CONSTRUCTION
Building the technician level construction workforce of the future
Why choose Pearson Work-Based Learning for construction?

Pearson Work-based learning – good construction skills start with a solid foundation.

The new BTEC Apprenticeships in Construction from Pearson Work Based Learning are attracting widespread support from businesses and the education sector. Rather than following the ‘one size fits all’ approach of other Apprenticeship schemes, our BTEC Apprenticeships allow you to tailor learning and delivery to the learners’ needs and the needs of your organisation. The qualifications have been developed in close cooperation with employers, training providers, FE colleges and Construction Skills, the Sector Skills Council for construction.

Through Edexcel, we are able to offer an unrivalled suite of work-based learning construction qualifications with progression from entry level through to level 5. And we can help you customise them to your own business and staff development requirements and those of employers you partner with. Learners can specialise in the area of construction that suits their interests and motivation, and ensures their qualifications are relevant to their needs.

“From the dedicated account managers and standards verifiers, through to strategic advice on qualifications and funding, the support we’ve had right through the organisation has been superb. Pearson is always responsive to our needs and helps us to quickly understand any changes to policy or qualifications, enabling us to be responsive to our stakeholders.”

Rick Thomas Head of Training Delivery
The Skills People, Lewisham College
One of the strengths of our portfolio of BTEC Apprenticeships in Construction is that they give learners a deeper understanding of the construction industry as a whole and the skills required for their chosen trade. In the modern construction industry it is key that the different trades appreciate the contribution and impact of their role to the success of the whole project. As part of their qualification BTEC Apprentices will learn about how the different trades depend and interact with each other on site and develop a greater understanding of the importance of good site management. This, coupled with the trade specific skills they will learn, makes BTEC Apprentices the most effective on site construction employees of the future.
A FLEXIBLE AND CONSULTATIVE APPROACH TO QUALITY

We take quality very seriously, but we also know and trust that you know what you are doing within your centre. For this reason we have developed a consultative and flexible approach to quality and standards verification. Our Standards Verifiers (SVs) are sector experts who will work with you and support you in delivering our qualifications. Our SVs are partners in delivery.

Also, within the new integrated BTEC Apprenticeships you will now only have one SV per framework, rather than a separate one for each component of the Apprenticeship. Again, this will allow you to build a relationship with your SV and develop a partnership approach to delivery.

DEDICATED SUPPORT IS ALWAYS AT HAND

We make delivery of qualifications easy for employers. That’s one of the main reasons major FE Colleges, Employers and Training Providers all choose to work with us. With the largest team of dedicated account managers in UK, we’re always on hand to help.

All of our centres have a named account manager to call on for support, whose role is to provide advice and guidance on every aspect of delivering our construction qualifications. Everything from ensuring that the approval process runs smoothly, to highlighting the different sources of funding available.

Your account manager will also support you in measuring the effectiveness of your people development programmes and chosen qualifications.

We also offer our free ‘Ask the Expert’ service for when you’d like a personal response from one of our administrative or teaching experts, delivered by email.

BTEC - A RECOGNISED AND TRUSTED BRAND

The popularity and heritage of BTECs is a testament to their ability to inspire a wide range of learners. Employers have valued and recognised BTEC qualifications for more than 25 years and they are widely established as the leading vocational qualification in the UK. We are able to offer SASE and SASH (Specification of Apprenticeship Standards for Wales) compliant technical certificates within all of our BTEC Apprenticeships in Construction. Also we have closely aligned our NVQs and Apprenticeships which makes holistic delivery and assessment easier for you. With our qualifications you can use the same activities and evidence for assessing both knowledge and competency qualifications.

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A MORE REWARDING EXPERIENCE

Apprentices will find that much more of the valuable work experience they gain each day can count towards their qualification. It helps to make their apprenticeship experience far more rewarding. For example the experience gained on a site visit is relevant and can be taken into account.

INNOVATIVE SUPPORT ALL THE WAY

We have a series of new innovative technologies which will help your organisation run qualifications more effectively:

One-click registration
You can now gain approval to deliver complete Apprenticeships at the click of a button, rather than having to gain approval for the several individual components. Once you have gained approval, just one registration per learner is all that’s needed to cover the complete BTEC Apprenticeship package, cutting out significant administration time traditionally spent on registrations.

Apprenticeship Tracker
You can track all your apprenticeship learners’ progression through the Apprenticeship scheme on Edexcel Online.

Data transfer and management
We offer a unique technology solution that allows communication and transfer of learner data between our system, our customers, and as well as the funding agency’s system. The registration and results reporting can be carried out far more efficiently without having to re-enter the data several times.

Onscreen testing
In partnership with Pearson Vue, we provide a test delivery platform that offers flexible, on-demand e-assessment, including content creation, delivery and administration to support Edexcel’s Technical Certificates and Key/Basic Skills qualifications.
www.pearsonvue.co.uk

Electronic standards
Edexcel Qualification Manager will allow you to download electronic versions of QCF units and NVQ standards to import directly into your eportfolio and Management Information System (MIS), so you don’t need to enter them manually - saving you time.

E-pen
We have partnered with Destiny Wireless, a company that has developed E-pen technology. E-pens dramatically reduce the administrative effort associated with work-based learning data processing functions, including sign-ups, reviews, observation documents and exits. E-pen has transformed the operational efficiency of providers using the technology, and has been proven to deliver significant return on investment within weeks of using the system.

Read on to find out more or get in touch now at betcapprenticeships@pearson.com

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A SEAMLESS APPROACH TO BTEC APPRENTICESHIPS IN CONSTRUCTION

BTEC Apprenticeships in Construction offer an integrated approach to assessment and delivery. We have reviewed and improved all of our systems and processes, from approval and registration through to verification and certification, to provide a seamless approach to delivering the new BTEC Apprenticeship. There are a number of ways we have developed our BTEC Apprenticeships in Construction to make them as straightforward and efficient to deliver as possible.

Technological innovation

We have made use of state-of-the-art technology to reduce your administrative and cost burden and simplify the delivery of BTEC Apprenticeships in Construction. For example our ‘one-click’ registration and data sharing innovations mean that you now only have to enter a learner’s data once, reducing error and saving time.

Integrated assessment of both knowledge and competency components

The knowledge and competence-based elements of the construction Apprenticeships have been assessed separately up until now; with BTEC Apprenticeships we are enabling you to integrate the assessment process between these elements. This means learners can use their evidence for both parts of their BTEC Apprenticeship thus saving time and administration costs for you and making things easier for the learner.

Contextualising functional skills for construction learners

With accessible specifications and testing, we have made our functional skills offer the most straightforward to deliver. We have also contextualised delivery, which means that learners taking our BTEC Apprenticeships will be able to learn in an environment and context that they are familiar with and can engage with. As apprentices in construction will inevitably work in a variety of different contexts it is important that they can relate their functional skills to the work they do, and with the BTEC Apprenticeship, they can do just this.

BTEC in Workskills for Apprenticeships

With the new requirements for Apprenticeships, you will now have to formally assess Personal Learning and Thinking Skills (PLTS) and Employee Rights and Responsibilities (ERRI). With the BTEC Apprenticeship offer, we have made this easy for you by developing the BTEC in Workskills for Apprenticeships.

These are short, bite-size, portfolio assessed BTEC qualifications which learners will complete as part of their induction. These qualifications make it easy for you to deliver this part of the BTEC Apprenticeship. They can be contextualised to the setting in which the learner will undertake their Apprenticeship, keep them engaged and give them a sense of achievement early on in the Apprenticeship.

For more information please see www.pearsonwbl.com/workskills

New specifications to support delivery

All of our construction specifications have been redeveloped for the QCF, and we have taken time to ensure they are a useful delivery tool for each of our BTEC Apprenticeships. Each specification:

- Contains specific detail on each unit, to ensure that you know exactly what each outcome means and which skills the learner needs to develop
- Contains mapping from previous NQF units to their new QCF equivalent
- Clear mapping to functional skills qualifications
- Clear rules of combination and guidance notes
SUPPORTING TELFORD COLLEGE OF ARTS & TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOP THEIR WORK BASED LEARNING OFFER

TCAT decided to work with Pearson Work Based Learning because they could offer a complete solution, including a range of qualifications backed by Pearson publishers Heinemann.

Pearson Work Based Learning provided TCAT with a portfolio of Edexcel qualifications including Apprenticeships, BTEC, NVQs and Technical Certificates.

Ann Griffiths, Vice Principal in Commercial Development at TCAT said, “We’ve had excellent service and support from all areas of the business at Pearson, which has enabled us to progress our business and product offer to our employers. We are working towards becoming a sole provider of Edexcel because we’re satisfied with the qualifications and services offered as they meet our needs.”

The solution

Overall learner achievement rates and minimum levels of performance at TCAT are 92 percent, which places it as one of the highest performing colleges in the country.

Since introducing Edexcel qualifications into the business, TCAT can make a guarantee to their employers that the training they deliver will have measurable bottom-line efficiency savings for an employer’s business.

Ann Griffiths, commented: “More than 70 percent of our business is repeat business – if our employers are not satisfied with our service, and Edexcel’s qualifications, they would not continue to contract with us.

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The customer

Telford College of Arts and Technology (TCAT) is a Further Education (FE) college that provides quality training and education to 17,000 learners every year in England. Based in the Midlands, TCAT has a reputation for providing excellent service and a wide range of vocational qualifications in England.

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Solutions

- Apprenticeships
- BTECs
- NVQs
- Bespoke programmes

Business benefits

- High customer retention rate with employers at 70%
- 92% achievement rate
- TCAT can guarantee measurable bottom-line efficiency savings for their employers, enabling them to attract more business

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**THE COMPLETE OFFER IN CONSTRUCTION**

Through Edexcel we have the broadest and deepest selection of qualifications available on the QCF. From Entry level through to level 7 there is a qualification which suits your organisation and learners. Whether you want an Apprenticeship or a single qualification we will work with you to make sure you make the right choice.

**NVQ & Competence Based Qualifications**

Pearson Work Based Learning offer a broad range of NVQ certificate and diplomas in the construction sector, ranging from levels 1-7.

Our NVQs cover the construction craft areas such as trowel occupations and wood occupations as well as the more supervisory and management occupations such as site management and consultancy. Whatever the needs of your organisation and your learners, we can find the right qualifications.

A full list, complete with specifications can be found at [www.pearsonwbl.com/nvq](http://www.pearsonwbl.com/nvq). Some of our construction NVQs include:

- Level 2 Certificate in Sub-structure Work Occupations – Structural Waterproofing (Construction) (QCF)
- Level 2 Certificate/Diploma in Interior Systems (Construction) (QCF)
- Level 2 Certificate/Diploma in Highways Maintenance (Construction) (QCF)
- Level 2 Certificate/Diploma in Specialist Installation Occupations (Construction) (QCF)
- Level 2 Diploma in Cladding Occupations (Construction) (QCF)
- Level 3 Diploma in Construction Contracting Operations (QCF)
- Level 3 Diploma in Construction Site Supervision (Construction) (QCF)
- Level 6 Diploma in Construction Site Management (Construction) (QCF)
- Level 7 Diploma in Built Environment Design and Consultancy Practice (QCF)
- Levels 1-3 Certificate/Diploma in Wood Occupations (Construction) (QCF)
- Levels 1-3 Diploma in Trowel Occupations (Construction) (QCF).

**BTEC Specialist Qualifications**

The BTEC Specialist qualifications in construction are the new QCF accredited qualifications at levels 2 and 3. They can be tailored to match the learner’s chosen sector specialism, level and pattern of delivery. We offer the award, certificate and diploma in Construction and the Built Environment at both levels 2 and 3. These qualifications have been redeveloped for the QCF and fully complement the NVQs we can offer in this sector. They are fully aligned to the National Occupational Standards (NOS) of the construction industry.

For more details, and for full specifications please visit [www.btec.co.uk/specialist](http://www.btec.co.uk/specialist).

**BTEC WorkSkills – a flexible way to increase learner employability**

Our BTEC WorkSkills qualifications are a package of flexible, bite-size units that will give your learners many of the softer skills they need to help them improve their career opportunities and effectiveness. WorkSkills covers areas such as teamwork, adaptability, working with customers, self management skills and much more. You can easily add WorkSkills into your BTEC Apprenticeships in Construction or NVQs package or add it other qualifications your learners may be doing. For more information please visit [www.pearsonwbl.com/workskills](http://www.pearsonwbl.com/workskills).

**Foundation Learning**

Within the foundation learning suite there is a group of new Personal & Social Development (PSD) qualifications as well as a BTEC level 1 in Construction Skills. These are the perfect pre-apprenticeship qualifications, offering a seamless progression into the BTEC Apprenticeships in Construction.

Our Foundation Learning qualifications are engaging, flexible and easy to implement and deliver. For more details and full specifications please go to [www.pearsonwbl.com/foundationlearning](http://www.pearsonwbl.com/foundationlearning).

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DO YOU WANT TO DELIVER BTEC APPRENTICESHIPS IN CONSTRUCTION?

Getting started is easy. All you need to do is complete the reply paid postcard and send it back to us, call 0844 576 0045, email btecapprenticeships@pearson.com or visit www.btecapprenticeships.com

If you are interested in any of our other qualifications please visit www.pearsonwbl.com, call 0844 576 0045 or email wbl@pearson.com

We will then contact you to talk through your requirements and work closely with you to develop a solution that suits your organisation.