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

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Get to know our EPA preparation tool (England)

Our EPA Preparation Tool is a diagnostic system that will allow your learners to complete a personalised learning and development plan to prepare them for End Point Assessment.

This is included for all learners that are registered with City & Guilds End point Assessment.

Demo: [https://goo.gl/xvawaW](https://goo.gl/xvawaW)

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Consultations on draft Apprenticeship standards under development (England)

The following consultations are now open until 29 January 2018:

New proposals for the development of new Apprenticeship standards, such as Tramway (Light Rail) Construction and Renewals Operative.

[https://consult.education.gov.uk/apprenticeships/newproposalsjanuary2018/](https://consult.education.gov.uk/apprenticeships/newproposalsjanuary2018/)

New draft Apprenticeship standards (not any in railways but in case you are interested in other sectors):

[https://consult.education.gov.uk/apprenticeships/january2018-1/](https://consult.education.gov.uk/apprenticeships/january2018-1/)

New draft assessment plans (not any in railways but in case you are interested in other sectors):


Recorded webinar on 20% off the job in Apprenticeship standards (England)

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) have run a webinar to help training providers and employers get to grips with off-the-job training.
This recording covers:

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

Access recorded webinars, slides and FAQ documents through the link below:

https://www.cityandguilds.com/apprenticeships/events-and-webinars


Past events

Catch up on any webinars you missed. You’ll find recordings of the session, plus the presentation and Q&A from the day.

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Extension of current qualifications (All)

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 qualifications**, 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 forms in the following pages:


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](https://lnkd.in/eA-fBN4)
New e-portfolio system for Rail Engineering Apprenticeships

Watch how it works: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dJYucbpH4tg

• 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:


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:


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:
(6499) Competence based qualifications


(6497) Knowledge based qualifications


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

T level occupational maps consultation out now (England)

In November 2017 the Institute for Apprenticeships (IfA) took ownership of occupational maps from the Department for Education, a resource which will help determine how occupations are categorised and in turn T levels are developed and implemented.

These occupational maps contain all current apprenticeship standards under development/ready for delivery and suggestions on what other occupations are still missing and should be developed.

The IfA are seeking views on the occupational maps to ensure they capture all the relevant occupations in each route and that these are grouped coherently.

In addition, they would like to understand for which ones T Levels or college based training programmes (similar to study programmes) should be developed.

You can find all occupations for rail engineering under the ‘Engineering and Manufacturing’ route panel.

Some of operational roles such as train drivers have been classified under the ‘Transport and Logistics’ route panel. The occupations included in this route are expected to be delivered via apprenticeships. So, if you think that college based provision should be developed, you can feedback following this link: https://lnkd.in/dRmXA4U
Occupations in **red** are those proposed for development.  
The ones in **amber** are those which already have a standard approved.  
The ones in **green** are ready for delivery so they already have a standard, an assessment plan and a funding band allocated.  
The **black** ones are suggestions of new occupations not proposed for development yet.

Consultation on occupational maps for T Levels closes on 08 February 2018.

**T level programmes consultation out now (England)**

The Government has just launched the new T level programmes consultation running for 10 weeks until 08 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://goo.gl/mfDUJA](https://goo.gl/mfDUJA)

**Tell us what you think**

All About Rail is a newsletter that brings together all of the key developments from City & Guilds relevant to automotive skills learning across England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. It contains updates on the range of teaching and learning resources we offer, plus relevant public policy or other information we think you might be interested in.

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@cityandgilds.com or visit us at [http://bit.ly/J01t4F](http://bit.ly/J01t4F)

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