

Open College Network West Midlands

Qualification purpose statement

Name of qualification	Open College Network West Midlands Level 2 Diploma in Employability and Development Skills in Building and Construction
Qualification number	601/7321/x
Credits	42
Aim of this qualification	The Open College Network West Midlands Level 2 Diploma 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.
Who this qualification is for	Open College Network West Midlands Level 2 Diploma 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.
Age restrictions	This qualification is suitable for learners aged 14 and above.
Entry requirements	There are no other specific entry requirements.
What you will learn and achieve by doing this qualification	<p>To be awarded this qualification a learner must achieve a minimum of 42 credits from different unit groups. The qualification requires up to 365 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 or to enter employment or an apprenticeship.</p> <p>Taking this qualification will help a learner to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 and how to take part in

	<p>discussions. If they need help 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, numeracy skills and ICT skills;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prepare to progress to qualifications at Level 3 in a specific sector area of their choice by supporting them to gain knowledge and skills relevant to the Building and Construction sector. <p>Example core units:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building Services Techniques in Construction • Developing Woodwork Jointing Skills • Health and Safety in a Construction Environment <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>Is this the right qualification for you?</p>	<p>The Open College Network West Midlands Level 2 Diploma in Employability and Development Skills in Building and Construction particularly suitable for you if you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • need to prepare for further vocational learning in Building and Construction • want to learn more about employment opportunities in the Building and Construction industries. • are undertaking a traineeship in building and construction whereby this will form the bulk of your study programme. • lack confidence in your ability to progress in learning; • have not previously achieved Level 2 qualifications.
<p>Where this qualification fits in the suite</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 Diploma into the suite.</p> <p>The Open College Network West Midlands Employability and Development Skills in Building and Construction qualifications</p>

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<p>What this qualification could lead to</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"> • Level 2 Diploma in Site Carpentry • Level 3 Apprenticeship in Building Services Engineering and Project Management • Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Civil Engineering for Technicians (institute for Civil Engineering) • Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Construction and The Built Environment (Building Services) • Level 3 NVQ Certificate in Building Services Engineering Technology and Project Management • Level 3 Diploma in Painting and Decorating • Level 3 Domestic Installation Skills • Level 3 Plastering Skills <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>											
<p>Apprenticeships</p>	<p>This qualification is not part of an apprenticeship framework.</p>											
<p>Support</p>	<p>This qualification is supported by:</p>											

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Solihull College• Constructions Skills College Ltd• Stafford College
Further information	More information about this qualification is available on our website here .