

# Open College Network West Midlands

## Qualification purpose statement

<b>Name of qualification</b>	Open College Network West Midlands Level 2 Certificate in Employability and Development Skills in Building and Construction
<b>Qualification number</b>	601/7302/8
<b>Credits</b>	21
<b>Aim of this qualification</b>	The Open College Network West Midlands Level 2 Certificate in Employability and Development Skills in Building and Construction is a qualification regulated by Ofqual. It allows a learner to develop essential and transferable skills that will help them to progress to the next level of vocational learning.
<b>Who this qualification is for</b>	Open College Network West Midlands Level 2 Certificate in Employability and Development Skills in Building and Construction is designed to meet the needs of learners in a variety of settings, including schools, further education colleges, voluntary organisations and private training providers.
<b>Age restrictions</b>	This qualification is suitable for learners aged 14 and above.
<b>Entry requirements</b>	There are no other specific entry requirements.
<b>What you will learn and achieve by doing this qualification</b>	<p>To be awarded this qualification a learner must achieve a minimum of 21 credits from different unit groups. The qualification requires up to 182 hours of guided learning. A learner must achieve 70% of credits from units within Unit Groups A and B, vocational area of education. The remaining credits will cover topics to prepare a learner for further study at a higher level.</p> <p>Taking this qualification will help a learner to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• prepare for the next stage of vocational learning leading to gaining employment. Depending on the units they choose, they can also learn about things that will help them to progress to further study, for example, how to prepare an action plan for further study, how to take part in discussions, team working skills and research skills . If they need help</li> </ul>

	<p>developing their mathematics and English skills to enable them to succeed in the next stage of their learning, they could take units that cover essay writing, problem solving skills, numeracy skills and ICT skills;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• prepare to progress to qualifications and an apprenticeship at Level 3 in the Building and Construction sector.</li> </ul> <p>A learner will be assessed through a variety of well-defined tasks and activities. These will allow them to use the relevant skills, knowledge they have gained and to review their own learning to identify areas for development.</p> <p>Example core units:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply paint by brush and roller</li> <li>• Build and block walls</li> <li>• Carry out practical operations in wallpapering</li> <li>• Health and Safety in a Construction Environment</li> </ul>
<p><b>Is this the right qualification for you?</b></p>	<p>The Open College Network West Midlands Level 2 Certificate in Employability and Development Skills in Building and Construction particularly suitable for you if you need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• gain an understanding of the vocational area of Building and Construction</li> <li>• prepare for further vocational learning in Building and Construction</li> <li>• learn more about employment opportunities in the Building and Construction industries.</li> <li>• Are undertaking a traineeship in building and construction whereby this will form the bulk of your study programme.</li> <li>• need to study vocational units to help them make informed career choices;</li> <li>• need a longer, more structured course of up to 200 hours at Level 2 made up of bite-sized units of learning and assessment;</li> <li>• lack confidence in their ability to progress in learning;</li> <li>• are unable to study for a larger qualification, such as a Diploma;</li> <li>• have not previously achieved Level 2 qualifications.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Where this qualification fits in the suite</b></p>	<p>The Open College Network West Midlands Level 2 Certificate in Employability and Development Skills in Building and Construction is part of a suite of qualifications at different sizes to meet different learner needs.</p>

	<p>There are 2 qualifications in this suite. The table below shows where the Level 2 Certificate fits into the suite.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Open College Network West Midlands Employability and Development Skills in Building and Construction qualifications</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="472 479 1401 604"> <thead> <tr> <th>Level</th> <th>Size</th> <th>Credits</th> <th>Hours</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td rowspan="2">2</td> <td>Certificate</td> <td>21</td> <td>182</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Diploma</td> <td>42</td> <td>365</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>You should study for the Level 2 Certificate if you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have not yet achieved qualifications at a higher level and wish to work towards a Level 2 qualification.</li> <li>• Are able to commit to a medium sized course of around 182 hours of but not yet able to commit to the longer diploma of 365 hours</li> <li>• want to acknowledge and develop a specific set of skills at level 2 for example carpentry skills, timber work, maintaining carpentry tools etc.</li> <li>• Do not yet have the skills and knowledge to undertake study at Level 3</li> <li>• Need a qualification to enable you to move onto a higher level of study</li> <li>• Need a qualification that could form a significant part of your traineeship or support other learning.</li> </ul>	Level	Size	Credits	Hours	2	Certificate	21	182	Diploma	42	365
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<p><b>What this qualification could lead to</b></p>	<p>A learner will progress primarily to further learning and qualifications in Building and Construction. This may be to a Level 3 programme of study.</p> <p>A learner may progress to, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Level 2 Apprenticeship in Plastering</li> <li>• Level 2 Diploma in Plastering</li> <li>• Level 3 Carpentry</li> <li>• Level 3 Complete Bathroom Installations</li> <li>• Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Construction and The Built Environment (Civil Engineering)</li> <li>• Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Construction and The Built Environment (Building Services)</li> <li>• Level 3 Diploma in Painting and Decorating</li> </ul> <p>Achievement of this qualification may also lead to a specific role in Building or Construction e.g. as a plasterer, brick worker, plumber etc.</p>											

<b>Apprenticeships</b>	This qualification is not part of an apprenticeship framework.
<b>Support</b>	This qualification is supported by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Solihull College</li><li>• Constructions Skills College Ltd</li><li>• Stafford College</li></ul>
<b>Further information</b>	More information about this qualification is available on our website <a href="#">here</a> .