

PRESS RELEASE

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CIC Publish Occupational Standards online!

CIC has completed updating the higher level Occupational Standards for the Built Environment and has published them on the web in order to provide the optimum access for potential users. They can be found at www.cicsc.org.uk.

CIC's Framework of Occupational Standards covering the Professional Managerial and Technical occupations in the built environment has been developed over the past 13 years and cover all of its main disciplines (including planning, transportation, design, building and civil engineering, building services engineering, property etc.).

The Occupational Standards provide a powerful multi-purpose tool for industry employers, individuals, professional institutions, learning and training providers, as well as being a potential strategic planning tool. There is a long term strategy to introduce Occupational Standards into the life of the industry so that value is added by enabling the industry to use the Occupational Standards as a 'common currency'. This will provide a mechanism for forging progression links between academic, vocational and professional qualification systems, as well as providing individuals, employers and the industry at large with tools for developing and measuring the performance of people.

Users accessing the Occupational Standards on the web will have free access to:

- view the entire Occupational Standards map at any level
- operate basic search facilities to find particular Occupational Standards in which they have an interest;
- print off copies of all screen-viewed information.

The next stage in developing the website will be the introduction of a subscription password access service. This service will allow subscribers value added services such as advanced search facilities, options enabling the selection of sets of identified Occupational Standards, access to MS Word versions of all viewed information and other Occupational Standards application facilities as they become available.

The Occupational Standards website will be continuously updated by the Construction Industry Council as and when required. For further information on the Occupational Standards please contact David Cracknell on dcracknell@cic.org.uk.

Notes to the Editor

Note – for Copyright reasons, imported Occupational Standards in the industry map that are imported from other Standards-Setting Bodies, will only be shown at 'title' level, with links to the originating bodies for those who wish to see the full text.

CIC has a Memorandum of Agreement with CITB to carry out the role of managing the industry's Occupational Standards on it's behalf and on behalf of the other Standards-Setting Bodies in the Industry.

The work of managing the Occupational Standards is supported by funding from the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority and Scottish Qualifications Authority and with the direct input of employers and practitioners from across the sector.

CIC is the representative forum for the professional bodies, research organisations and specialist trade association in the construction industry. It provides a single voice for professional in all sectors of the built environment through its collective membership of 500,000 individual professionals and 25,000 firms of construction consultants.

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