All About Construction

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

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For more information regarding the City & Guilds Construction offer, please refer to the *Construction – a Summary* document on our website:

<https://www.cityandguilds.com/qualifications-and-apprenticeships/construction/latest-news-in-construction>

**Extensions and Withdrawals**

**Qualification extensions and withdrawals**

NVQ incremental changes

As part of the “incremental changes” being made to the NVQs this year, several suites will be given new qualification numbers. For a summary of the changes being made to the NVQs, including new qualification numbers, please refer to our “*Summary of NVQ incremental changes*” document on the website:

<https://www.cityandguilds.com/qualifications-and-apprenticeships/construction/latest-news-in-construction>

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| For the NVQs listed below there will be a period of time where centres will be unable to register candidates. We are working to resolve this issue for as soon as possible.* 6569-01 to -07 in Roofing Operations expired in April 2018. The replacement offer will be available from June 2018.
* 6577-01 to -06 in Construction Site Supervision expired in April 2018. The replacement offer will be available from July 2018.
* 6574-11 to -18 in Construction Operations and Civil Engineering Services is set to expire on 30.06.2018. The replacement offer will be available from July 2018.
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Further detail of the changes can be found in the updated Qualification Handbooks on the individual product pages. Centres approved on existing NVQs will be given automatic approval to the replacement.

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.

**New qualifications**

The return of 6144 and 6146 short-courses

The following short-courses have been reinstated:

*6147-21 Level 2 in Excavation Support Systems*

And

*6144-31 Level 3 Award in Understanding Planning, Supervising and Managing Working at Height*

Both qualifications had originally ended for registration on 31.12.2017. However, as a result of unanticipated popular demand City & Guilds has agreed to extend the programmes for a further two years.

**Update on City & Guilds apprenticeship standards**

With SASE funding set to continue in several trade areas until at least 2020, City & Guilds have similarly extended their construction VRQs and NVQs to 2020, to assist centres with the transition over to the new standards.

Summary of Carpentry & Joinery standards

Approved for delivery by the *Institute for Apprenticeships* (IFA) on 27th February 2018

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|  | **Carpentry & Joinery** | **Advanced Carpentry & Joinery** |
|   | **Level** | 2 | 3 |
| **Number of pathways** | 2 | 2 |
| **Duration** | 18 months | 12 months |
| **Funding Band** | £12K | £9K |
| **On-programme (mandatory)** | **NVQ** | Mandatory:6571-21 Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Wood Occupations (construction) - Site CarpentryOr6571-22 Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Wood Occupations (Construction) - Architectural Joinery | Mandatory:6571-27 Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Wood Occupations (Construction) - Site CarpentryOr6571-28 Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Wood Occupations (Construction) - Architectural Joinery |
| **Technical training** | Training Specification available.City & Guilds are currently developing a Learner Training Manual and Extended SmartScreen resources to cover this requirement. Available from November 2018. | Training Specification available.City & Guilds are currently developing a Learner Training Manual and Extended SmartScreen resources to cover this requirement. Available from November 2018. |
| **Maths & English**  | Level 1 (achieved)Level 2 (to have taken) | Level 2 (achieved) |
| **On-programme (optional)** | **City & Guilds support materials** | * Learning Assistant (e-portfolio)
* End-point assessment Preparation Tool (covering behaviours and soft skills)
* End-point assessment Exemplar materials (demonstrating good practice for the EPA)
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| **Technical qualifications\*** | 6706-23 Level 2 Diploma in Site Carpentry6706-26 Level 2 Diploma in Bench Joinery7906-20 Level 2 Technical Certificate in Site Carpentry7906-21 Level 2 Technical Certificate in Architectural Joinery | 6706-33 Level 3 Diploma in Site Carpentry6706-36 Level 3 Diploma in Bench Joinery7906-30 Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Site Carpentry7906-31 Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Architectural Joinery |
| **End-point assessment** | **Practical Test** | 6 hours | 6 hours |
| **Short-answer test** | 45 minutes | 45 minutes |

\*Centres should be aware that technical qualifications cannot be claimed against the apprenticeship levy.

**Update on City & Guilds support materials**

Training Manuals

Available for Level 2 Bricklaying, Architectural Joinery, and Site Carpentry. Suitable for use on either the Diploma qualifications (6705 and 6706) or the new City & Guilds technical qualification specifications (7905 and 7906).

Available to purchase on Walled Garden or online bookshops.

The following screenshot has been taken from Walled Garden, showing how to find the new Training Manuals:



Enhanced SmartScreen

New e-learning packages are available for Bricklaying and Carpentry & Joinery via our SmartScreen platform.

An example module can be found by clicking on the links below:

Bricklaying           [Bricks, Blocks and Bonding](https://syn.midkent.ac.uk/C%26G/Trial/BR1/story.html)

Carpentry            [Roof Types and their Components](https://syn.midkent.ac.uk/C%26G/Trial/C2/story.html)

**Update on Scotland**

City & Guilds now offer the following Modern Apprenticeships in Construction Building at SCQF Level 6:

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

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>

**Network and support events**

Please find below further details and joining instructions for our Construction Network Events:

Network events

**Norwich, 15th June 2018**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/norwich-construction-regional-network-tickets-46102866916>

**Cancelled: Manchester, 5th June 2018**

Unfortunately, due to a conflict of dates we have had to cancel the event at Hopwood Hall, Manchester. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Support events

Webinar, 31st May 2018 - The end-point assessment journey and what to expect:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6072097335523063298?source=IMs>

CPD events

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

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

Construction Apprenticeship workshops

To be confirmed.

**Update on government reforms**

No further updates. The following has been taken from Newsletter 04; April 2018:

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: Assessment Plan approved, but not yet ready for delivery
* Plasterer: Assessment Plan approved, but not yet ready for delivery
* Lifting Technician: approved for delivery

T-Levels - England

The Department for Education are currently reviewing the outputs of the public consultation, which ended on 8th February 2018. For more information regarding T-Levels please visit the City & Guilds webpage:

<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/>

Public consultation on the sector review closed on 13th April 2018.

**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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