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## Nationwide Consultation

### Update to Built Environment Development and Control NVQ/SVQS

An important development for built environment professionals in the fields of planning, building control and conservation in the UK has just entered its consultation phase.

These NVQ/SVQs qualifications have been designed for those working in the fields of planning, conservation and building control in a variety of roles. The Level 4 NVQ/SVQ qualification provides a means of recognising the competence of members of the profession in general and is also a natural progression from the Level 3 NVQ/SVQ, which is aimed primarily at support staff.

The Construction Industry Council (CIC) has been overseeing the development work on the revision of these awards in conjunction with industry experts. The occupational standards – the building blocks of NVQs/SVQs – have been modernised and simplified. The key improvements have been to replace the original suites of separate awards with a single “core and options” matrix at each of the levels 3 and 4. This new structure allows candidates to build NVQ/SVQs around common competences, to suit their own individual personal development.

The consultation phase has just begun and ends on 21 September 2005. Details of the consultation together with the draft qualifications are available from the CIC website on <http://www.cic.org.uk/consultations> or by contacting Patricia Běhal on [pbehal@cic.org.uk](mailto:pbehal@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.

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