



All About Construction

**Issue 07**

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A newsletter from City & Guilds on professional and technical education updates in construction for all nations.

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**Extensions and Withdrawals**

**Qualification extensions and withdrawals**

NVQ incremental changes

City & Guilds are still making necessary updates to 6574 in Construction Operations and 6577 in Site Supervision, to reflect updates in the *National Occupation Standards*. We are aware that centres are currently not able to register candidates onto these programmes, but we are working on resolving this matter for as soon as possible.

We are expecting the new 6574 and 6577 pathways to be available for registration again by **19th October 2018**.

City & Guilds would like to apologise for any inconvenience this will have caused. Centres approved on the existing NVQs will be given automatic approval for the replacement. If you have any concerns with this proposed date please contact us at [construction@cityandguilds.com](mailto:construction@cityandguilds.com).

Once completed all City & Guilds NVQs will reflect the latest version of the *National Occupational Standards* as developed and maintained by CITB through employer-led meetings. The NVQs are recognised by CSCS for granting learner’s with access to work on construction sites.

Qualification information

For a full list of City & Guilds qualifications in construction please refer to the *Construction Qualification Information - July 2018* document on our website:

[**https://www.cityandguilds.com/qualifications-and-apprenticeships/construction/latest-news-in-construction**](https://www.cityandguilds.com/qualifications-and-apprenticeships/construction/latest-news-in-construction)

**Update on apprenticeship standards**

City & Guilds are currently working with CITB and the employer groups on how best to support the new apprenticeship standards and in becoming an End-point Assessment Organisation.

For further information on the new standards, please attend one of our network events below:

**\*Colchester, 14th September 2018**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/city-and-guilds-construction-and-the-built-environment-network-meeting-tickets-33308653078>

**Blackpool, 3rd October 2018**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/city-and-guilds-construction-apprenticeships-and-epa-tickets-49278218478>

**Stoke-on-Trent, 7th November 2018**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/city-and-guilds-construction-apprenticeships-and-epa-stoke-on-trent-tickets-49279490282>

**\*Wakefield, 26th November 2018**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/city-and-guilds-construction-network-tickets-48269628759>

**\*Middlesbrough, 27th November 2018**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/city-and-guilds-construction-north-east-network-tickets-48269534477>

\* City & Guilds Technicals will also be covered at these events.

**CPD events**

Please take a look at our full list of CPD events below, including:

* Preparing your Apprentice for End Point
* Best practice in the quality assurance for the new Apprenticeship Standards
* Best practice in professional discussions

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/city-amp-guilds-10977079418>

**Functional skills updates**

The reformed Functional Skills qualifications will be available for teaching with effect from September 2019, to find out what this means for your delivery and the impact on your apprentices, join our monthly webinars to keep up to date.

Visit the Functional Skills page for further information and the link to register for the webinars:

<https://www.cityandguilds.com/what-we-offer/centres/maths-and-english/functional-skills-assessment-updates>

**Assessor opportunities at City & Guilds**

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**Independent End-point Assessors - Property Maintenance**

City & Guilds are proud to say we have been approved to deliver the End-Point Assessments for the new Property Maintenance Apprenticeship Standards.

We are now looking for qualified Independent End-Point Assessors for this Standard to help us ensure quality in the apprenticeship system, building on the trust and reputation that comes with our heritage.

As an Independent End-point Assessor, you will be responsible for:

* Assessing and documenting apprentice competence against industry specific apprenticeship standards, at designated venues using the stated assessment methods.
* Providing advice and support on end-point assessment sites and to the End-point Assessment team
* Participating in standardisation activities, to ensure a consistent approach to independent end-point assessment.
* Maintaining a thorough knowledge of City & Guilds independent end-point assessment policies and procedures.

It’s important to note that our Independent End-point Assessors are contracted on an annual basis, and that this is not a permanent role with City & Guilds.

For more information and how to apply, please click [here](http://www.cityandguilds.com/apprenticeships/emerging-standards/independent-end-assessor)

**Scotland update**

The following Modern Apprenticeships in Construction Building at SCQF Level 6 are available with City & Guilds:

* Bricklaying
* Carpentry and Joinery
* Painting and Decorating
* Plastering

After consultation with centres, City & Guilds has made the following changes to our handbooks and related guidance documents:

* Removal of the additional “expert witness recording form” – the expert witness should now sign the candidate recording form instead
* Additional information and guidance on the role of the Expert Witness
* Clarity provided on the titles of the tests.

Click [here](https://www.cityandguilds.com/~/media/cityandguilds-site/documents/about-us/ma_construction_flyer_january_2018%20pdf.ashx) for our one-page summary of the Modern Apprenticeships.

For more information please visit our new dedicated webpage for Scotland:

<https://www.cityandguilds.com/about-us/uk-local-teams/scotland>

**People Power Research**

New research from City & Guilds on how employers are faring in terms of recruiting and training the skilled workers they need to thrive and the challenges they see on the horizon. This research was done in partnership with Emsi to consider the current state of the UK labour market and predict what it may look like in the coming years.

<https://cityandguildsgroup.shorthandstories.com/people-power/index.html>



**Update on government reforms**

Trailblazer Apprenticeship standards – England

To check the status of standards currently in development, please visit the government website:

<https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/>

Several standards have had recent IfA approvals, including:

* Carpentry & Joinery: approved for delivery
* Advanced Carpentry & Joinery: approved for delivery
* Bricklayer: approved for delivery
* Plasterer: approved for delivery
* Painter and Decorator: approved for delivery
* Lifting Technician: approved for delivery

T-Levels - England

A recent IfA review of content has resulted in the *Design, Surveying and Planning* pathway being selected for delivery of a T level in 2020, ahead of *Building Services Engineering* and *On-site Construction*, which will now follow for first delivery in 2021:

<https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/about/outline-content-for-first-new-t-levels/>

<https://www.cityandguilds.com/tlevels>

Qualifications Wales Sector Review - Wales

Qualifications Wales has published its sector review of qualifications and the qualification system in Construction and the Built Environment. For the full *Building Futures* report please visit the Qualifications Wales website:

<http://qualificationswales.org/english/qualifications/vocational-qualifications/sector-reviews/construction-and-the-built-environment/>

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**Tell us what you think**

*All About Construction* is a newsletter that brings together all of the key developments from City & Guilds relevant to Construction skills learning across England, Scotland, Northern Ireland 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.

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