

Pearson Edexcel Level 4 NVQ Controlling Lifting Operations – Supervising Lifts

Qualification Number: 601/4776/3

What is the purpose of this qualification?

This qualification meets the occupational standards required for supervisors of lifting operations in construction building projects. This could be on private construction sites, or in other civil engineering projects in public spaces. It is designed to help assure current and prospective employers that learners can supervise lifting operations in a competent, safe manner.

What does this qualification cover?

This qualification is based on the latest National Occupational Standards for the supervision of lifting operations.

It is written to the agreed national occupational standards for competence in supervising lifting 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. Therefore the entirety of this qualification's 74 credits (237 Guided learning hours) relates to vocational learning applicable to the learner's job role of Lifting Operations Supervisor on Construction sites.

It covers the following areas:

- Developing and Maintaining Good Occupational Working Relationships
- Supervising Lifting Operations using Lifting Equipment
- Co-ordinating Site Preparation Work
- Maintaining Dimensional Accuracy of Work
- Maintaining Health and Safety Systems
- Co-ordinating and Organising the Control of Work
- Allocating and Monitoring Plant and Equipment usage
- Allocating Work and Checking Performance

Who can take this qualification?

This qualification is for all learners aged 19 and above who are capable of reaching the required standards and have 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. They are likely, however to be working as supervisors for controlling lifting operations or be able to take on such responsibilities as progression or secondment from their current construction role.

What can this qualification lead to?

Learners may use the qualification to gain employment as lifting supervisors on construction sites. It may be used as evidence to prove competence to prospective employers, directly or as a component of card competence schemes at supervisory level. Such schemes are not a licence to practice and can be achieved by different routes (e.g. through the experienced worker route), but are widely recognised and used by many employers as proof of competence and access to sites.

Who supports this qualification?

This qualification is supported by the Chartered Institute of Building and the Institution of Civil Engineers. It is approved by the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) and their employer groups, as it is a approved qualification based on the occupational standards they have devised.

How is this qualification assessed?

A portfolio of evidence gathered from a range of sources including workplace activities and realistic work environments, professional discussions, questioning and observation of performance