Purpose Statement

Level 2 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 12 credits and commit to 120 hours of learning. To achieve the Certificate, you will need to complete 16 credits and commit to 160 hours of learning. To achieve the Diploma, you will need to complete 37 credits and commit to 370 hours of learning.

You will be required to complete 5 mandatory credits in Exploring Health, Safety and Welfare in Construction. You will also complete credits from the generic optional unit group, including: communication; customer service; and problem solving.

You will then have a choice of optional units from the following pathways:

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

For the Certificate and Diploma, you have a choice of completing the qualification in one of two ways:

1. Endorsed Pathway. This pathway requires you to complete a minimum 8 (Certificate) or 22 (Diploma) of your optional credits from one chosen pathway group or
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:

- Level 3 Certificate/Diploma in Construction and Built Environment
- Level 3 Diploma in Plastering
- Level 3 Diploma in Bricklaying

At the same time, a level 2 qualification can be your passport to other types of learning, for example:

- **An Advanced 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.