

NOCN Level 2 Extended Technical Occupational Entry for Bricklaying (Diploma)



Qualification overview

This qualification is a Level 2 occupational entry technical qualification, aligned to the knowledge, skills, and behaviours of the **Bricklayer Occupational Standard (ST0095, version 1.2)**. It aims to prepare learners to work in the construction industry as bricklayers. Successful achievement of the qualification means learners may be classed as 'site ready' with the knowledge, skills, and behaviours necessary to enter the workforce.

The qualification has been developed in consultation with employers, training providers and sector bodies and delivers the knowledge, skills and behaviours identified as necessary in the construction industry. This is important to ensure that relevant standards of safety and quality are maintained across the industry.

Assessment of this qualification focusses on knowledge, skills, and behaviours integral to the role of a bricklayer. Practical assessments simulate workplace activities, enabling learners to demonstrate their skills, knowledge, and behaviours holistically for each unit. To ensure comparability with the Bricklayer Occupational Standard (ST0095, version 1.2) learners must achieve the tolerances for both pass and distinction grades in all practical assessments.

The qualification is for **16-19 learners and adults**.

Learners seeking an alternative to an apprenticeship, this qualification provides the opportunity to develop essential knowledge, skills and behaviours that are expected of an apprentice bricklayer. This qualification may be delivered in a training environment.

The qualification has been fully mapped to the Bricklayer Occupational Standard (ST0095, version 1.2) to demonstrate comparability between the units and the knowledge, skills, and behaviours in the standard. Each trade specific unit includes mapping to the relevant aspects of the occupational standard and full qualification mapping is provided in the Centre Guide. Mapping to the transferable employability skills is also provided.

Key information

Reference 610/4613/9	Total qualification time 520 hours	Guided learning hours 426 hours
Minimum age 16 years	Credits 52	Registration date 1 August 2025
Current UK tariff £127	Entry guidance No formal entry requirements for learners undertaking this qualification.	Funding 16-19 EFA Adult Skills Free Courses for Jobs MCA/GLA Tailored Learning



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Content Overview

Mandatory units

Employability units

Construction Health and Safety*
Construction Information, Quantities and Communications*
Construction Principles*
Personal Skills in the Construction Industry*
Personal Wellbeing in Construction*
Environmental Awareness & Sustainability in Construction*

Trade specific units

Construct Cavity Walls
Construct Solid Walls

Optional units

Constructing Masonry Cladding
Constructing Thin Joint Masonry
Repair and Maintain Masonry

Additional units

Employment in the Construction Industry*
The Construction Industry*
Erect & Dismantle Access Equipment or Working Platforms*
Establish Work Area Protection and Safety*
Handle, Move and Store Resources*

*Non-trade specific units are included within other construction trade qualifications.

Assessment methods

- MCQ assessment
- Project assessment and assignment
- Observed practical with underpinning knowledge questions

Grading

This qualification is graded: **Pass / Distinction**

Progression opportunities

Learners who achieve the NOCN Level 2 Extended Technical Occupational Entry for Bricklaying (Diploma) could progress to:

- higher level construction qualifications at level 3 or above
- employment in construction as a bricklayer.



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