

# Purpose Statement

## Level 1 Award, Certificate and Diploma in Exploring Construction and Building Crafts

The primary purpose of these qualifications is to recognise development of employability skills and/or knowledge. The qualifications aim to encourage new entrants to the sector and contribute to filling skills gap in the labour market. The qualifications have been developed to support you if you are interested in gaining practical experience in the construction industry and will introduce you all aspects of the construction sector and encourage progression through the development of skills, knowledge and understanding.

### Who is it for?

This qualification could be appropriate for you if you are:

- New to the sector
- Interested in a career in the construction and building crafts sector

### What does this qualification cover?

To achieve the Award, you will need to complete 9 credits and commit to 90 hours of learning. To achieve the Certificate, you will need to complete 23 credits and commit to 230 hours of learning. To achieve the Diploma, you will need to complete 39 credits and commit to 390 hours of learning.

You will be required to complete 3 mandatory units in Health and Safety, Environmental Sustainability and Starting Work in Construction.

At Certificate size, you will then have a choice of optional units from **one** of the following pathways:

- A) Bricklaying
- B) Carpentry and Joinery
- C) Fitted Interiors
- D) Painting and Decorating
- E) Plastering

At Diploma size, you have a choice of completing the qualification in one of two ways:

1. Endorsed Pathway. This pathway requires you to complete a minimum of 14 of your optional credits from one chosen pathway group.
2. Non-Endorsed Pathway. This pathway requires you to complete optional units from a minimum of two pathway groups.

## **What are the Entry Requirements?**

This qualification is suitable for learners aged 14+. There are no specific prior achievements required. However, evidence of achievement at Level 1 may be an advantage. There are no restrictions on learner entry and it may be studied alongside other vocational qualifications.

## **What are the Progression Opportunities?**

This qualification provides a mechanism for you to recognise and develop your skills and establish personal, learning and employment goals.

You may choose to progress onto a higher level employability qualification, including:

- Open Awards Level 2 Award/Certificate/Diploma in Construction and Building Crafts (RQF)

At the same time, a level 1 qualification can be your passport to other types of learning, for example:

- An Apprenticeship  
This is a programme that combines practical training in a job with study. They are available in all types of sectors, from administration to horticulture, engineering to catering. All apprentices must take either Functional Skills English at Level 2 or GCSE English as part of their studies.

## **What are the Assessment Methods?**

You will be required to complete a portfolio of evidence to achieve this qualification. Types of evidence included in your portfolio could include:

- Videos/photographs
- Reflective journals
- Questions/answers
- Worksheets
- Recorded discussions with your tutor

## **Who supports this qualification?**

This qualification was developed with and is supported by training providers and Further Education Colleges, including Abingdon and Witney College, Blackburne House, Shooters Hill School, Wigan Training Centre, Hugh Baird College, and The Manchester College.