

Technical Qualifications

Key Stage 4 Technical Awards Information Guide

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City & Guilds Technical Awards Key Stage 4

City & Guilds Level 2 Technical Awards give learners an opportunity to explore specific industries, experience hands-on practical learning and develop related technical skills.

City & Guilds Technical Awards have been approved by the Department for Education (DfE) to count in Key Stage 4 performance tables. These qualifications are for key stage 4 learners aged 14-16 (in the last two/ three years of secondary education, in years 9, 10, 11). At 120 GLH, they are equivalent to one GCSE and can be studied over one, two or three academic years. Up to three Technical Awards count in Progress 8 and Attainment 8 performance measures as part of the “open” group of subjects.



What's available?

City & Guilds has three Level 2 Technical Awards approved to count in 14-16 performance tables.

A full list of approved KS4 qualifications can be found on the [Department for Education website](#).

Qualification title	QAN	C&G code	Approved for 2023 performance tables	Approved for 2024 performance tables	Approved for 2025 performance tables
Level 2 Technical Award in Constructing and Maintaining the Built Environment	601/7245/9	6720-21	√		
Level 2 Technical Award in Land Based Studies	601/7240/X	0170-20	√		
Level 2 Technical Award in Hair and Beauty Studies	601/7247/2	3038-21	√		
City & Guilds Level 2 Technical Award in Constructing and Maintaining the Built Environment	610/0657/9	6720-24		√	√
City & Guilds Level 2 Technical Award in Land Based Studies	610/0652/X	0170-24		√	√
City & Guilds Level 2 Technical Award in Hair and Beauty Studies	610/0656/7	3038-24		√	√



How are City & Guilds Technical Awards assessed?

City & Guilds Technical Awards are assessed through one externally set and externally marked theory exam and a synoptic assessment.

The theory exam is taken on a set date and time and contributes 40% of the overall grade. For the KS4 2024 performance table qualifications, Ofqual introduced the requirement for a 'terminal rule' relating to the examination which specifies:

"An assessment by examination must be taken at the end of a pupil's course of study ("terminal assessment") and this must contribute at least 40% of the total marks available for the qualification. Ofqual's QLCs require that pupils must use towards their final overall grade the result of the assessment by examination sat in the series in which they are completing the course. This should typically lead to candidates sitting the assessment by examination at the end of year 11."

The synoptic assignment is a controlled assessment which contributes to 60% of the overall grade. Students have to complete a piece

of work independently which is marked by tutors and externally moderated by City & Guilds. The synoptic assignment is released to centres in the autumn term and there is a 12-week window during the spring and summer terms when students have to complete it.

Grading

The overall qualification grade is calculated based on the aggregation of the marks awarded for the theory exam and the synoptic assessment.

These marks are converted into grades – Pass, Merit, Distinction, and Distinction*. Both assessments (the exam and the synoptic assignment) must be achieved at a minimum of pass for the qualification to be awarded.

Resources

City & Guilds has developed a range of resources to help centres plan and deliver Technical Awards.

These include:



Resource lists for each qualification



Editable curriculum planner



Sector specific delivery support recorded presentations



Technical Awards: information for new centres



Webinars and events



Guide to teaching, learning and assessment



Marking and moderation guide



Guide to the examination for each Technical Award



Sample theory exam papers, two past papers and sample synoptic assignments



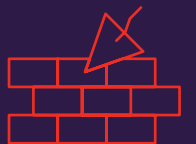
Level 2 Technical Award in Constructing & Maintaining the Built Environment

(6720-24)

This qualification allows learners to explore the construction and built environment industry. It's particularly suitable for learners who enjoy practical, hands-on tasks, but also want to discover how buildings are constructed and what happens when they require repair, maintenance or refurbishment. As part of the course, learners will look at the structure of the construction and built environment industry and how different job roles work together to deliver construction projects. Learners will develop an understanding of what makes a building and how the selection of different materials affects the overall look and feel. Learners will have opportunities to carry out a selection of realistic practical construction tasks related to the repair, maintenance and refurbishment of a building.

This qualification has four units:

- Working in the built environment
- Construction methods and materials
- Maintenance, repair and refurbishment of buildings
- Using tools to construct and maintain buildings.





Level 2 Technical Award in Land Based Studies

(0170-24)

This qualification allows learners to explore how land is used for the purposes of housing, infrastructure, energy production, forestry production, farming and leisure, field and adventure sports. Learners will explore the changing trends and developments in land use, as well as enhancements in technology. Learners will have opportunities to develop plant and animal husbandry skills. As part of the course, learners will explore how historical land use and management has changed from a greater emphasis on food production to an emphasis on sustainability, environmental management and public access. In addition, learners will understand how science plays a major role in the modern land-based sector by investigating different parts of the industry, roles of plants/crops and animals, whilst considering the importance of biosecurity.

This qualification has three units:

- Exploring the use of land
- Application of science in the land based sector
- Application of technology in the land based sector.





Level 2 Technical Award in Hair & Beauty Studies (3038-24)

This qualification allows learners to explore the exciting world of hair and beauty and the environment in which its industries operate. Learners will explore historical trends and developments and how hair and beauty has developed from ancient times to the present day. The qualification gives learners an opportunity to investigate how science is used to create products, the ethics of product testing, effects of ingredients on hair and skin and how disorders of the hair and skin can impact services. In addition, learners will understand the importance of images for business use and develop hair styling, make-up and manicure technical skills to produce their own photographic images.

This qualification has three units:

- Exploring the world of hair and beauty
- Science of hair and beauty
- Design in the hair and beauty sector.



How do I get approval to offer a Technical Award at my centre?

If your centre is already an approved City & Guilds centre, you will need to submit a qualification approval form to City & Guilds via Walled Garden.

If your centre isn't an approved City & Guilds centre, you will need to read the information on the how to become a City & Guilds centre to ensure you meet the criteria.

The next step is to submit a **Customer Application Form** and then a **Centre Approval form**. There is a cost for applying for centre and qualification approval, but schools and charities are exempt from the minimum spend threshold and student numbers. Centres may have

an External Quality Assurance (EQA) visit to assess the centre's suitability to offer the qualification(s) and support the centre in preparing for delivery.

Who can deliver City & Guilds Technical Awards?

Approved centres can be schools (academies, free schools, studio schools etc.), University Technical Colleges (UTCs), private training providers and colleges.



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Progression

Visit City & Guilds website and type in the City & Guilds qualification code in the "Search the site" box. You will be taken to the information page on City & Guilds Technical Qualifications. Click on the document tab and then the + sign on Level 2, where you will find centre documents which contains the qualification handbook, sample assessment materials and resource lists for each Technical Award.

Further information including FAQs on delivering Technical Awards can be found on our **Technical Qualifications Resources & Support** page.

Where can I find out more?

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City & Guilds Technical Awards are part of a suite of Technical Qualifications for 14-19 year-olds.

Level 2 Technical Awards for 14-16 year olds

120 GLH qualifications not specific to job roles and usually studied alongside GCSEs. Available in seven sectors.

Level 2 Technical Certificates and Level 3 Tech Levels for 16-19 year olds

Qualifications from 360 GLH plus to develop specialist skills and knowledge to prepare for a particular job or career. Available in 13 sectors. Level 3 qualifications carry UCAS points to enable progression to university.



Questions?

For all queries, please contact directsales@cityandguilds.com





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Since 1878 we have worked with people, organisations and economies to help them identify and develop the skills they need to thrive. We understand the life changing link between skills development, social mobility, prosperity and success. Everything we do is focused on developing and delivering high-quality training, qualifications, assessments and credentials that lead to jobs and meet the changing needs of industry.

We work with governments, organisations and industry stakeholders to help shape future skills needs across industries. We are known for setting industry-wide standards for technical, behavioural and commercial skills to improve performance and productivity. We train teams, assure learning, assess cohorts and certify with digital credentials. Our solutions help to build skilled and compliant workforces.

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