



AIMQUALIFICATIONS

WITHDRAWN 31/10/2025

Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Decorative Finishing
and Industrial Painting (Construction)

Occupations – Pathway 1: Painter

Qualification Number: 603/5817/8



Qualification Overviews

Title:	AIM Qualifications Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Decorative Finishing and Industrial Painting (Construction) Occupations – Pathway 1: Painter
Qualification Number:	603/5817/8
Level:	Level 2
Credit Value:	67 credits
Guided Learning Hours:	351 hours
Total Qualification Time:	670 hours
Qualification Objective:	This National Vocational Qualification has been developed with CITB in line with the relevant National Occupational Standards (NOS). It offers learners the opportunity to demonstrate knowledge, understanding and practical skills in preparing surfaces for painting and applying paint systems by brush.
Progression Routes:	<p>Achievement of this qualification will provide the evidence required for the learner to apply for their Blue – Skilled Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) - card. Further information on CSCS cards can be found here: https://www.cscs.uk.com.</p> <p>Learners may progress to further qualifications in the same or related areas such as a one of the other pathways in Decorative Finishing and Industrial Painting (Construction) Occupations or a Level 3 qualification such as Occupational Work Supervision</p>
Entry requirements:	Learners must be aged 16 and over. For an NVQ qualification, learners must be employed in an appropriate role in the workplace to be able to generate evidence of competence.
Assessment method(s):	Assessment is through a Portfolio of Evidence/Workbook.

This qualification is withdrawn as of 31/10/2025, the final certification date is 31/10/2028

How is the qualification assessed?

The assessment process is as follows:

Internal Assessment by Portfolio of Evidence

Where the assessment method for the qualification is by internally set assessments (Portfolio of Evidence), then centres are free to devise their own assessments for the qualification/unit.

- All assessments should be designed in such a way as to minimise the requirement for Reasonable Adjustments to be made.
- Centre devised assessments must allow learners to meet all of the requirements of the assessment criteria for each unit. Assessments must not require learners to produce evidence above and beyond that stipulated in the Assessment Criteria.
- Centres must then have these assessments approved by their IQA.

When devising assessments, centres may choose from a range of assessment methods but where assessment guidance is provided within a unit this must be adhered to unless otherwise agreed with Aim Qualifications.

Assessment methods must be valid, fair, reliable and safe leading to authentic, sufficient and current evidence produced by the candidate.

Holistic assessment is good practice wherever possible and permitted by the assessment strategy for the qualification if this exists.

Other guidance and sample documentation is available to recognised centres covering: planning assessment; recording achievement; planning, carrying out and documenting IQA.

Reasonable Adjustment and Special Considerations

Reasonable adjustments and Special Considerations are available for all assessments, irrespective of whether they are internally or externally set.

Where a learner or group of learners may not be able to access the assessment without Reasonable Adjustments, centres should ensure that they apply in good time for relevant reasonable adjustments to be made, using the AIM Qualifications [Reasonable Adjustments and Special Considerations Policy](#) which gives clear guidance on the reasonable adjustments and arrangements that can be made to take account of disability or learning difficulty without compromising the achievement of the assessment criteria.

Qualification size

About the RQF

The Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF) provides a single, simple system for cataloguing all qualifications regulated by Ofqual. Qualifications are indexed by their level and size.

Levels indicate the difficulty and complexity of the knowledge and skills associated with any qualification. There are eight levels supported by three “entry levels”.

Size refers to the estimated total amount of time it could typically take to study and be assessed for a qualification. Size is expressed in term of Total Qualification Time (TQT). The part of the TQT spent being taught or supervised is known as Guided Learning Hours (GLH).

Guided Learning Hours (GLH)

GLH are defined as the time a learner spends being taught or instructed by – or otherwise participating in education or training under the immediate guidance or supervision of – a lecturer, supervisor, tutor or other appropriate provider of education or training. This includes guidance or supervision time:

- a) With the simultaneous physical presence of the learner and that person, or
- b) Remotely by means of simultaneous electronic communication.

It does not include the number of hours a learner spends in preparation, study or any other form of participation in education or training, including assessment, which takes place as directed by – but not under the immediate guidance or supervision of – a lecturer, supervisor, tutor or other appropriate provider of education or training.

Total Qualification Time (TQT)

TQT is comprised of the following two elements:

- a) The number of hours which an awarding organisation has assigned to a qualification for Guided Learning, and
- b) An estimate of the number of hours a learner will reasonably be likely to spend in preparation, study or other form of participation in education or training, including assessment, which takes place as directed by – but unlike Guided Learning, not under the immediate guidance or supervision of – a lecturer, supervisor, tutor or other appropriate provider of education or training.

Rules of Combination and level for this qualification

To achieve the AIM Qualifications Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Decorative Finishing and Industrial Painting (Construction) Occupations – Pathway 1: Painter, learners must achieve the 67 credits from the Mandatory Units.

There are no **Optional** units for this qualification.

Mandatory Group M

Title	Level	Credit	GLH	TQT	Unit code	Unit reference number
<p>Applying Surface Coatings by Brush and Roller in the Workplace</p> <p>One of the following endorsements required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decorative finishing Industrial painting 	3	22	80	220	TG8/3/NQ/003	Y/618/0809
<p>Conforming to General Health, Safety and Welfare in the Workplace</p>	1	2	17	20	TF4/1/NQ/003	Y/618/0146
<p>Conforming to Productive Working Practices in the Workplace</p>	2	3	20	30	TG1/2/NQ/013	F/618/0240
<p>Erecting and Dismantling Access/Working Platforms in the Workplace</p> <p>Plus two of the following endorsements required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ladders/crawler boards Step ladders/platform steps Proprietary towers Trestle platforms Mobile scaffold towers Proprietary staging/podiums 	2	8	37	80	TK2/2/NQ/001	D/618/0195

Moving, Handling and Storing Resources in the Workplace	2	5	27	50	TH9/2/NQ/003	L/618/0077
<p>Preparing Surfaces for Painting and/or Decorating in the Workplace</p> <p>One of the following endorsements required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decorative finishing Industrial painting 	2	27	170	270	TG8/2/NQ/034	T/618/0977

Additional Group A

Title	Level	Credit	GLH	TQT	Unit code	Unit reference number
<p>Applying Coatings by the Air Spray Method in the Workplace</p> <p>One of the following endorsements required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water-borne Solvent-borne 	3	17	90	170	TG8/3/NQ/004	A/618/0852
Applying Coatings to Produce Textured Finishes in the Workplace	2	13	80	130	TG8/2/NQ/032	M/618/0962
Hang Wallcoverings (Standard and Foundation Papers) in the Workplace	3	26	120	260	TG8/3/NQ/005	L/618/0855
Hanging Non-Standard Width Wallcoverings in the Workplace	3	22	120	220	TG8/3/NQ/006	F/618/0853
Installing Coving and Decorative Mouldings in the Workplace	2	11	70	110	TF1/2/NQ/002	K/618/0961
Producing and Applying Complex Stencils in the Workplace	3	21	110	210	TG8/3/NQ/009	H/618/0859

<p>One of the following endorsements required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linear run work • Full wall work 						
<p>Producing Broken Colour Work in the Workplace</p> <p>Two of the following endorsements required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rag-rolling • Bagging • Dragging • Brush or sponge stippling • Wiping-off relief surfaces • Colour washing 	2	15	80	150	TD3/2/NQ/001	T/618/0963
<p>Producing Stencil Designs Using Pre-cut Stencil Plates in the Workplace</p>	2	12	50	120	TD3/2/NQ/002	A/618/0964

Level Descriptors

Units are assigned a level based on current RQF guidance issued by Ofqual.

Level	Knowledge Descriptor (the holder...)	Skills Descriptor (the holder can...)
Level 1	Has basic factual knowledge of a subject and/or knowledge of facts, procedures and ideas to complete well-defined routine tasks and address simple problems; and Is aware of aspects of information relevant to the area of study or work.	Use basic cognitive and practical skills to complete well-defined routine tasks. Select and use relevant information. Identify whether actions have been effective.
Level 2	Has knowledge and understanding of facts, procedures and ideas in an area of study or field of work to complete well-defined tasks and address straight-forward problems. Can interpret relevant information and ideas. Is aware of a range of information that is relevant to the area of study or work.	Select and use relevant cognitive and practical skills to complete well-defined, generally routine tasks and address straightforward problems. Identify, gather and use relevant information to inform actions. Identify how effective actions have been.

Extracted from 'After the QCF A New Qualification Framework' October 2015

Requirements to deliver the qualification

To offer this qualification, centres must ensure that tutors: hold or are working towards:

- Have a Level 3 Award in Education and Training or its equivalent
- Have expertise so they have up to date demonstrable experience, knowledge and understanding of the particular aspects of work they are delivering. This could be verified by records of continuing professional development achievements
- The qualification must be assessed in a work environment, in accordance with the Construction Skills Consolidated Assessment Strategy for Construction and the Built Environment.

Centres must also ensure that they have in place an Internal Quality Assurance person who:

- Holds or is working towards a Level 4 Award in Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practices or its equivalent
- Have expertise so they have up to date experience, knowledge and understanding of the particular aspects of work they are verifying. This could be verified by records of continuing professional development achievements
- Is familiar with the assessment requirements of the qualification for which they are the Internal Quality Assurer

Support for centres

AIM Qualifications provide all of our centres with on-going support and advice on the use of AIM Qualifications units and qualifications, including the requirements for assessment.

Centre responsibilities

Each centre should identify a centre contact who will be responsible for:

- ensuring that the centre meets all the AIM Qualifications requirements for centre recognition and adheres to all [policies and procedures](#).
- AIM Qualifications provision within the centre
- ensuring all procedures relating to the delivery of the qualification operate effectively in the centre
- ensuring all relevant AIM Qualifications documentation is distributed as required within the centre and that the security requirements for external assessment are adhered to, where applicable.

The information provided in this qualification specification is accurate at the time of publication but is subject to change. AIM Qualifications will occasionally update qualification information, so please refer to the 'AIM Qualifications' page of our website to view any updates, including qualification end dates and the latest versions of our qualification specifications.

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