

WE NEED YOU TO HELP DEVELOP A QUALIFICATION YOU CAN DEPEND ON – THE NEW CONSTRUCTION AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT DIPLOMA

A new type of vocational qualification is coming. Specialised Diplomas are being developed to provide 14-19 year olds with a broad programme of applied and other learning, underpinned by essential skills. A Diploma is being developed for Construction and the Built Environment – meaning the sector will soon have a qualification that incorporates the skills that employers want.

The Construction and the Built Environment Diploma will combine practical skill development with theoretical and technical knowledge. Young people with the Diploma will have better skills, and a better insight into what the sector is like to work in. They will be more

motivated when entering employment because they will already be equipped with the skills they need to help them get on.

The new Diplomas will comprise the best of current qualifications, including GCSEs and A levels, supplemented by new content to be identified with the help of employers like you.

The Diploma will be easy to recognise and understand, and valuable to employers who appreciate traditional qualifications, but who also feel that young people should have a broader grounding in the required skills, before joining their chosen sector.

THE CONSTRUCTION AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT DIPLOMA WILL START BEING TAUGHT IN 2008

It will be delivered through local partnerships of schools, colleges and employers and will provide young people with the chance to study in a stimulating and 'practical' environment being taught by people with relevant and up to date skills. It aims to provide a real benefit to employers by providing them with trainees who have made an informed choice of career, and who have the much-needed skills, reducing recruitment and training costs, and ultimately staff turnover.

WHAT WILL THE CONSTRUCTION AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT DIPLOMA PROVIDE?

As an employer you will know that a young person with the Construction and Built Environment Diploma has mastered essential skills in English, Maths, Information Communication Technology, communications skills, team-working and sector-related subjects. You will know that a young person can apply these skills in work situations and has the kind of attitude to work which should make them successful.

For young people the Diploma will enable them to further their education and earn a qualification that is suited to their individual learning style. It will provide young people with the skills and knowledge they need to progress

into employment, training and further or higher education, together with a qualification which is recognised and valued by you, a sector employer.

GET INVOLVED FROM THE START

It is vital that the Construction and the Built Environment Diploma delivers the skills that employers – like you – in the industry need and want.

What do you want the Construction and the Built Environment Diploma to consist of? To get it right, we need you to get involved in the development of this new qualification.

Have your say and help lay the foundations for the future of the construction and the built environment. Please complete and return the attached survey form, or log on to www.cbdiploma.co.uk to complete the full consultation questionnaire.

SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT DIPLOMA

We need your views, opinions and information to support the development of the Construction and the Built Environment Diploma and ensure that the diplomas are designed to provide a sound basis for progression. The responses will provide guidance on the further development of the new qualification.

Please be reassured that your response will be treated in the strictest confidence. Nothing will be reported about how individual persons/companies/organisations respond to the survey (we will only report back aggregated statistics).

Your feedback is essential in helping us to take forward this important work.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Section A: Please help us by providing information about yourself:

Name	Telephone number
E-mail address	
Organisation	Job title

If you decide to provide your name and contact details please be assured that these will be treated in the strictest confidence. This means that they will NOT be used for marketing purposes or passed to any third party.

Specialised Diplomas will form a simple structure which will provide a clear pathway to employment and further learning, while also allowing for changes in direction, switching to a standard GCSE or A level programme, and varying degrees of specialisation.

- The Diploma will be available at Levels 1, 2 and 3:
- level 1 diploma is comparable, in terms of average length of study, to a programme of four to five GCSEs
 - level 2 diploma is comparable, in terms of average length of study, to a programme of five to six GCSEs
 - level 3 diploma is comparable, in terms of average length of study, to a programme of three GCE A levels. A level 3 award is also being developed, broadly comparable in size to two A levels.

There are a number of areas in which employers may identify the need for the development of skills, knowledge and understanding to meet their needs. In a broad-based vocational diploma that is not competence-based it would be impractical to develop specific occupational skills, however the following areas are proposed within the Diploma Levels 1, 2 and 3.

Section B: Skills, knowledge, understanding at Level 1

Please indicate your support (by ticking the appropriate boxes) for the inclusion of skills, knowledge and understanding associated with the following areas within a **Level 1** Diploma for Construction and the Built Environment:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> What constitutes Construction and Built Environment | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability in the Built Environment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction and Built Environment health and safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Basic building maintenance |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Customer care |

Section C: Skills, knowledge, understanding at Level 2

Please indicate your support (by ticking the appropriate boxes) for the inclusion of skills, knowledge and understanding associated with the following areas within a **Level 2** Diploma for Construction and the Built Environment:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Working relationships | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability in the Built Environment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Management principles | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology for Construction and the Built Environment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction and Built Environment | <input type="checkbox"/> Project planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental awareness | <input type="checkbox"/> Surveying |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction and Built Environment health and safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Design Principles |



Section D: Skills, knowledge, understanding at Level 3

Please indicate your support (by ticking the appropriate boxes) for the inclusion of skills, knowledge and understanding associated with the following areas within a **Level 3** Diploma for Construction and the Built Environment:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction and the Built Environment | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology for Construction and the Built Environment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town planning or specific site/project planning) and impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction and Built Environment design | <input type="checkbox"/> Graphical Detailing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applied project management | <input type="checkbox"/> Measuring, Tendering and Estimating Processes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction and Built Environment health and safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Setting Out Processes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Project management | <input type="checkbox"/> Building Surveying |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CAD | <input type="checkbox"/> Building Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Estimating | <input type="checkbox"/> Building Regulations and Control |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction contracts | <input type="checkbox"/> Applied Mathematics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Materials | <input type="checkbox"/> Design Procedures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability in the Built Environment | |

Section E: Further skills, knowledge, understanding

Please indicate any additional areas of skills, knowledge or understanding that should be included in the Diploma as either core (mandatory) or optional:

	Core	Optional
Level 1	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Level 2	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Level 3	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

Please return form to:
 Lourdes Goodman, Standards & Qualifications, ConstructionSkills, Bircham Newton, Kings Lynn, Norfolk PE31 6RH
 Fax: 01485 57780 www.cbdiploma.co.uk

DEVELOPING THE CONSTRUCTION AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT DIPLOMA

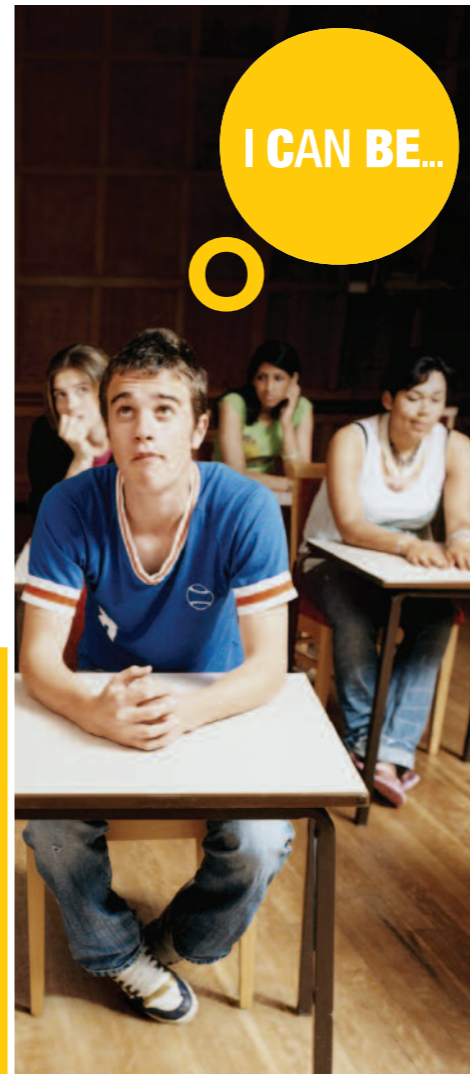
The Construction and the Built Environment Diploma is being developed by a Diploma Development Partnership led by five Sector Skills Councils (SSCs) but including employers, higher education, school and college and awarding-body representatives.

The Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA) is working on the design principles and standards for the Diploma and will be responsible for accrediting the Diploma prior to it becoming available to be taught by schools, colleges and other providers.

You can find out more about the Construction and the Built Environment Diploma, the Diploma Development Partnership, what the Diploma will consist of and how it may be structured by visiting www.cbdiploma.co.uk

DON'T FORGET...

Have your say and help lay the foundations for the future of construction and the built environment. Please complete and return the attached survey form to the address below, or photocopy and fax the form to Lourdes Goodman on 01485 577280 or log on to www.cbdiploma.co.uk to complete the full consultation questionnaire.



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The Construction and the Built Environment Diploma is developed in association with these Sector Skills Councils:

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Your ideal trainee
 How are they qualified?

