on site.

What it covers

The qualification develops specialist knowledge and practical skills in:

- Plaster skimming, taping and jointing techniques
- Surface preparation and finishing requirements
- Tools, equipment and application methods
- Materials, compounds and substrate suitability
- Health, safety and environmental considerations
- Achieving smooth, consistent, high-quality finishes





Level 3 Award in Introduction to Spray Plastering, Incorporating External Wall Insulation (EWI)

Learners develop the specialist spray plastering and external wall insulation (EWI) skills increasingly used across refurbishment, retrofit and new-build projects. The qualification introduces modern application methods designed to improve efficiency, consistency and finish quality while supporting the growing demand for energy-efficiency measures and modern methods of construction.

Combining practical spray-plastering techniques with an understanding of EWI systems, this qualification helps experienced tradespeople broaden their skills and respond to industry requirements.

Qualifications at a glance

City & Guilds qualification no:
6723-13

Guided learning hours (GLH):
30 hours

Assessment:
Portfolio of evidence

Funded:
Not funded

Who it's for

For experienced plasterers and construction professionals looking to develop skills in spray plastering and external wall insulation systems.

What it covers

The qualification develops specialist knowledge and practical skills in:

- Spray plastering principles and application techniques
- External Wall Insulation (EWI) systems
- Surface and substrate preparation requirements
- Materials, equipment and system selection
- Health, safety and environmental considerations
- Achieving consistent, high-quality finishes across a range of project types



Centre requirements

Centres must ensure tutors and assessors have relevant construction experience and appropriate qualifications, supported by suitable facilities and resources. Full requirements are detailed in the qualification handbook.



Assessment approach

- Practical, focused training aligned to real on-site working practices
- Flexible portfolio-based assessment of occupational competence
- Can be delivered as a standalone qualification, CPD opportunity or enhancement to existing training programmes
- Suitable for centre, workshop and site-based delivery



Key benefit for employers



Upskill experienced operatives in specialist finishing techniques



Improve efficiency, consistency and finish quality on projects



Support workforce capability in modern construction techniques and retrofit delivery



Provide targeted training with minimal disruption to operational demands

Expand your construction provision with flexible short courses designed to meet industry demand

Get in touch to learn more about delivering City & Guilds construction short courses and how they can support your learners, employers and local skills priorities

Get in touch

