

Purpose Statement

Open Awards Entry Level Award and Certificate in Exploring Construction and Building Crafts (Entry 3) (RQF)

The primary purpose of these qualifications is to recognise the development of knowledge and skills regarding exploring opportunities in construction and building industries. These qualifications have been designed to enable you to explore this vocational area and gain skills and confidence in construction, which may lead to voluntary/paid employment.

Who are they for?

- All learners in all learning environments
- Those enhancing working skills
- Those who are preparing for working life

What do these qualifications cover?

To achieve these qualifications, you will have to complete the following:

For the **Award** you will need to gain 6 credits (60 hours of learning). For the Certificate you will need to gain 15 credits (150 hours of learning)

For all qualifications you will have to complete:

- **Group A** – one mandatory unit in Exploring Opportunities in Construction and Building Industries
- **Group B** – an optional units' group in Construction topics.

You will have to gain 1 credit from the mandatory group and can then choose the remaining from the optional group. This group contains the following units:

- Applying paint by brush
- Brickwork
- Building a tree curve half brick wall
- Health and safety in Construction Trades
- Introduction to carpentry and joinery
- Introduction to painting and decorating
- Producing a timber product
- Recognise and use hand tools and materials used in decorating

What are the Entry Requirements?

There are no age restrictions for working towards these qualifications and no specific prior achievements required.

What are the Assessment Methods?

You will be required to complete a portfolio of evidence to achieve these qualifications.

Types of evidence included in your portfolio could include:

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

What are the Progression Opportunities?

These qualifications have been developed to enable you to progression to further learning and/or employment.

You may choose to progress to further studies, such as:

- Open Awards qualifications in Construction Crafts suite at Level 2
- Other vocational qualifications Level 2
- Supported Internships/Voluntary Work/other employment

Who supports these qualifications?

Our schools' sector is very keen to support these qualifications and they include (but is not limited to) Manor Academy, Abbots Lea School and Abbey Hill Academy.