

Construction newsletter

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

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Covid-19

We understand that these are extraordinary and unprecedented times, and we are working closely with education providers, employers and governments to monitor the Covid-19 situation, and putting in place measures to support our employees, customers and stakeholders. For the latest information, FAQs and guidance surrounding Covid-19 please click [here](#). This link will take you to our dedicated Covid-19 page on our website.

Email Updates and T-Level subscriptions

Please register for email alerts to remain updated. All invites to regional networks, seminars and regular updates like this newsletter will be advertised through the email update system, if you are not registered you may be missing out.

Register [here](#) for email updates. Register [here](#) for T-Level subscription.

City and Guilds vacancies

We have associate vacancies constantly being refreshed for assessors, moderators, EQA's technical consultants etc. If you are interested in working with us follow the below link to make an application. Interested in working with us? Register [here](#).

Resources

We are committed to supporting you, your staff and your learners in coming to terms with home working. To support our customers during these difficult times, we've made some of our most popular SmartScreen packages available to access free of charge for a limited time. If you already have a SmartScreen account, you will be able to place your order through your walled garden account from Monday 23 March. For more information please click [here](#).

Alternatively, fill out this [form](#) and our digital sales team will be in touch

e-Portfolio- Learning Assistant

Learning Assistant acts as a virtual assistant for your tutors and assessors, making delivery simple, reducing the administrative burden and ensuring compliance with regulatory and funding agencies requirements. A simple learner subscription model gives you the flexibility to scale up or down to suit your organisation's needs.

Designed with learner progress in mind, Learning Assistant allows you to identify gaps, action plan, track development, communicate feedback and can even support embedded assessment. For a paper-free alternative that will enhance your learning experience, move to Learning Assistant. For more information and to book a demo please click [here](#). Alternatively please contact: digitalsupport@cityandguilds.com

Engaging with City and Guilds

City and Guilds are committed to providing our customers the very best qualifications and assessments. To enable us to achieve this we require your support. We are currently looking to engage with centres and employers to help us scope the content of our new qualifications, including T-Levels and Qualification Wales. If you are interested in getting involved to have your say and provide constructive feedback, then we would like to hear from you. Please email construction@cityandguilds.com to declare your interest.

Construction qualification information sheet

For an easy guide to all the new registration end dates for our construction qualifications, go to the construction information sheet on the [website](#) under the 'latest news' section. This spreadsheet also shows the qualifications approved on QiW.

New qualifications and developments

This is an exciting era for City and Guilds as we have moved into a new decade with new qualifications and exciting opportunities on the horizon.

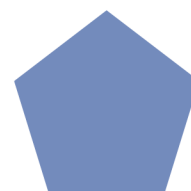
[T-Levels](#)

In October 2019 City and Guilds (in collaboration with EAL) was successful in securing the tender and were awarded the contract to deliver two T Level qualifications under the Construction route: in Building Services Engineering and On-Site Construction. Since October 2019 our development team have been working with our subject matter experts (consultants) to reach key milestones set out by the Institute for Apprenticeships & Technical Education.

Click the Construction areas below to see draft content for our T-Level qualifications and we welcome your feedback at construction@cityandguilds.com

[On Site Construction craft BSE](#)

Our Technical Advisor for Construction T-Levels is Jason Howe. For more information regarding T-Levels please register [here](#). Click [here](#) for Institute for Apprenticeships & Technical Education T-Level website.



[Qualification Wales/Skills for Wales](#)

City & Guilds (in collaboration with EAL) will be the sole provider of a new suite of fundable Construction and Building Services Engineering qualifications in Wales. Ready for first teaching from September 2021, these qualifications and apprenticeships will start to help simplify the complex landscape of more than 400 qualifications available in the sector.

Our Technical Advisor for Skills for Wales is Ian Roberts.

For more information on Skills for Wales please register [here](#).

[Ministry of Justice](#)

The Ministry of Justice has made City & Guilds the exclusive provider of qualifications in England prisons for:

- Maths and English
- Construction
- Hospitality and Catering

Over 120 prisons in England and Wales work with us to support more than 60,000 learners a year in the adult and youth estate. We make sure our product and services are industry relevant for you by working closely with employers.

In its first year, The Clink charity reduced reoffending to just 10% (compared to the national average of 47%). Clink graduates have all worked towards a City & Guilds qualification.

For more information on our Prison offer please click [here](#) and for our construction qualifications please click [here](#).

Our Technical Advisor for Prisons is Jason Howe.

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Working with us- If you would like to be involved in further developing and scoping content for any of our products and qualifications please email construction@cityandguilds.com

19+ Non-Levy Funding Allocations

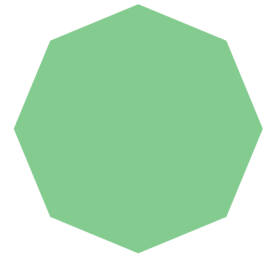
ESFA have published new guidance on 19+ funding allocations for non-levy apprenticeship providers (those providers that deliver to non-levy employers – currently, those providers have to have an ESFA contract for this funding stream and request growth at certain points in the year).

The deadline for submitting an R04 business case was 31 March 2020. To support providers during the current exceptional circumstances due to COVID-19, ESFA understand it may have made it difficult to meet the deadline, so they will accept cases after the deadline.

Providers can submit a business case where issues with their R04 data (November 2019 data submitted in December 2019) were beyond their control and may have significantly affected carry-in allocation.

Providers contact ESFA using the online form flagged in the link to the doc below, if they need to raise a business case for increased allocation.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/19-funding-allocations-guidance-2020-to-2021?utm_source=8c585304-d1c7-4e2f-99cc-6be7b64fbac9&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate



As you may be aware Qualifications Wales has laid the foundation for the future of the industry by appointing City & Guilds in partnership with EAL and WJEC to collaborate on the development of a new suite of fundable Construction and Building services Engineering qualifications in Wales. The purpose of the new developing qualifications is to help contribute towards positive outcomes for learners by making learners more work ready, empowering a bilingual nation, qualifications designed with industry and a coherent progression for learners.

We are in the midst of development and we are at the stage where both employer and provider feedback are vital for us to ensure the qualifications are fit for purpose and are ready for first teaching in September 2021. We are looking to ensure the qualifications we are developing are of the highest standard that meet employer needs by putting them at the heart of the development process.

This is where we need your help!

We are looking for employers and representatives from industry as well as college/provider staff to review elements of the draft content of the qualifications (we will give you key points to consider) and then answer some questions (probably a survey) relating to key themes we require feedback on.

Due to the Easter break we are looking to maintain momentum and continue to move forward towards the end of the month and envisage that the feedback session may take between one to two hours, with around an hour work prior to the session. This will give us the valued feedback we need from the employers/ representatives and the college/provider network to ensure development is shaped into what the industry requires.

We need support in scoping one or more of the following areas:

Construction

- Subject content (Introduction to the Built Environment, Trades in the construction and built environment sector, Life cycle, Employability, Maintaining H & S, Emerging technologies, 1st and 2nd trade experience in the construction & Built Environment sector)
- Working with brick, block and stone.
- Wood occupations
- Painting and Decorating
- Plastering & Interior systems
- Roofing occupations
- Construction operations and Civil engineering services
- Plant Operations

This is an opportunity for you and/or your staff to be involved to really make a difference to the qualifications that will be delivered in September 2021. Please feel free to forward to colleagues or employer associates who may be willing to get involved.

If you are interested in supporting us please contact qualdevelopment@cityandguilds.com In your e-mail can you please highlight the pathway above you can help with, also whether you are an employer/industry representative or college/provider staff to ensure we can try our best to obtain a broad range of individuals who can support our development.

We are in the process of advertising via Eventbrite an opportunity to register free webinar to allow the consortium to keep in touch and an opportunity for delegates to ask questions. The date is still to be confirmed and will be in either late April or early May and we will post on social media and on the Skills for Wales website when the date is confirmed and open for registrations.

Latest News, Qualification Wales statement on Awarding of vocational Qualifications this summer, 09 April 2020

<http://files-eu.clickdimensions.com/qualificationswalesorg-a88id/files/9april2020engstatementto-stakeholdersrevqs.pdf>

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Scotland update

City and Guilds are working closely with SQA, the Scottish regulator to ensure that our processors continue to align and support qualification delivery in Scotland as the current situation evolves. SQA is currently considering whether there are alternatives forms of assessment for the different types of qualifications they regulate. At this moment in time, they expect all Awarding bodies to adhere to the assessment strategies which have been approved by them upon accreditation. Any variation to an assessment strategy must be submitted to SQA for approval by the relevant SSO.

Further updates will be shared on the following link.
<https://www.cityandguilds.com/covid-19/nations>

News: ESP project

Project Information

The Assessor Marketing and Recruitment Project aims to address an identified industry need to support the recruitment of 100 FTE new, quality assessors to enable the efficient delivery of assessments for construction apprenticeships in Scotland. A Marketing and Recruitment Strategy will be developed and delivered in partnership with CITB, ESP and College partner.

Recruitment drive launched for new construction assessors

A project has launched to recruit and train 100 new construction assessors across all of Scotland's construction Colleges.

This is a two-year project targeting experienced tradespeople working in the construction sector. It is being driven by ESP and the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB), in partnership with 24 Scottish colleges, government agencies and private training providers. This unique project will recruit and train 100 new construction assessors that will enable the efficient delivery of assessments for apprenticeships in Scotland.



This is an exciting opportunity for qualified tradespeople, who may be seeking a career change, to work in partnership with their regional college. The successful candidates will have the opportunity to help support and deliver the industry's future workforce applying their current experience to assess apprentices on site, as well as ensuring qualifications are delivered to a high standard through compliance with both internal and external awarding policies, procedures and processes.

Assessors will be recruited across a range of curriculum areas, including Carpentry & Joinery, Brickwork, Painting and Decorating, Interior Systems, Timber Frame Erection, Floorcovering, Roof Slate & Tiling, Wall & Floor Tiling, Stone Masonry, Wood Machining & Plastering.

Colleges and training providers will continue to recruit individually, while the assessor vacancies will be promoted via a national joined up campaign.

This sector leading project will also deliver a national training and development plan for new assessors which will complement essential qualifications being undertaken through the colleges.

Jim Brown, ESP Director, said: "Becoming an assessor can be a rewarding career choice and the opportunity to shape the next generation of talent. It is a key role in the success of the construction sector, helping new entrants to gain their qualifications and become highly skilled in their trade.

"Scottish Apprenticeship Week seemed like the perfect time to launch the project. The importance and value of apprenticeships are recognised throughout the country, and they would not be achievable without the help and support of the assessor role.

"This is a fantastic opportunity for experienced industry professionals to use their skills and knowledge in a new capacity and we would encourage them to find out more about this fantastic job opportunity."

Barry Dawson, Local Manager, CITB Scotland, said: "Our evidence-based approach to the funding we provide helps the construction industry to deliver tailored training and assessment to fulfil Scotland's skills needs.

"The Scottish Assessors project is a great example of how we work in partnership with training delivery organisations to ensure that construction has the right people, with the right skills, in the right place.

"The recruitment and upskilling of assessors for specific trades – and in specific regions of Scotland – will have a hugely positive impact on the delivery of a greater number of much-needed, fully trained and qualified apprentices to the Scottish workforce."

Gordon Nelson, FMB Scotland Director said: "Many of our Master Builder members take great pride in recruiting and training construction apprentices for their business.

Our members have high standards, which is why it is important that the new assessors have sufficient skills and knowledge to ensure apprenticeship qualifications are delivered to high standards too.

Some members have already expressed an interest in becoming assessors, which is very encouraging. Through engaging with our members across Scotland, the FMB will help attract the assessors needed to ensure Scotland's construction industry has a bright future."

Mark Stevenson, Apprentice Manager for Taylor Wimpey West Scotland, said:

“Future-proofing our industry and attracting the right talent who are ready to learn the skills that we need to deliver high quality new homes for our customers is a real focal point for our business. Having an appointed work-place assessor will ensure a consistent approach that will benefit both apprentices and companies that will drive up the quality of both learning and individual achievement which can only be good for our industry.”

ESP

ESP established 2011 with backing from the Scottish Funding Council and member colleges. The purpose of the ESP is to work collaboratively to develop a detailed work plan for the energy, engineering and construction sectors to ensure a demand led approach through working in partnership with industry and industry bodies to ensure Scotland's colleges can support the diverse range of skills interventions required to maximise the economic benefits to be gained from these sectors for Scotland.

ESP member colleges are committed to working together towards developing an employment and skills system which is simpler, better integrated and able to deliver the skills and jobs needed to succeed in the 21st Century global economy. Our aim is for the Scotland to be at the forefront of skills development for the Energy Sector.

CITB

The Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) supports the skills needs of British construction - in England, Scotland and Wales. It attracts talent to the construction sector so employers have an adequate recruitment pool, and encourages employers of all sizes to access the skills training necessary to grow their businesses.

Photo (Provided): Current construction assessors pictured with key representatives from ESP and CITB at a Taylor Wimpey Site in Cambuslang



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Northern Ireland update

We are working closely with Ofqual and have been in touch with CCEA to ensure that our processes to align and support qualification delivery in Northern Ireland as the current situation evolves.

We are currently working through new procedures to support learners who were due to sit exams during the spring and summer months. We are following Government and UK regulations' guidelines and will update our advice in line with the direction received by Ofqual, CCEA and other key stakeholders.

We are committed in supporting you, your staff and your learners in coming to terms with home working. We are making the following digital resources available to our customers.

- eLearning materials to support the management of Covid-19
- Platforms and content to support distant learning
- End-to-end solutions for apprenticeship delivery

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Utilities update

Our range of utilities qualifications support the construction, building and installation and maintenance of the infrastructure our economy we all rely upon on a daily basis. They provide the underpinning skills and knowledge for those working on gas, water and electricity distribution networks, as well as those responsible for the direct supervision and operation of winter services vehicles and equipment on the highway network. In addition, many of these qualifications are considered a licence to practice, and an essential requirement to work in some of the industries within the utilities and ancillary sectors.

Working with key industry employers and stakeholders, such as the Highway Authorities & Utilities Committee (HAUC (UK)) and Energy & Utility Skills, we provide solutions to the present and future core skills challenges faced by this dynamic sector. Some of the main qualifications include Electrical Power Engineering and Gas Utilisation/Networks. In addition, there are other qualifications, such as Street Works Excavation and Reinstatement, Confined Spaces, Safe Location and Avoidance of Underground Services, Smart Metering, Utility Avoidance and Winter Operations to name a few.

Click the link to our Utilities landing page:

<https://www.cityandguilds.com/qualifications-and-apprenticeships/utilities#fil=uk>

Events and Webinars

Due to the current climate we are converting (where possible) all our network events to webinars. Below is a list of the webinars planned and the links needed to register onto them. More webinars and online events will be added due to ongoing customer requests for support. You can also visit our linked in and Twitter pages for future webinars.

[Apprenticeship Standards \(Select one only\)](#)

Thursday 7th May 11.00 – 12.00

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/322139720830156046>

Monday 18th May 13.30 - 14.30

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4594139318437694478>

Thursday 21st May 11.00 – 12.00

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/815498284794817550>

Monday 25th June 12.00 – 13.00

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6876534142677480718>

[T-Levels Construction \(OnSite\)](#)

Milestone and TQ development update

Friday 22nd May 13.00-14.00

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1803910859858274315>

Monday 14th June 14.00-15.00

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8280048641110348043>

[Generic Construction & BSE with 2022 providers](#)

Monday 13th July 13.00-14.00

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8679019629388437515>

[Ministry of Justice \(Select one only\)](#)

Monday 27th April 14.00-14.30

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2589619669669819917>

Tuesday 5th May 14.00 -14.30

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6571591189615233037>

[Property Maintenance Operative](#)

Property Maintenance Operative- CPD session 6th May 2020 to register for the session please email construction@cityandguilds.com

Other planned webinars coming soon:

T-Level Countdown- September 2020.

Construction Telephone surgeries

We are continuing with our popular telephone surgeries and given the current climate we find ourselves operating in at present the construction team have created an extra telephone surgery, along with a changed format. This is your opportunity to talk directly with one of our Technical Advisers Jason Howe, Paul Brown and Ian Roberts to get support and guidance on our construction qualifications and policy.

The surgeries we will be available every Tuesday and Thursday during term time from 9.30 until 12.30.

- Ian Roberts (Technical Advisor) Tel: **07826 903967**
- Jason Howe (Technical Advisor) Tel: **07912 042313**
- Paul Brown (Technical Advisor) Tel: **07872 463185**

Please note:

Please feel free to contact either Ian, Jason or Paul at any other time during the working week. You do not have to wait until the telephone surgeries.

BACH (British Association of Construction Heads)

City and Guilds continue the strong and vibrant relationship they have with BACH. Our Technical Advisor Jason Howe recently attended the Annual BACH Conference in the beautiful city of Lincoln. Reports from the conference were extremely positive, especially given the current landscape we find ourselves in through Covid-19. City and Guilds recently caught up with BACH Chair Dave Wilkins who had this to say.

“The British Association of Construction Heads has a strong reputation for delivering excellent CPD and networking opportunities with regional and national events hosting content determined by its members. City & Guilds working in collaboration with BACH is a vital relationship to take forward the delivery of Construction training to meet the needs of employers. This ensures that Colleges and Training Providers are at the forefront of the latest developments in both qualifications and emerging technology within the Construction Industry.

BACH and its members provide representation and cooperation with associated bodies and excellent links to Ofsted, CITB, DfE and other key stakeholders, especially Awarding Organisations including City & Guilds. Membership is open to colleges and appropriate organisations who are passionate about quality and standards in construction education and training. Please visit [BACH](#) for more information.”



New partnership with The Institute of Carpenters

City & Guilds are entering into a new and exciting partnership with the Institute of Carpenters. Engaging with professional bodies and its members is important for City and Guilds to ensure we are developing and delivering the very best qualifications and assessments.



“The Institute of Carpenters (IoC) looks forward to working with the City and Guilds Group. With the depth of the C&G group consisting of City & Guilds, ILM, Kineo, the Oxford Group, Digitalme and Gen2 setting the standards for technical, vocational and corporate learning, we now have the opportunity to work closely together and to co-ordinate our efforts as we help people achieve their potential through college and work-based learning, on-the-job development and skills recognition. This is an extremely timely, positive and important development for both organisations”.

Get to know C&G staff

This issue we caught up with Kerry Dunkley South West (England) Business Development Manager

1. How long have you worked at City & Guilds? **18 years in September**
2. Where did you work prior to City & Guilds? **Lloyd & Whyte Insurance Brokers**
3. What is the best thing about working at City & Guilds? **We make a difference!**
4. What is your most prized possession? **My dog Disco, and my horse young horse Max – oh and my memories of competing at Horse of the Year Show in 2016! (sorry too many ;))**
5. What do you like to do in your spare time? **Anything horse related!**
6. If you could go on holiday anywhere in the world where would it be? **Florida or anywhere in the US**
7. What is your favourite film? **That is a tough one!! It was love actually until I saw Bohemia Rhapsody**
8. What is your favourite food? **Steak & Chips**
9. When you were younger, what did you want to be when you grew up? **An Olympic show jumper**
10. What is your go to karaoke song? **I will survive (trust me you never ever want to be witness to that!)**

Meet the team & connect with us

[Tell us what you think](#)

All About Construction is a newsletter that brings together 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.

Remember: If you are interested in supporting City & Guilds either as a consultant to writer, review, marker, moderator, or as an EQA please do get in touch with us at construction@cityandguilds.com

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