



AIMQUALIFICATIONS

WITHDRAWN 31/10/2025

Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Plastering
(Construction) – Pathway 1: Solid

Qualification Number: 603/5645/5



Qualification Overview

Title:	AIM Qualifications Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Plastering (Construction) – Pathway 1: Solid
Qualification Number:	603/5645/5
Level:	Level 2
Credit Value:	87 credits
Guided Learning Hours:	366 hours
Total Qualification Time:	860 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 finishing, plastering, and rendering.
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>Work in plastering occupations.</p> <p>Learners may progress to further qualifications in the same or related areas such as a Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Plastering.</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This qualification is withdrawn as of 31/10/2025, the final certification date is 31/10/2028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 Plastering (Construction) – Pathway 1: Solid, learners must achieve the 78 credits from the Mandatory Units, plus one Optional Unit. Additional units maybe undertaken but do not count towards the qualification.

Mandatory Group M

Title	Level	Credit	GLH	TQT	Unit code	Unit reference number
Applying Finishing Plaster to Prepared Surfaces in the Workplace	2	18	70	180	TG8/2/NQ/015	R/618/0064
Applying Solid Render to Background Surfaces and Producing Finishes in the Workplace	2	27	105	270	TG8/2/NQ/019	Y/618/0079
Conforming to General Health, Safety and Welfare in the Workplace	1	2	17	20	TF4/1/NQ/003	Y/618/0146
Conforming to Productive Working Practices in the Workplace	2	3	20	30	TG1/2/NQ/013	F/618/0240
Moving, Handling and Storing Resources in the Workplace	2	5	27	50	TH9/2/NQ/003	L/618/0077
Producing Internal Solid Plastering Finishes in the Workplace	2	23	87	230	TG8/2/NQ/028	Y/618/0082

Optional Group A

Title	Level	Credit	GLH	TQT	Unit code	Unit reference number
Applying Projection Plaster and Render, and Maintaining Equipment in the Workplace	2	16	53	160	TG8/2/NQ/018	T/618/0154
Installing Direct Bond Dry Lining Systems in the Workplace	2	11	37	110	TG8/2/NQ/022	M/618/0153
Installing Mechanically Fixed Plasterboard in the Workplace	2	9	40	90	TG8/2/NQ/023	H/618/0067
Laying Sand and Cement Screeds in the Workplace	2	10	43	100	TG4/2/NQ/004	A/618/0074

Additional Group B

Title	Level	Credit	GLH	TQT	Unit code	Unit reference number
Producing Cement Castings in the Workplace	2	17	70	170	TG2/2/NQ/019	R/618/0520
Laying Screed Floors in the Workplace Unit Endorsements: One of the following endorsements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cementitious screeds Flowable screeds 	2	18	60	180	TG4/2/NQ/005	J/618/0465

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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