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A newsletter from City & Guilds on professional and technical education updates in rail

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T levels - What you need to know

The DfE have recently announced their action plan for the technical education reforms (T levels), expected to take effect from September 2020. The reforms began with the publication of the Post 16 Skills Plan in July 2016, and we now have more information to share with you.

To help you to understand what the changes will mean to you and your colleagues and how to prepare for them, we ran a free webinar this autumn for principals, vice principals, curriculum managers, tutors and anyone who is involved in delivering qualifications to full-time learners aged 16-18.

This webinar provides:

- an in-depth knowledge of the post 16 technical education reforms
- more information about T levels
- information about the new work placement pilot scheme
- information about the consultation process and how you can get involved.

Please note that the information in this webinar is correct as of the date of airing on 29 November 2017.

<https://www.cityandguilds.com/techbac/events>

Click under past events.

Register for further updates: <https://www.cityandguilds.com/what-we-offer/centres/email-updates>

T level programmes consultation out now

The government has just launched the new T level programmes consultation running for 10 weeks until 8 February 2018.

The consultation sets out proposals for T levels and seeks views on how to implement them to ensure we can create a world class technical education system.

This is a once in a generation opportunity to get the system right so that it works for all. Be part of the discussion and have your say now.

https://consult.education.gov.uk/technical-education/implementation-of-t-level-programmes/?utm_source=City%20%26%20Guilds%20UK&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=8947548_UKC_Various_Important%20Alert_NonPrivate_Employer_2017-12-01%2017%3A57%3A28_Alerts_UK&dm_i=1LRT,5BRZ0,8SDBY1,KKFNH,1

Webinar - 20% off the job in Apprenticeship standards

Confused about off-the-job training? Let our funding and digital learning experts help.

We know that many training providers and employers want more support over how to evidence this vital element of the on-programme phase of the apprenticeship. That's why Bryony Kingsland (UK Funding Manager) and Kirsten Train-Ward (Digital Product Manager) will be running a webinar to help training providers and employers get to grips with off-the-job training.

They'll cover:

- what off-the-job training consists of
- how you can track and demonstrate your apprentice's progress to independent auditors.

Registration: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5499335336868500993>

Title: Apprenticeship standards - 20% off-the-job training made clear

Date: Thursday 14 December

Time: 10.30 - 11.30

Can't make it? Register anyway so we can send you the slides, recording and Q&As.

Extension of current qualifications

Rail Engineering

Following feedback from centres who need more time to get ready for the new qualifications and to maintain provision aligned with nations, we have extended the following qualifications for another 12 months:

7597-11 Level 1 NVQ Certificate in Basic Track Maintenance (until 2020)

7597-19 Level 1 NVQ Certificate in Track Renewals (until 2020)

7597-01 Level 2 Certificate in Rail Engineering Underpinning Knowledge

7597-12 Level 2 NVQ Certificate in Rail Engineering Track Maintenance

7597-52 Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Rail Engineering Track Maintenance

7597-10 Level 3 NVQ Certificate in Rail Engineering Traction and Rolling Stock

7597-14 Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Rail Engineering Signalling Maintainer and Fault Finder

In regards to the new ones, the process is as follows:

(6499-03) Level 3 Diplomas for Rail Engineering Technicians Competence (603/0407/8)

Approval process: Fast Track Approval.

(6497-03) Level 3 Rail Engineering Technician Knowledge (603/0401/7)

Approval process: Fast Track Approval.

(6499-02) Level 2 Diplomas for Rail Engineering Technicians Competence (603/1170/8)
Approval process: Fast Track Approval.

(6497-02) Level 2 Rail Engineering Technician Knowledge (603/0846/1)
Approval process: Automatic Approval.

Please find the fast track approvals in the following pages:

<http://www.cityandguilds.com/qualifications-and-apprenticeships/transport-maintenance/railway/6499-diplomas-in-rail-engineering-competence#tab=documents>

<http://www.cityandguilds.com/qualifications-and-apprenticeships/transport-maintenance/railway/6497-diplomas-in-rail-engineering-knowledge#tab=documents>

Click on centre documents.

Rail Services

The following qualifications have been extended as requested by centres:

- 7598-01 Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Rail Services
- 7596-21 Level 2 NVQ in Rail Services (Tram/Light Rail Driving)
- 7596-22 Level 2 NVQ in Rail Services (Control Room Operations)
- 7596-25 Level 2 NVQ in Rail Services (Shunting)

New e-portfolio system for Rail Engineering Apprenticeships

Watch it now! <https://lnkd.in/eA-fBN4>

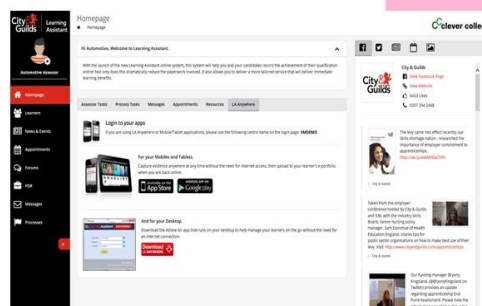
New e-portfolio system for Rail Engineering Apprenticeships!

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New e-portfolio system for Rail Engineering Apprenticeships

Watch how it works: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dH4ucbpH4tg>

- Let apprentices take control of their learning with access 24/7 on the go and offline.
- Monitor progress at course and unit level with interaction among the employer, training organisation and apprentice for a clear and transparent audit process.
- The contact diary reflects the apprentices' journey through their course from assessment planning, feedback, review and verification.
- Select evidence to prepare the end point assessment portfolio and get apprentices ready for the viva interview.
- Learning Assistant can integrate with your MIS provider using your Learning Assistant API. Also connected to the Walled Garden.
- Safety first! With a complete disaster recovery strategy and hosted by Microsoft Azure.



Become an independent assessor for rail engineering operative standard

We have a new website for our end point assessment service. Whether you want to know about all the new Apprenticeship Standards City & Guilds is an apprentice assessment organization for, business models, planning and processes or even become an independent end assessor, you will find the answers in the link below:

<http://www.cityandguilds.com/apprenticeships/emerging-standards/end-assessment-service>

Role profiles for lead and independent assessors and application forms can be found here:

<http://www.cityandguilds.com/apprenticeships/emerging-standards/independent-end-assessor>

For those who would like to apply for these roles for the rail engineering operative standard, please remember you can access the standard and the assessment plan in the Government's website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/apprenticeship-standard-rail-engineering-operative>

In regards to the qualifications developed for this standard, which can be used as part of the Apprenticeship or as standalone, please find qualification handbooks in our website:

Competence based qualifications

<http://www.cityandguilds.com/qualifications-and-apprenticeships/transport-maintenance/railway/6499-diplomas-in-rail-engineering-competence#tab=documents>

Knowledge based qualifications

<http://www.cityandguilds.com/qualifications-and-apprenticeships/transport-maintenance/railway/6497-diplomas-in-rail-engineering-knowledge#tab=documents>

You can also download the factsheets for marketing purposes:

Rail Engineering Operative

http://www.cityandguilds.com/~media/apprenticeships/docs/emerging/new%20factsheets/J369392_FactSheet_Rail_Engineering_Operative_13%20pdf.ashx

Rail Engineering Technician

http://www.cityandguilds.com/~media/apprenticeships/docs/emerging/new%20factsheets/J369392_FactSheet_Rail_Engineering_Technician_13%20pdf.ashx

Apprenticeship off-the-job training: policy background and examples

This publication provides policy context and some best-practice examples around off-the-job training.

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/621565/OTJ_training_guidance.pdf

Events and webinars about Apprenticeships and current education reforms

Whether you need further information to understand the current education reforms, funding changes, how to migrate from current frameworks to new standards and what the impact of these changes are going to impact you as an employer or as a training organisation, you can access detailed information here:

<http://www.cityandguilds.com/apprenticeships/events-and-webinars>

Tell us what you think

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Each edition is numbered, so we can refer back to previous issues or tell you when information has been superseded.

If there's anything else you'd particularly like us to cover or explain more fully in future issues of *All About*, please feel free to drop us a line to rail@cityandguilds.com or visit us at



<http://bit.ly/J01t4F>

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