

This update is to inform existing and new centres offering 6159 Winter Service Operations of scheme developments.

As centres will be aware there was a need to alter the unit and qualification pathway numbers due to duplicate certificates being produced and invoiced for. It was unfortunate that in the build of the revised numbering and placing onto the Walled Garden Certification system it was unintentionally set up to also charge centres for the unit endorsements where they applied to certificates.

City & Guilds would like to apologise for this error and has worked to rectify it with urgency. Centres who have been charged for the endorsements being added to certificates will be identified and a refund arranged.

To avoid duplicate certificates being produced where a learner has already been certificated for a pathway, and is adding another, it has been necessary to pre-register the learner before then claiming the certificates. Centres will not be charged for registering learners as it is with other qualifications. Pre-registering learners will be monitored and may revert back to the previous system at a later date.

Other information

Where a learner has completed one of the qualification pathways and is adding another at a later date it is important to ensure that the Health and Safety unit for the pathway is within the last 5 years. Where 5 years has elapsed the learner will be required to undertake the health and safety unit again.

Where a learner has completed, for example; Unit 080/580 and Unit 013/513, and then needs to add a Snow Blower pathway learning outcome 9b must be completed prior to assessments and recorded. This must be signed off by the trainer and learner.

To ensure that there is consistency between centres as well as avoiding confusion with unit assessment materials, centres must not alter it in anyway. City & Guilds would welcome any feedback on the assessment recording materials prior to the next revision. Centres are also reminded that the Standards and Assessment Materials are copyright protected by City & Guilds and must not be used for any other purposes, in house training for example.

At present there are only two EQAs covering this qualification. City & Guilds are in the process of inducting two/three more which will ease the pressure on the existing ones in undertaking centre visits. Please contact your EQA with any qualification specific questions in the first instance and your managing office as a last resort.

City & Guilds are hoping to host centre/trainer/assessor workshops later this year covering 6156 Streetworks Excavation and Reinstatement and 6159 Winter Service Operations. More information will be provided at a later date.

Automatic approval information

Further to the update issued in November 2014, we can confirm that existing centres have been given automatic approval to the revised qualification pathways that match their existing approval at the same status as per the table below.

Existing qualification reference	New qualification reference
6159-10	6159-20
6159-11	6159-21
6159-12	6159-22
6159-13	6159-23
6159-14	6159-24
6159-15	6159-25
6159-16	6159-26