

## Pearson Edexcel Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Construction Contracting Operations (QCF)

**Qualification Number: 601/2500/7**

### What is the purpose of this qualification?

This qualification is appropriate for employees in the construction and built environment sector working at a technical level in disciplines such as estimating, buying, planning, surveying, site technical support and design co-ordination. It is designed to assess occupational competence in the workplace where learners are required to demonstrate skills and knowledge to a level required in the construction industry.

It is also recognised as contributing towards meeting the professional standards specified by Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) and Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE). Professional recognition by these institutions is designed to increase the employability and progression opportunities available to learners.

### What does this qualification cover?

This qualification is based on the latest National Occupational Standards in Construction.

It is written to the agreed national occupational standards for competence in Construction Contracting Operations in Construction, and is entirely vocationally-related in its content. As an NVQ, all units within the qualifications are derived from these occupational standards directly, and evidence of knowledge, skill and understanding will be gained from a workplace or a realistic workplace situation.

This qualification includes seven pathways. Learners must complete one pathway (minimum 90 credits) to achieve the qualification. The pathways are Estimating, Buying, Planning, Surveying, Site Technical Support, Design Coordinator, and General.

Each pathway includes a set of mandatory units followed by a choice of additional units.

### How is this qualification assessed?

This qualification is assessed through a portfolio of evidence gathered from a range of sources including workplace activities and realistic work environments, professional discussions, questioning and observation of performance.

### Who can take this qualification?

This qualification is for all learners aged 16 and above who are capable of reaching the required standards and have the opportunity to demonstrate practical skills in a realistic construction working environment. Learners do not need any prior qualifications, knowledge or experience before starting the qualification.

Although this qualification is a component of the Advanced Apprenticeship in Construction Technical and Professional Framework (Contracting Operations Pathway), it is also suitable for learners who may need or wish to take the qualification on its own. For example, learners, working full, part-time or on a voluntary basis, or those who are not new to the role but need to upskill and/or demonstrate competency in the areas covered by the qualification.

### What can this qualification lead to?

Learners who gain greater occupational and management responsibility can progress to the Pearson Edexcel Level 6 NVQ Diploma in Construction Contracting Operations Management (QCF).

Potential job roles for those working towards this qualification are:

- ✦ Estimator
- ✦ Buyer

- ◆ Planner
- ◆ Surveyor
- ◆ Site technical support
- ◆ Design co-ordinator

### **Who supports this qualification?**

It is approved by the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) and their employer groups, as it is an approved qualification based on the occupational standards they have devised.

This qualification is highly valued and supported by Professional Body the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE).