

Statement of Purpose

500/6591/9 – Pearson BTEC Level 1 Certificate in Construction (OCF)

Who is this qualification for?

This level 1 certificate is aimed at students over the age of 14 working at this level and who want to develop the skills needed to progress to further study and ultimately to employment in construction. It provides an introduction to some of the key themes within the construction sector, enabling students to develop and apply their knowledge while also acquiring a range of relevant practical, communication and technical construction-related skills.

What will the student study as part of this qualification?

All the content of the qualification relates directly to the skills, knowledge and understanding needed to enable students to progress to further study in the construction sector. In recognition of the need to introduce students to a broad sector, all students will select from units covering; health and safety, bricklaying, carpentry, painting and decorating, plumbing, plastering and electrical installation.

There are also opportunities to understand more about goal setting and what it means to work as part of a team, and to explore the range of job opportunities in the sector. The choice of units available enables centres to tailor delivery to meet the interests and aspirations of individual students.

What knowledge and skills will the student develop as part of this qualification and how might these be of use and value in further studies?

By developing the construction-specific knowledge and skills outlined above, students will be well prepared for progression to a level 2 vocational course in construction. The portfolio-based approach to assessment will also support the development of essential communication skills such as extended writing and drafting, critical skills of analysis, team-working, working to a prescribed brief, working to deadlines, presenting information effectively, accurately completing tasks and processes and study skills such as research and time management. These skills will help support progression to level 2 and any future chosen course.

Is this qualification available in an apprenticeship?

This is a level 1 qualification and is not available as part of an apprenticeship.

What are the qualification outcomes?

The primary outcome of this qualification is to support progression to the next level of vocational learning by developing the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed in further study. In addition the qualification will suit students who are returning or re-engaging with learning and need to consolidate their learning, social and employability skills before considering entering work. The choice of units will reflect each individual's needs.

What higher level learning will this qualification lead to?

Students who complete this qualification may progress to level 2 construction qualifications or use their acquired transferable skills to progress to other vocational related sectors.

Specific Pearson Construction level 2 qualifications offered as a progression route are:

Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Certificate in Construction and the Built Environment (600/6817/6)

Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Certificate in Construction and the Built Environment (600/7048/1)

Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Extended Certificate in Construction and the Built Environment (601/0258/5)

Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Diploma in Construction and the Built Environment (601/0259/7)

Further information on these qualifications is available on our website.
<http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-firsts/construction-and-the-built-environment-2013-nqf.html#tab-3>

Why choose the Certificate sized qualification?

The BTEC Level 1 Certificate in Construction provides a general introduction to the sector and will suit students looking to gain an overview of the sector and the employment prospects it has to offer. It may be taken on its own by students who only need a small amount of achievement at level 1 before progressing to a level 2 qualification, or alongside other level 1 qualifications by those looking for a greater breadth of achievement, and who may be less certain about the sector they wish to focus on at level 2. By studying the certificate, students will gain a basic foundation in preparation for higher level learning.

Pearson offers the certificate and diploma in construction for those students who need to study this sector in greater detail.

Who supports this qualification?

This qualification is supported by Pearson centres including:

- John Laing Training
- Construction Skills
- City of Bristol College
- JTJ Workplace Solutions
- Constructive Futures Training

Further Information

<http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-entry-level-and-level-1/construction-l1.html>