

## Purpose statement

The following purpose is for the **City & Guilds Level 2 Technical Certificate in Plastering (603/0319/0)**

Area	Description
<b>OVERVIEW</b>	
<p>Who is this qualification for?</p>	<p>This Level 2 Technical Certificate in Plastering is aimed at you if you are looking to work in the construction industry specifically as a craftsperson in plastering.</p> <p>You will gain an understanding of the skills and knowledge that are important when you are working as a plasterer or progressing to further learning and training in this area.</p> <p>This qualification is suitable if you are 16 years old, or over. You don't need any previous experience to start this qualification.</p> <p>Following successful completion of this qualification you will be qualified to work in the construction industry as a plasterer.</p>
<p>What does this qualification cover?</p>	<p>This qualification covers all the main skills and knowledge you will need to progress to further learning and training, or to enter the world of work as a plasterer. It is split into <b>three</b> pathways: Solid, Fibrous and Interior systems. It covers a range of skills and knowledge in these areas. You will have a choice of which specialist pathway you study.</p> <p>You will study the following mandatory content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• health, safety and welfare in construction</li> <li>• principles of building construction, information and communication</li> <li>• applying plastering materials to interiors.</li> </ul> <p>The topics you will cover for the solid pathway include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• laying floor screed systems</li> <li>• installing direct bond and taping and jointing</li> <li>• applying plastering materials to external backgrounds.</li> </ul> <p>The topics you will cover for the fibrous pathway include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• producing reverse moulds</li> <li>• constructing running moulds</li> <li>• repairing damaged fibrous plasterwork.</li> </ul>

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The topics you will cover for the interior systems pathway include:

- fixing and finishing lining systems
- installing metal furring ceiling
- fixing metal stud partitioning systems.

The units are designed so that you learn the underlying principles and practical skills involved, as well as getting an overview of the principles of construction, building technology and terminology used.

Centres and providers where you do your training, work with local employers who will contribute to the knowledge and delivery of this training. The different ways in which centres could support your learning, by working with local and national businesses include:

- Structured work-experience or work placements within their business
- Your attendance at classes or lectures given by industry experts
- Employers input into projects and exercises, or their involvement with setting assessments and examinations
- Employers who act as 'expert witnesses' to contribute to the assessment of your work

This practical based training is ideal preparation for gaining employment as a craftsperson in plastering or further specialist study.

#### WHAT COULD THIS QUALIFICATION LEAD TO?

Will the qualification lead to employment, and if so, in which job role and at what level?

Achievement of this qualification demonstrates to an employer that you have the necessary technical skills and knowledge they are looking for when recruiting for a plasterer. This may be working for a house-building company, a property development company, or working as part of a small business repairing and refurbishing buildings.

Why choose this qualification over similar qualifications?

There are no other qualifications within this suite at this level. However, City & Guilds offers different technical certificate qualifications at Level 2 covering the skills and knowledge needed to work in other areas of the construction industry such as bricklaying, site carpentry, architectural joinery, and painting and decorating.

Will the qualification lead to further learning?

This qualification will allow you to progress into employment or onto the Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Plastering (450). This will allow you to enhance the skills and knowledge that you have gained at level two, to progress into higher job roles such as an advanced craft plasterer.

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This qualification could also lead you to an apprenticeship in construction. There are a number of new and exciting apprenticeships currently being developed in construction, including plastering, so you could progress to be an apprentice working as a plasterer.

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#### WHO SUPPORTS THIS QUALIFICATION?

Employer/Higher Education Institutions

This qualification is supported by the Federation of Master Builders (FMB) The FMB is the UK's largest trade association in the building industry and was established to protect the interests of small and medium-sized building firms. The FMB supports the above qualification as being important for employment within the industry.

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FURTHER INFORMATION

Please refer to the Qualification Handbook, available on the City & Guilds website, for more information on the structure of this qualification, the content of the units, and assessment.

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