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Mapping

Although developed from UK qualifications, International Vocational Qualifications (IVQs) are designed to be delivered overseas, and are not subject to the rules and regulations set by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA), the regulatory authority in England.

IVQs, as a result, are not included in the National Qualifications Framework of England, Wales and Northern Ireland, but the mapping provides information on how they relate to awards, in the UK education system. This analysis can then be used to infer possible progression into higher, further or professional education, dependent on the admitting institution.

Higher education

Institutions listed in this document are examples of universities and management institutes which have recognised either or both IVQs in Construction as meeting the level of skills and knowledge required for entry into relevant undergraduate degree programmes, with the possibility of exemptions.

Recognition means that applications from holders of appropriate certificates will normally be considered for admission, provided that all other academic and non-academic requirements, including their English language proficiency, are met.

Successful completion of levels indicated in the list does not guarantee admission.

Professional associations

Professional associations listed here have recognised the IVQs in Construction for membership purposes or as granting exemptions from certain professional examinations.

Employers and employer associations

IVQs are highly respected by employers as evidence of international competence. Many organisations have successfully used our international awards as part of their training or staff development programme.

Employer associations have also recognised IVQs as a benchmark to improve skills standards in the industry.

Mapping

The UK's National Recognition Information Centre (UK NARIC)



Broad links have been established between the IVQs in the Construction Industry, the UK's National Occupational Standards (NOS)* and then levels of the National Qualifications Framework (NQF)** of England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

This analysis can be used to infer possible progression within the UK education system, dependent on the admitting institution.

*NOS are standards used to develop vocational qualifications in the UK. They define good practice in the way people work, based on the functions of their job.

**The NQF sets out the levels at which qualifications can be recognised in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Only qualifications that have been accredited by the three regulatory authorities (QCA, ACCAC and CCEA) are included in the NQF.

The mapping was carried out by the UK's National Recognition Information Centre and National Reference Point for Vocational Qualifications (UK NARIC/ NRP).

UK NARIC/ NRP are the official source of information for guidance on levels of international qualifications in the UK (both academic and vocational).

www.naric.org.uk

Key findings for IVQs in the Construction Industry (6161)

The IVQs in the Construction Industry relate broadly to international practice and levels within the NQF. The awards also relate well to NOS, although very broad regarding the number of specialisms offered, and hence resulting in a wide range of comparable NOS.

These equivalencies are outlined in the table in the opposite column.

The Construction Industry IVQs provide a more crafts based award for individuals working within a construction setting and complement the more technical and supervisory roles in the Construction Industry Technician IVQs.

Progression within these IVQs is more restricted than in other IVQs as certain units relating to the particular trade chosen must have been completed at a lower level. The IVQs therefore exists less as a related set of awards but more as a variety of training programmes for specific occupational areas.

Registration with the Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) is highly advisable in the UK.

IVQs in the Construction Industry	Nearest NQF level	Most relevant NOS
Advanced Diploma	Level 3	Construction and Civil Engineering Services / Wood occupations / Trowel Occupations / Decorative Finishing and Industrial Painting Occupations (Construction / Integrated Systems Engineering
Diploma	Level 2	Wood Occupations / Trowel Occupations / Decorative Finishing and Industrial Painting Occupations (Construction) / Plumbing (Mechanical Engineering Services) / Refrigeration and Air Conditioning
Certificate	Level 1	Construction and Civil Engineering Services / Wood Occupations / Trowel Occupations / Decorative Finishing and Industrial Painting Occupations (Construction) / Integrated Systems Engineering

Key findings for the Technician IVQs in the Construction Industry (6165)

The Construction Industry Technician IVQs relate broadly to international practice and levels within the NQF. These equivalencies are outlined in the table below.

The nature of these awards is more similar to UK vocationally related awards in Construction, rather than specific occupational standards.

The occupational outcomes for these IVQs are related to broad technical and supervisory roles. The higher levels provide job roles for higher technician, engineering and supervisory and managerial roles, while the Technician Certificate is designed primarily for trainee technicians, or employees who are being supervised. This is also the case in the UK, with operatives requiring supervision by foremen and technicians.

In the UK, Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) registration is increasingly required for construction site workers.

Technician IVQs in the Construction Industry	Nearest NQF level	Most relevant NOS
Advanced Technician Diploma	Level 5	Professional, Managerial and Technical Occupations in the Build Environment
Technician Diploma	Level 3	Professional, Managerial and Technical Occupations in the Built Environment
Technician Certificate	Level 2	Construction Operations

Higher education

United Kingdom

The University of Durham

Advanced Technician Diploma (6165)

Technician Diploma (6165)

The University welcomes applications from holders of a Technician Diploma or Advanced Technician Diploma. All such applicants will be treated on an individual basis, and considered on the merit, not only for entry itself, but also for any form of accreditation of prior learning or Advanced Standing which might be appropriate.

All Engineering programmes require evidence of performance in Maths to the equivalent of at least grade B at A level.

www.dur.ac.uk



Sheffield Hallam University

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Advanced Technician Diploma (6165)

Technician Diploma (6165)

The University welcomes applications from individuals holding the Technician Diploma for entry to the first year of appropriate degree programmes.

The University would also consider holders of the Advanced Technician Diploma for entry with advanced standing, that is to the second and third levels of the appropriate degrees.

All applications would be considered on an individual basis and, as with all vocational qualifications, the University will reserve the right to request additional qualifications to ensure that the applicant is appropriately prepared for the demands of degree level study.

www.shu.ac.uk

Sheffield Hallam is one of Britain's most progressive and innovative universities with more than 28,000 students, over 3,000 staff and a turnover over £150 million.

85 per cent of the students are expected to complete their courses - better than the average for all UK universities and better than all but one of the other modern universities.

Sheffield Hallam is also the largest provider of sandwich courses in the UK, giving many of the students the opportunity to benefit from a year's work placement - working on real projects in a real workplace. Mature students make up more than half of the student population. More than half of students are mature students. The University is northern England's second-largest part-time postgraduate education provider.

Graduates' have a high employability rate, and their most frequent first career destinations are manufacturing, business, education, IT, property, healthcare, social work, wholesale and retail trades, finance and hospitality - but the list is almost endless.

Home to two universities with more than 40,000 students, plus Europe's largest further education college, Sheffield is very much a learning city. It's one of the country's most in-demand student destinations, and a higher proportion of students stay on to live and work here than in any other city outside London. The beautiful Peak District National Park is less than thirty minutes drive from the city centre.

China, Macau



**Macau Institute of Management
Advanced (Technician) Diploma**

Holders of the Advanced Diploma (6161) or Advanced Technician Diploma (6165) in the Construction Industry wishing to pursue further study with the Macau Institute of Management in the Bachelor of Business Administration programme (Chinese BBA) will be given a 40% block exemptions.

Further exemptions may be granted, and all applications will be dealt with on an individual basis.

www.mma.org.mo

Macau Institute of Management (MIM) is the academic arm of the Macau Management Association. It is also a registered and recognised Higher Education Institution in Macau. Established in 1988, the Institute has been actively taking part in the training of management executives in Macau.

At present the Institute is offering a wide range of academic programmes, leading to qualifications recognised by the Macau SAR Government.

Professional associations

The American Society of Certified Engineering Technicians (ASCET)

**Advanced (Technician) Diploma
(Technician) Diploma
(Technician) Certificate**

Holders of an Advanced Technician Diploma (6165) or Advanced Diploma (6161) are eligible to apply for Certified Membership status.

Holders of a Technician Diploma (6165) are eligible to apply for Regular Membership status.

Holders of a Diploma (6161) or Technician Certificate (6165) or a Certificate (6161) with a minimum of 2 years relevant working experience are normally eligible to apply for Regular Membership status.

www.ascet.org

**The Engineering Council UK Examinations
Advanced Technician Diploma (6165)
Technician Diploma (6165)**

Holders of an Advanced Technician Diploma are eligible to register at the Graduate Diploma level of the Engineering Council Examinations.

Holders of a Technician Diploma are eligible to register at Certificate level.

www.cityandguilds.com/ecukexams

The Engineering Council (UK) is the national registration authority for professional engineers, working in partnership with 35 professional engineering institutions. It promotes and regulates the engineering profession in the UK to maintain a world-class engineering workforce and a standard against which overseas professional engineers are judged.

The Engineering Council (UK) runs the Register of Chartered Engineers, Incorporated Engineers and Engineering Technicians, and offers the Engineering Council Examinations.

The exams are available at three distinct and progressive levels (Certificate, Graduate Diploma and Postgraduate Diploma), and provide a progressive route for career development for those who are unable or have chosen not to complete a degree programme.

Employers and employer associations



**Carillion
Advanced (Technician) Diploma
(Technician) Diploma
(Technician) Certificate**

'Carillion as an international construction and business services company recognises the importance of City & Guilds IVQ awards in an increasingly global marketplace.'

'Carillion is the UK's leading training provider in construction vocational skills and IVQs should make it possible to develop consistent training and skill development programmes in all parts of the world.'

www.cctlondon@carillionplc.com

Carillion is one of the UK's leading construction and business services companies with business interests in many other parts of the world.

Carillion's construction training operation has been awarded 'best in class' status by the UK government's inspectorate of vocational training and is able to develop innovative training solutions which meet clients needs. Carillion has developed learning and assessment material which is fully integrated with City & Guilds vocational qualifications.'

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