

## Focus Alert February 2013

### Assessment

City & Guilds has conducted an initial performance review of some of the online tests in the 6035 Diplomas in Plumbing Studies and 2365 Diplomas in Electrical Installations, taking on board feedback from centres about these qualifications. To date, we have published improved versions of the following tests:

Test	Date improved version published
6035-502 Electrical principles and processes for building services engineering	21 Dec 2012
6035-203 Scientific principles for domestic, industrial and commercial plumbing	22 Jan 2013
6035-505 Cold water systems	23 Jan 2013
6035-603 Complex cold water systems	25 Jan 2013
2365-202 Principles of electrical science	22 Jan 2013
2365-203 Electrical installations technology	02 Jan 2013
2365-301 Understand the fundamental principles and requirements of environmental technology systems	15 Feb 2013

The initial performance review will carry on, and we expect to publish improved versions of other online tests in our Plumbing and Electrotech qualifications over the next few weeks and months.

We welcome feedback from centres to ensure our tests and assessments are functioning as expected. If you would like to speak to us about this matter please contact Kiz Durrani at [kiz.durrani@cityandguilds.com](mailto:kiz.durrani@cityandguilds.com)

### Guidance for centres delivering City & Guilds craft qualifications

Centres wishing to enrol candidates on the new craft qualifications should look at the following guidelines prior to registering any candidates. This will ensure the centre has the right calibre of candidate to complete the qualification.

- ✓ A full and thorough skill scan on all potential candidates
- ✓ Ensure they have the correct level of maths and English (both qualifications have some degree of maths) – candidates should be made aware of this.

- ✓ Centres should be aware that the 2365 and 6035 standards are new, and although they reflect many areas of content from previous qualifications, the units have been revised and updated, and candidates will be at a disadvantage if they are not taught to the new standards
- ✓ Centres do not have to enter learners in for tests in the order that they appear in the qualification handbook eg (201, 202, 203 etc) There have been some indications from centres that they are putting candidates through the more complex units early on. Units such as scientific and electrical principles can be delivered later on in the curriculum, after candidates have had time to develop their knowledge in these areas through practical activities
- ✓ Centres should read the test specifications in the front of the handbook to familiarise themselves with the weighting of the questions in relation to the unit syllabus
- ✓ Centres should not enter candidates for the tests until they are confident the individual has fully prepared and achieved the appropriate level of knowledge required

### **Support materials**

- ✓ SmartScreen – units (201 – 205) are now available for level 2 6035. The remaining units (206 – 210) will be available in April 2013.
- ✓ SmartScreen – 6035 level 3 will be available in October 2013
- ✓ SmartScreen – 2365 level 2 will be available in March 2013
- ✓ SmartScreen – 2365 level 3 will be available in September 2013
- ✓ Text book – 6035 level 2 will be available July 2013. The level 3 Text book will be available November 2013
- ✓ Text book – 2365 level 2 and level 3 will both be available in July 2013

Centres wishing to view draft materials for our craft qualifications please email [charlie.evans@cityandguilds.com](mailto:charlie.evans@cityandguilds.com)

Please ensure you are signed up to receive focus alerts for Building services engineering.

<http://www.cityandguilds.com/Provide-Training/Centre-Support/Focus-Alerts/Focus-Sign-Up-Form>

Thank you,

BSE Team