

All about Construction

Newsletter – A new year and new ways of working

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Welcome to the new academic year. 2019/20 was a bit of a challenge wasn't it? But we must thank all our centres, their staff and learners, for the way they handled the mitigation process. 2020/21 looks like it maybe another year of significant challenge, what we can assure you is that the Construction Team at City & Guilds will be doing all they can to support our centres, staff and learners on this journey.

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New Construction Industry Manager- Naz Lewis-Humphrey

The new academic year is an exciting time for the construction team at City & Guilds as we introduce our new Industry Manager Naz Lewis-Humphrey. Naz joined us in July this year from Berkeley Homes. Naz has worked within the construction industry for many years, promoting training, development and apprenticeship opportunities with developers, trade partners, local government, and education for both internal and external stakeholders. Addressing the gaps and strategies to develop the skills and experience for the new and existing workforce within the construction industry. Naz has joined City & Guilds to further develop Learning & Development knowledge and skills within in the Construction Industry.



Apprenticeship Standards and End Point Assessment

We put quality and learning at the heart of our apprenticeship training and education. Our apprenticeships are designed to deliver a progressive learning journey for the apprentice and robust assessment. We work closely with employers to make sure our apprenticeship programme helps businesses build a more qualified and better-trained workforce with the right skills for the job.

Click on the link to our dedicated web page

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

We are pleased to announce the redevelopment of the 9077-12 Level 2 Bricklayer EPA in line with updated guidance, we are pleased to confirm that bookings for this EPA will open from 5th October. All Resources and supporting materials are available to access via the City & Guilds [website](#).

Carpentry & Joinery- The Institute of Apprenticeships and Technical Education on Friday 18th September launched the new Level 2 Carpentry & Joinery Apprenticeship standard, which replaces the previous version. The new standard (version 1.1) has had the mandatory NVQ qualification removed. Therefore, all apprentices signed up after 18th September 2020 will not be required to complete the NVQ. This who are signed up prior to the 18th September will still be expected to complete the NVQ as this is a mandatory gateway requirement. For more information on the changes please visit the IfATE website [here](#).

Several centre support Apprenticeship Standards and EPA webinars are planned for this term. Please see list provided within this newsletter and book on.

Version Control – Apprenticeship Standards

The Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (the Institute) has changed the way it identifies apprenticeship standard version numbers. The new approach applies to new apprenticeship standards and is being back dated to existing apprenticeship standards. All apprenticeship standards begin at version 1.0, when they are first approved for delivery. When there is a revision the number will change.

The Institute identifies two types of revision. This is based on how the revision is implemented by the ESFA (Education and Skills Funding Agency), not the size of the changes. Full information on the new version method can be found [here](#).

Qualification updates-

VRQs and NVQs

The new Construction NVQs in Wall and Floor, Trowel and Wood are live and funded through ESFA. We have applied for Adult Learner Loan funding which is currently awaiting approval. The previous NVQs will close to registrations on the 30 Sept 2020. The new qualifications and supporting documents can be found [here](#)

- 6560-04 Level 2 NVQ Certificate in Wall and Floor Tiling (Construction)
- 6570-04 Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Trowel Occupations (Construction)
- 6570-05 Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Trowel Occupations (Construction)
- 6571-41 to 46 Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Wood Occupations (Construction)
- 6571-51 to 57 Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Wood Occupations (Construction)

Technical Qualifications

Please ensure you visit our Technical web page to view new updates for this academic year. Follow link: <https://www.cityandguilds.com/technical/events>

This link: https://youtu.be/jOW3GzEqJ_Q is to a short (15 minute) 'First-steps-preparation to teach' recorded presentation to support centres that are new to delivering Technicals. Existing centres will also find this useful. This presentation contains all of the information

you need to start teaching. It will direct you to where you can find all of the resources to support your staff, including qualification information, exam timetables and how to contact the Technical Advisor for your sector.

A series of standardisation recordings are being made to support centre standardisation. The link takes you to our first trade: [Technical Qualifications Painting and Decorating marking and standardisation webinar](#). The other trades are to follow - Brick, Carpentry and Plastering.

New product updates - T Levels and Qualification Wales



T Levels

The development of the T Levels has progressed at a rapid pace and we successfully submitted for milestone 2. We would like to thank our centres, consultants and employers who supported with the development and validation for this submission.



We are pleased to confirm that we have now submitted our final milestone materials to the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (IfATE) as part of the T Level TQ delivery for first teaching from September 2021. We will provide an update as soon as we have feedback from IfATE, including where and how you can access the TQ materials. During this development and validation stage we have again engaged with more providers and employers to further validate and sign off the TQ content and draft assessments. We would like to extend our thanks to all the providers and employers who supported with this process.

The discussion around Carpentry & Joinery being combined for the purpose of T Levels is still ongoing and representatives from City & Guilds continue to feed this back to centres. However, we still need further feedback from centres, carpentry and joinery tutors, assessors, and employers. Please provide your feedback via our survey [here](#) or scan the QR code. Please feel free to share this with tutors, assessors, and employers.



Our Technical Advisor Jason Howe (along with BSE Technical Advisor Rob Mallender) have begun the delivery of the 12-month countdown support. This saw the first two webinars delivered in September targeted towards our wave providers. These webinars focused on the engaging providers to determine what support requirements centres would need. Below is a timeline of future webinars and TA support for T Levels. Please watch out for email alerts with registration details for each of these webinars.

- November- T Level familiarisation webinars
- December- Occupational specialism virtual networks
- January- Curriculum plan and course design webinar
- March- Refresher webinars
- April- Centre readiness delivery resource
- May & June- Tutor on-boarding readiness events/webinars

- June- Provider follow up readiness webinars
- July- Follow up webinar from on-boarding events

For Rob and Jason to tailor their support to suit our centre needs can you please complete the centre support survey [here](#).

T Level Funding

ESFA have published updated funding guidance for providers selected to deliver T Levels from 2021 to 2022, the first year that C&G T Levels will be delivered. The publication lists the funding rates, and which funding band approved qualifications will be in. It also offers providers comprehensive information about allocations processes and methodology, including industry placements funding, English and maths, uplifts, and data requirements. The full HTML document can be found [here](#).

Qualification Wales

As we start our final countdown to September 2021 which is the date when the new suite of Construction and Building Services Engineering qualifications will be ready for delivery to learners commencing their journey. We are now moving to the final stages of the development and finalising documentation that will be required to deliver the successful suite of qualifications commencing September 2021.

We would like to ask if you would consider the following.

- a) We would like you to join our online Q&A session webinar on Wednesday 25th November 10am – 11am. The session will give you the opportunity to ask questions to City & Guilds | EAL subject experts about the new Construction and Building Services Engineering qualifications, Employer confirmatory sign-off, go live dates, links to content, onboarding support and an update on resources.. If you haven't already sign up today.
<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/402111602979688718>
- b) Keep up to date
Sign up to our preference centre to make the news and information we send you more relevant to what you would like to hear about. Once you have signed up you can update your preferences at any time. If you haven't already Sign up today. - <https://www.skillsforwales.wales/sign-up>
- c) Employer confirmatory sign off will be the trigger for final assessment of the apprentice. It provides you as an employer with a voice to signal that you feel that the apprentice can work consistently to industry standards in their trade. City & Guilds and EAL is seeking your input as a stakeholder into the shape and scope of employer confirmatory sign off which will act as the gateway for final assessment of all apprentices in Wales. It is essential that we get this right and implement the most appropriate and achievable system that will provide a robust effective system for employers to take an active part in the assessment of their apprentices. And if you missed our keeping in touch webinar on the 10th September focussed on the

Employer Confirmatory sign off you can listen by clicking on the following.

<https://www.skillsforwales.wales/training-and-events>

If you are interested and able to participate as a panel member email:

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- d) We are reaching out for your support in joining trade/profession specific working groups. It provides you as a stakeholder with a voice to view your opinion, and opinions of your colleagues and influence the content of the qualifications, assessments that are being developed and learning resources to support the delivery.

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Nations update- Northern Ireland and Scotland

At City & Guilds, part of our promise is to support you and your learners to succeed by providing you with a comprehensive level of support, ensuring you have the advice, guidance and resources you need to deliver the best possible experience for your learners. For more information visit our website at: cityandguilds.com/smartscreen.

Thinking of becoming a centre with City and Guilds? Our approach to quality assurance is designed to support your centre in upholding our rigorous quality standards, by assigning a subject matter expert called an 'External Quality Assurer' (EQA). Our EQAs are from industry and are trained to offer advice and guidance around the delivery of qualifications. As well as being our guardian for quality, EQAs also act as mentors and provide recommendations on how your centre can continue to meet our quality requirements.

Education and Training Foundation



City & Guilds along with the Education and Training Foundation are delivering a series of webinars and networks to support centres through the transition of implementing T Levels. To register for ETF events please visit their events calendar [here](#).

Employer & Industry Board

August 2020 saw the launch of the NEW Construction Employer & Industry Board. Employers and industry representatives from across the sector and nation are coming together to support City & Guilds in the development and validation of current and future qualifications and products. The board will also play an integral part in steering the construction qualifications of the future. In recognition of the support our employers are issued with a prestigious City & Guilds



digital badge (as shown on the right) and will be showcased on the City & Guilds website within the construction section.

If you would like to be considered for membership to our board and feel you can provide insight and direction from a construction industry perspective then please declare your interest by emailing construction@cityandguilds.com or register your details [here](#).

Construction Curriculum Support Survey

2020 has been a challenging year so far and the beginning of the academic curriculum year 2020/2021 shows no sign of easing the challenge. The Construction Team at City & Guilds want to do all they can to support our providers and learners. Therefore, we have created a short survey to gauge the type and level of support that will be beneficial to our providers. This survey is open for all curriculum staff. Please share the survey with all curriculum staff.

You can complete the short survey [here](#) or scan the QR code.



Future 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. If your centre has any bespoke needs or you would like a 1-1 session with our TAs then please contact them via their details in the `Meet the Team` section of the newsletter.

Feedback and Support webinars

Technical Qualification Webinars this term

Technical update 3 November 2020 4-5pm

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3753985994099727628>

Technical update 13 November 3-4pm

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2499421236574850572>

Apprenticeship Standards/EPA Webinars this term

Introducing EPA Pro – a preview of our new EPA service platform 15 Oct 10.30-11.00

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2002622301351164427>

Apprenticeship Standards 29 Oct 11.00-12.00

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9138150399295755788>

EPA Brickwork 17 Nov 11.00-12.30

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4877452681710328076>

EPA Plastering 19 Nov 11.00-12.30

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9162305570246579980>

EPA Carpentry & Joinery 14 Dec 11.00-12.30

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5058162915293702156>

EPA Painting & Decorating 17 Dec 11.00-12.30

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1284103546603809804>

Our Industry Showcase

In this section of our newsletter we will be showcasing representatives from the construction industry that work with City & Guilds. For this edition we are pleased to announce that The Guild of Bricklayers are our Industry Showcase. Julian Walden the Past President of The Guild of Bricklayers has provided the information.



The Guild of Bricklayers was founded in 1932 with the aim of promoting and maintaining high standards of Brickwork. This has largely been achieved through the national competitions that have been successful since 1976. To support lecturers and training providers the Guild also holds an annual conference that helps to promote current relevant CPD through industry and education experts. This year's conference for the first time will be hosted online. The event will take place on Thursday 5th November 10.00 13.00 and will include guest speakers from City and Guilds, the Brick Development Association, The Square amongst others and will cover the key subjects on everyone's lips including T Levels, EPA and bridging the gap to employment as well as subject specialist content for bricklayers. To make your booking go to Event Brite.

For more information about the Conference please contact julianwalden84@gmail.com and for information about joining the Guild of Bricklayers as a member or about corporate membership please contact the National Treasurer garethtegryn@aol.com or go to <https://www.guildofbricklayers.org.uk/>

If you would like to feature in future editions of our newsletter please email construction@cityandguilds.com

Our Centre Showcase

In this section of our newsletter we will be showcasing our centres that work with City & Guilds. For this edition we are pleased to announce that The Delta Institute of Port Louis, in the Republic of Mauritius is our showcase centre. Information has been supplied by D. Beeharry Panray - Program Officer / Manager and Dr Rajcoomar Jhurry – Quality Assurance Director and Principal Trainer.



The Delta Institute operates in the Republic of Mauritius with its head office in Port Louis. Delta Institute has been delivering City & Guilds courses since the 1980s in conjunction with the JR School. The JR School set the president of delivering City & Guilds Construction Qualifications to its learners, as the only centre/school in Mauritius delivering the world-renowned City & Guilds Construction qualifications. In the 1990s the centre increased its curriculum by introducing the 6165 qualification. This was such a success that other centres in Mauritius began delivering the same qualification.

The Delta Institute deliver the following programmes-

- The General Course in Construction certificate
- Construction craft supplementary – Construction supervision

The City and Guilds programme and qualifications have helped all the students to secure jobs in the public, para statal and the private sector as Site Inspectors, foremen, supervisors, technicians and clerk of works. Although this demonstrates significant success many students also go on to open their own businesses, whilst others go to work overseas, acknowledging the global reach and recognition of the City & Guilds qualifications.

If you would like to feature in future editions of our newsletter please email construction@cityandguilds.com



Get to know City & Guilds staff

This issue we caught up with Naz Lewis-Humphrey who is the Construction Industry Manager here at City & Guilds.

1. How long have you worked at City & Guilds? **Two months**
2. Where did you work prior to City & Guilds? **Berkeley Homes**
3. What is the best thing about working at City & Guilds? **The people and to be able to affect development of skills and learning & development in the Construction Industry.**
4. What is your most prized possession? **My dog & my daughters' artwork**
5. What do you like to do in your spare time? **I like to be outdoors, travel, cook and live music**
6. If you could go on holiday anywhere in the world where would it be? **Back to Australia**
7. What is your favourite film? **The Pursuit of Happyness**
8. What is your favourite food? **Thai & Indian**
9. When you were younger, what did you want to be when you grew up? **Blue Peter presenter**
10. What is your go to karaoke song? **Super Duper Love**

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, Wales and Internationally. 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 to previous issues or tell you when information has been superseded. All of our newsletters can be found on the website here.

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

For specific queries and enquiries please contact our dedicated customer support team: CentreSupport@cityandguilds.com

If you would like to feature in our Centre Showcase or Industry Showcase sections of our newsletter please email construction@cityandguilds.com

Associate Vacancies

We are currently recruiting for Lead Independent End Point Assessors (LIEPA) and Independent End Point Assessors (IEPA) in the following trade areas:

- **Brickwork- LIEPA and IEPAs**
- **Plastering- LIEPA and IEPAs**

However our vacancies in other trade areas remain open and if you would like to submit your details and apply for any associate roles at City & Guilds, please apply [here](#).

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