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QUALIFICATION SPECIFICATION

NOCN Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Plastering (Construction) - Fibrous

Qualification No: **603/2368/1**

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Reference : 603/2368/1

Total Qualification Time (TQT) : 560

Award Code : QUB935

Minimum Age : 16

Level : Level 2

Registration Start Date : 1/12/2017

Qualification Overview

The NOCN Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Plastering (Construction) qualification has two specialisms/pathways of which Fibrous is one of them. The NOCN Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Plastering (Construction) -Fibrous has been developed for achievement in a real workplace environment which means the learner needs to be employed to undertake this pathway. This pathway enables you, the learner, to demonstrate and recognise their skills, knowledge and understanding and to demonstrate their competence in a real workplace environment so that the learner can work in a Fibrous environment. This qualification is supported by Finishes and Interiors Sector (FIS) federation.

Topics Covered In This Qualification

This NOCN Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Plastering (Construction) -Fibrous pathway supports the learner to attain enabling, fundamental and transferable practical skills with associated underpinning knowledge.

The learner will learn key practical skills and knowledge in these mandatory and additional units.

Please refer to the pathway specification for a complete list of the units included in this qualification.

Entry Requirements

Learners must be able to demonstrate the requirements of the qualification and have access to required assessment opportunities and relevant resources. Please refer to specific assessment requirements on individual components for more information.

Centres must undertake initial assessment activities with learners to ensure this is an appropriate qualification and they can achieve the level they will be studying before enrolling them onto a programme of learning.

As the qualification is competency based and an NVQ, the learner must be in the role, as evidence must be generated from the workplace. Centres must verify the appropriacy of learner's employment and/or work placements, and their role and responsibilities, to ensure it will allow the learner to demonstrate the requirements of the qualification and have access to required assessment opportunities. Evidence of this must be collated during the learner's initial assessment at the Centre and kept and stored for external quality assurance purposes.

Progression

On completion of this NOCN Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Plastering (Construction) -Fibrous pathway the learner will have obtained the skills, knowledge and understanding and demonstrated competence to progress on to a higher level qualification in the same or similar occupational area or enable entry into supervisory and management positions within the workplace.

Industry will accept the pathway on its own as entry to a job role.

For further details on other pathway available in this occupational area, see our Qualification Search.

Qualification Structure

Total Qualification Time (TQT) for this qualification: 560

An estimate of the total time it could reasonably be expected for a learner to achieve a qualification. TQT includes guided learning hours (GLH) plus an estimate of the time a learner is likely to spend in preparation, study or other learning activities as directed by but not under the immediate guidance of a lecturer, supervisor, or tutor.

Minimum Guided Learning Hours (GLH) for this qualification: 188
The time a learner spends in activities under the immediate guidance or supervision of a lecturer, supervisor, or tutor. This includes assessment if under supervision.

Qualification Structure:

The NOCN Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Plastering (Construction) -Fibrous qualification/pathway structure below specifies the combination of units that need to be achieved for the individual to be awarded the qualification/pathway.

This qualification/pathway consists of six (6) mandatory units and one (1) additional unit.

In order to achieve/pass this qualification/pathway learners must successfully complete/achieve all six (6) Mandatory units.

There is also an additional unit that can be taken as part of this qualification. Credit from this unit will be included on the certificate but will not count towards this qualification.

Units

Qualification Structure : To achieve this qualification a minimum of 6 units need to be attained from the Mandatory Group. The additional unit may be achieved but will not count towards the achievement of the qualification.

Mandatory Group : The learner must achieve 6 units in this group.

Title	Reference	Credit Value	Level
Repairing fibrous plaster components in the workplace	K/616/3769	15	Level 2
Producing fibrous plaster components in the workplace	M/616/3790	17	Level 2
Positioning and securing fibrous plaster components in the workplace	R/616/3765	14	Level 2
Moving, Handling and Storing Resources in the Workplace	F/503/1171	5	Level 2
Conforming to Productive Working Practices in the Workplace	J/503/1169	3	Level 2
Conforming to General Health, Safety and Welfare in the Workplace	A/503/1170	2	Level 1

Additional Group : The learner may achieve the unit in this group but it will not count towards the achievement of the qualification.

Title	Reference	Credit Value	Level
Laying Screed Floors in the Workplace	D/506/3853	18	Level 2

Qualification Assessment & Grading

The learner will be assessed against a set of performance and knowledge statements which have been derived from National Occupational Standards for the chosen occupational area (Recommended Qualification Structure for Plastering (Construction) Level 2). The learner will be assessed by an occupationally competent and qualified assessor whose job is to work with the learner and help the learner complete the pathway. The learner will be required to produce a Portfolio of Evidence showing how they have met the performance and knowledge criteria for each unit required within the pathway, as directed by their assessor. The learner must pass each mandatory unit within this pathway. Occupational expertise requirements for assessors and verifiers are set out in Section 4 of the 'ConstructionSkills' Consolidated Assessment Strategy for Construction and the Built Environment' - for clarity please refer to the hyperlink https://www.citb.co.uk/qualifications-standards/qualification-framework/

Fair & Equitable Assessment

Assessments designed by centres must be accessible and inclusive and the assessment methodology must be appropriate for individual assessment, giving due consideration to any assessment requirements attached to individual components.

Learners with Particular Requirements

If you are a NOCN Recognised Centre and have learners with particular requirements, please see the **NOCN Reasonable Adjustment and Special Considerations Policy and Procedure** found on the NOCN website at www.nocn.org.uk

This policy gives clear guidance on the reasonable adjustments and arrangements that can be made to take account of disability or learning difficulty without compromising the assessment criteria.

The NOCN Centre approval process requires the centre to hold policy statements on Equal Opportunities, Diversity and Disability Discrimination which will be reviewed by NOCN. Please refer to the NOCN Quality Assurance Manual for further details.

Recognition of Prior Learning

Recognising Prior Learning is an assessment process that recognises learning that has its origins in a learner's experience and/or previous formal and informal learning contexts. This includes knowledge and skills gained within school, college, university and outside formal learning situations such as through life, employment, apprenticeships and other work experiences.

NOCN is committed to the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and has developed a policy and procedures to inform and support Centres. This is available on the NOCN website at www.nocn.org.uk.

Centre Requirements

In order to gain and retain NOCN qualification approval status, centres must continue to meet the required standards of NOCN regarding internal management and systems, delivery staff, resources and equipment, assessment and training, internal quality assurance and external assessment arrangements. Each requirement is detailed as one of NOCN's Approval Criteria.

For a full list of NOCN Approval Criteria, as well as further guidance and support in meeting that criteria, please refer to the NOCN Quality Assurance Manual, available on the NOCN website under the 'Help & Support' section.

Centre Staff Requirements

As part of the requirement to deliver this qualification, the Centre staff involved with the delivery, assessment and quality assurance of the qualification must have a demonstrable level of expertise. NOCN expects that all Tutors/Trainers, Assessors and Internal Quality Assurers are able to demonstrate that they have the relevant occupational knowledge and experience to perform their role.

Tutor/Trainer and Assessor Requirements

A Tutor/Trainer includes anyone within your Centre who is facilitating the training to learners in any environment e.g. tutor, trainer, teacher, coach, facilitator.

A Tutor is not required for NOCN NVQ qualifications, but is required for construction training diplomas.
All construction qualifications require an Assessor. For training diplomas, an individual can perform both roles of Tutor/Trainer and Assessor, where they meet the individual requirements for both. Tutors/Trainers and Assessors are not able to perform the role of the Internal Quality Assurer for cohorts where they have delivered training or assessment.

All Tutors/Trainers and Assessors must:

- Hold verifiable knowledge of the occupational standards at or above the level being taught.
- Hold a recognised teaching/training or assessor qualification (dependent on their role), examples of what NOCN will accept are detailed within the Quality Assurance Manual.
- Keep up to date with industry best practice for the duration of their role.
- Maintain a record of Continuous Personal Development (CPD).
- Hold an up to date CV.

Any specific assessment/training requirements are detailed under the Assessment guidance and/or in the requirements section of each unit.

Internal Quality Assurer Requirements

All construction qualifications must be internally quality assured by an appropriately qualified and experienced IQA. Each Centre must have a quality system which ensures that decisions made by assessors are appropriate, consistent, fair and transparent, and that they do not discriminate any learner. The quality system must ensure the quality of the award, ensuring validity, reliability and consistency.
Further guidance regarding the requirements of a Centre's quality system is detailed within the Quality Assurance Manual.

All Internal Quality Assurers must:

- Hold verifiable knowledge of the occupational standards at or above the level they are quality assuring.
- Hold a recognised internal quality assurance qualification (for NVQs only), examples of what NOCN will accept are detailed within the Quality Assurance Manual.
- Understand the content, structure, assessments and training/testing requirements of the units they are quality assuring.
- Keep up to date with industry best practice for the duration of their role.
- Maintain a record of Continuous Personal Development (CPD).
- Hold an up to date CV.

Resources and Equipment

For training diplomas, centres must have the resource available for the assessment and training requirements as set out by the relevant health and safety acts. There should be adequate provision of physical resources to support the learning and meet the requirements of the qualification/training.

Please refer to the specific resources and equipment specification for each individual training diploma.

External Quality Assurance

Once recognised as a Centre, NOCN will allocate an External Quality Assurer. The External Quality Assurer will have ongoing responsibility for monitoring the Centre's compliance with the requirements of Centre approval status.

The External Quality Assurer will make regular visits to all centres. During these visits they will:

• Monitor the Centre's compliance with the Centre approval criteria by reviewing course documentation, meeting managers, tutors, internal quality assurers, learners, and administrative staff.

• Review the standard of the Centre's assessment and internal quality assurance practices and decisions to determine whether all assessment requirements are met to support safe and valid claims for certification.

Refer to the **NOCN Quality Assurance Manual** for further information on the External Quality Assurance process.

Offering This Qualification

Existing Centres

If you are already recognised to offer NOCN qualifications and would like more information about offering these qualifications, please contact: business-enquiries@nocn.org.uk, alternatively use Horizon to add the qualification to your Centre.

New Centres

If you are interested in offering these qualifications, but are not yet a NOCN Approved Centre and would like more information about becoming a NOCN centre and offering these qualifications please see **Become a Registered Centre** on our website https://www.nocn.org.uk/customers/nocn-centres/ and click Become a Centre.

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