

Building
global careers

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CONSTRUCTION

This booklet shows you our construction qualifications for international learners. Whether your learners are in college or employment, City & Guilds offers professional qualifications for entry to the labour market or to promote ongoing skills development.



City & Guilds is working in almost 100 countries worldwide to support the closing of current skills gaps, boost career opportunities and build businesses.

There are numerous jobs in the construction industry and we have the qualifications to match. Some of them are jointly awarded with construction industry giants ConstructionSkills (formerly CITB) bringing you the best in quality and expertise.

Most importantly, our construction qualifications are as international as we are, meaning that a certificate from City & Guilds will be recognised and welcomed around the world.

These flexible qualifications allow your centre to take advantage of the growing demand to counteract the 'brain drain' and fill those skills openings in the global engineering industry.

Why City & Guilds?

- Recognised by employers throughout the world
- Established in London in 1878
- Qualifications are work-based
- Integrity and quality of assessment
- Unrivalled range of qualifications
- Optional units allow flexible provision
- Great for career development and progression
- Equivalent to the UK NVQ qualification
- Online learning and support resources (smartscreen.co.uk & GOLA)
- Syllabus, booklist and sample test questions provided
- Ongoing guidance and support from your local office/EV
- The global standard for professional excellence

Finding the right route

Diploma Award in the Construction Industry

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I worked as an Asst. Quantity Surveyor at Sanken Lanka Ltd in Sri Lanka after joining as an apprentice. While working I decided to better myself professionally and follow a City & Guilds Technician Program.

I went to Skills International (Pvt) Ltd in Sri-Lanka, known for conducting City & Guilds Applied Programs, to seek their advice. With my 2 A Levels in Maths and Physics I could join the City & Guilds Diploma in Construction Industry program. This particularly attracted me as it was the only course including practical work.

I joined their weekend program and completed my Diploma in 9 months. The City & Guilds Diploma and my more professional approach at work after the training was recognised and my employer made me permanent as a Technical Officer with emphasis given to site quantity surveying.

Encouraged by this, I enrolled to follow the Advanced Diploma Program in Construction Industry.

After another 9 months I successfully passed the City & Guilds examinations & obtained my Advanced Diploma Award.

With this development my employer promoted me to Assistant Quantity Surveyor and also reimbursed all my tuition and examination fees. This has since encouraged several apprentices in our company to follow City & Guilds courses.

After working as a Quantity Surveyor for two years I felt that going overseas would improve my prospects and professional development. I contacted Skills International and was briefed on the positions available overseas and advised on how to face the interview process.

I succeeded at interview for the well-paid position of Quantity Surveyor in Dubai with 'Bovis Lend Lease' Construction, a British International construction company. I attribute my success to my City & Guilds qualifications which are highly acclaimed in the Middle East as well as the professional approach I developed through the training programs.

IVQ Craft Awards in the Construction Industry (6161) Levels 1, 2 & 3

Who is this for?

At Certificate level this qualification is great for front line workers wanting a broad introduction to the theory and practical side of construction.

Also, those who are working independently and require specialised skills and knowledge can take the Diploma level, in any one of six crafts (see below).

Finally at Advanced Diploma level, it is perfect for those in work and looking to re-train as engineers or even current engineers who would like to have their skills and knowledge formally recognised.

What type of qualification is this?

International Vocational Qualification (IVQ). IVQs are designed to prove that learners have both the knowledge of their profession and abilities to carry out key tasks.

Theoretical knowledge is tested by multiple choice or written tests; practical skills are assessed by assignments observed by a qualified assessor.

What the qualification covers

- Timber Vocations
- Trowel Vocations
- Painting and Decorating
- Plumbing
- Refrigeration and Air Conditioning
- Electrical Installation
- Bench joinery
- Site carpentry

What are the Guided Learning Hours (GLH)?

It is recommended that between 360 to 660 hours are allocated depending on level.

How can learners progress?

Learners can progress through the different levels above, and from 6161 to 6165. Many candidates progress into employment.

IVQ Technical Awards in the Construction Industry (6165) Levels 2, 3 & 5

Who is this for?

At Certificate level this qualification provides a broad introduction to the theory and practical side of construction for a person beginning an academic training programme.

The Diploma provides more practice involving a broader range of skills appropriate to a person who will be working independently.

The advanced diploma takes these skills to the level appropriate for preparing for or working in a supervisory or management role.

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What the qualification covers

- Safety at work
- Mathematics and drawing
- Communications and information technology
- Timber Vocations
- Trowel Vocations
- Painting and Decorating
- Plumbing
- Refrigeration and Air Conditioning
- Electrical Installation
- Construction Technician Practice
- Construction Mathematics
- Technical Science
- Technical Drawing
- Construction Technology

What are the Guided Learning Hours (GLH)?

It is recommended that between 375, 720 and 360 hours be allocated respectively for Certificate, Diploma and Advanced Diploma levels.

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England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales

WorldSkills London 2011

In 2011 London will host the competition showcasing the very best vocational skills in the world. City & Guilds is proud to support this event and the UK team as Premier Partner of UK Skills.

For 130 years City & Guilds has been encouraging and recognising skills for the workplace, not just in the UK but worldwide.

In a world where skills are increasingly being recognised as essential to economic prosperity, City & Guilds is proud to promote the pursuit of excellence in vocational skills.

www.cityandguilds.com/worldskills



Europass Certificate Supplement

More and more learners are looking for training providers that offer internationally recognised qualifications. And employers need to find out quickly and easily what individuals are able to contribute to their organisation. City & Guilds is the first awarding body to provide Europass Certificate supplements, part of a European initiative called Europass. Learners and employers can now visit www.cityandguilds.com/europass and download a document which outlines the skills, and level, that a certificate covers and how the qualification compares with other qualifications.



