



Building futures through skills



Give your learners a stronger start in construction with the City & Guilds Level 2 Foundation Apprenticeship in Onsite Trades.

Building the next generation of onsite skills

Purpose-built for progression, this programme prepares young people with the practical skills, industry awareness, and professional behaviours they need to confidently take their next step – whether that's moving into employment or advancing to a higher-level apprenticeship.

Designed as a true stepping stone into the construction sector, this foundation apprenticeship helps learners build core competencies early, giving them the confidence to specialise and grow within their chosen trade. It offers an impressive way to prepare students

for real-world expectations while strengthening employability from day one.

Our programme has been shaped in partnership with technical experts and employers across small, medium, and large construction organisations. As a result, it reflects genuine industry requirements and aligns fully with current occupational standards. You can be assured that the apprenticeship provides robust, reliable evidence of each learner's achievement across the required knowledge, skills, and behaviours (KSBs) outlined in the assessment plan.



Why this apprenticeship matters

Helps address skills shortages by developing confident, site-ready operatives to meet sector demand by filling critical workforce gaps.

Offers a structured progression pathway on completion, apprentices will be well-prepared to advance into a Level 2 apprenticeship or into employment.

Delivered by City & Guilds industry-recognised for expert guidance, consistent results, and reliable large-scale delivery.

Support learners. Strengthen progression. Build the workforce of tomorrow



Apprenticeship overview

Delivery

Level 2 Foundation Apprenticeship in Onsite Trades (FA0003)

Typical duration to gateway:
8 months | Funding: £4,000

Gateway-to-completion requirements:

- Online multiple choice test
- Portfolio of evidence
- Apprentices must follow the English and maths formal qualification requirements as set out in the Department for Education Apprenticeship funding rules.
- Employer confirmation that the apprentice has suitably demonstrated the Employability Skills and Behaviour (EB) statements over the course of the Foundation Apprenticeship



Assessment methods

Knowledge test: a selection of MCQs that are drawn from across the various Assessment Outcomes within the assessment plan.

- This assessment should take place when the apprentice is ready.
- Pass/fail.
- Health and safety related MCQs will support the apprentices knowledge in preparation for CSCS test requirements.

Portfolio of evidence

- Can include: Annotated photos, videos, workplace records and reflective accounts.
- Covers AO1, AO2 & AO3 of the assessment plan
- Internally assessed, externally quality assured



Certification

Successful learners receive a City & Guilds Level 2 Onsite trades foundation apprenticeship certificate, plus a digital credential to showcase and verify their skills online, helping them stand out to employers and customers.



Support you can count on

Online resources:

Streamline apprenticeship delivery, access resources, and monitor progress via EPA Pro. Access mock tests and exemplar materials from the City & Guilds website.

Specialist support:

Technical advisors and EPA partnership managers available to guide you at every step of the apprenticeship journey



What sets us apart

Developed in partnership with employers and industry specialists, our regulated, **industry-relevant qualifications and assessments** are aligned to current industry requirements and practical plastering techniques, ensuring learners develop skills that are truly work-ready.

We offer **flexible, scalable delivery** supported by workplace-relevant assessment. With over 100,000 EPAs delivered across multiple standards and a 90% pass rate, we bring proven experience and trusted outcomes that support learner success.

City & Guilds is the global skills partner, working with governments, employers, training providers, colleges, and industry leaders to design and deliver high-quality training, qualifications, assessments, and credentials that lead to meaningful career progression.

**We believe every learner has the potential to progress
- and we're here to help make it happen.**

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