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60102834 Entry Level Certificate in Construction Skills (Entry 3)

OVERVIEW

For learners interested in working in the construction industry, but do not know which trade area to specialise in, our Entry Level 3 and Level 1 qualifications in Construction Skills are the perfect opportunity to develop practical skills needed by some employers in the industry, whilst giving you a taster of a variety of trades before choosing to progress into further learning in a specific trade.

Depending on your chosen option, you will study between five and six units from the following:

- Introduction to health and safety in construction
- Introduction to the construction industry
- Constructing halving joints
- Constructing housing joints
- Painting techniques
- Tiling a plain wall
- Constructing half brick walling
- Laying paving using slabs
- Setting out and laying gravel paths
- Preparing background surfaces and applying render coats
- Removing and refitting water-filled radiators
- Working with non-manipulative fittings
- Connecting flex to common apparatus

This is a Framework qualification that consists of five to six units of assessment.

There are no entry requirements for this qualification and it is available for learners above the age of 14.

WHAT COULD THIS QUALIFICATION LEAD TO?

The primary aim of this qualification is to help prepare you to progress into further learning and training in the construction sector. You may take the qualification as part of a pre-apprenticeship programme, a traineeship, or you may take it alongside the CSCS Green Card for Labourers qualifications, to help you gain opportunities to work on site as a labourer.



Once you have studied the qualification, you should be in a position to decide which construction trade area you would like to specialise in. You could then consider progressing on to study any of the following qualifications:

- Level 1 Diploma in Construction Skills
- Level 1 Diploma in Bricklaying
- Level 1 Diploma in Carpentry and Joinery
- Level 1 Diploma in Painting and Decorating
- Level 1 Diploma in Plastering
- Level 1 Diploma in Wall and Floor Tiling
- Level 1 Diploma in Plumbing Installation
- Level 1 Diploma in Electrical Installation

WHY CHOOSE THIS QUALIFICATION OVER OTHER SIMILAR QUALIFICATIONS?

City & Guilds offers several qualifications in Construction Skills, ranging in size and complexity from Awards to a Diploma. The primary purpose of this is to ensure that learners and employers have options and flexibility in the choice of skills required – no construction project is entirely the same, and the complexity of projects can vary from extremely simple to extremely complex, as such the skills needed for the job can vary greatly. As a result, the sector often faces significant challenges in terms of staff recruitment and retention, particularly as it can take several years for an individual to become fully competent in a trade. It is also reflective of the diverse abilities of learners that wish to work in the sector.

You are likely to choose the Entry Level Certificate if you have no previous experience or skills using construction hand tools, and you wish to learn between five and six simple tasks commonly undertaken in the construction industry, possibly to gain employment working on a construction job, but more likely to decide if you wish to continue to further study in a particular trade area.

WHO SUPPORTS THIS QUALIFICATION?

This qualification is supported by many colleges in the UK. We are grateful to have specific support from the following City & Guilds Construction centres:

Bridgwater College
Colchester Institute
South & City College Birmingham