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## New Higher Education Graduate Common Learning Outcomes

In 1997 the Common Learning Outcomes covering built environment Higher Education programmes were signed up to by the major professional bodies. Through consultation with the professional bodies and academia, a revised set of these has now been developed to reflect the changing needs of the industry.

The construction and built environment sector recognises that improvement in construction practice can only be truly effective when all stakeholders – clients, fundholders, regulators, planners, designers, procurers, suppliers, constructors, operators and maintainers – work together and recognise the distinctiveness of all professionals within the industry.

The new set of Graduate Common Learning Outcomes provides a valuable benchmark for construction and built environment graduates. The criteria within the GCLOs set out the personal skills and levels of technical and professional awareness that new graduates should have achieved as they embark upon their professional careers.

The following professional bodies have already officially signed up to the new GCLOs:

- BIAT (British Institute of Architectural Technologists)
- CIBSE (Chartered Institute of Building Services Engineers)
- CIOB (Chartered Institute of Building)
- ICES (Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors)
- LI (Landscape Institute)
- RIBA (Royal Institute of British Architects)

Courses which are accredited or validated by these professional bodies will be designated a 'CIC endorsed course' and may use the CIC logo. Further details on the accredited courses can be obtained directly from the relevant professional body.

Graham Watts, Chief Executive of CIC said:

"This is a very good example of the professional institutions working together and it should mean that future graduates will have a much better multi-disciplinary appreciation of the impact of their work and greater awareness of the complimentary roles of other construction professionals. I hope that it will further help boost mutual recognition and respect between the construction professions"

A copy of the full Higher Education Graduate Common Learning Outcomes can be found at [www.cic.org](http://www.cic.org)

**Images of the official signing which took place at the CIC Council meeting on 8 June are available. Please contact the Press Office at CIC on 020 7399 7407 or email [press@cic.org.uk](mailto:press@cic.org.uk)**

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#### **Notes to the Editor**

1. CIC is the representative forum for the professional bodies, research organisations and specialist trade associations in the construction industry. It provides a single voice for professionals in all sectors of the built environment through its collective membership of 500,000 individual professionals and 25,000 firms of construction consultants.
2. ConstructionSkills is a partnership between CIC, CITB-ConstructionSkills and CITB (NI) as the Sector Skills Council for Construction.