

Pearson Edexcel Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Steelfixing Occupations

Qualification Number: 601/4788/X

What is the purpose of this qualification?

This qualification is designed to give learners the occupational competence required to carry out Steelfixing in Construction, an essential part of building and civil engineering projects in the private or public domain, where steel is required to reinforce and/ or underpin at the start of the building process.

What does this qualification cover?

This qualification is for operatives working on site with responsibilities for the preparation and fixing of steel structures. It is written to the agreed national occupational standards for competence in this role 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 48 credits (160 Guided learning hours) relates to vocational learning applicable to the learner's job role of Steelfixer in Construction.

Content topics include conforming to health and safety requirements and productive working practices and moving, handling and storing resources. Learners can then choose from specialist optional units in the fabrication, fixing or cutting and bending of reinforcement steel.

Achievement of the NVQ may be used as evidence towards gaining the appropriate Construction card competence scheme, to prove competence to employers on site, where applicable. Other routes are available and this is not a licence to practice, however card schemes are widely recognised by employers in Construction, many of whom specify achievement of an appropriate card prior to accessing sites.

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 opportunity to demonstrate practical skills in a realistic construction working environment. Learners do not need any explicit prior qualifications, knowledge or experience before starting the qualification but it is likely, however, that they will already be employed as steelfixers.

What can this qualification lead to?

Learners may use the qualification to gain employment, as Steel Fixers. Alternatively they may progress to such a role from their current position. Learners may progress to a level 3 NVQ in this discipline, or to related advanced craft NVQ's or technician NVQ's, if their job roles develop accordingly. Achievement of technician level qualifications can provide a route to professional entry in construction and civil engineering.

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 an 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