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In accordance with the Health and Safety legislation, the employer must ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that employees receive “such information, instruction, training and supervision as is necessary to ensure” their health and safety at work.

It is therefore essential that carpenters and joiners are given sufficient training and information on the equipment and products specifically used to ensure they work safely and efficiently.

These qualifications are recognised by your industry and the qualifications are based on National Occupational Standards that have been approved by the national working group.

Many construction firms and their clients already insist that workers hold these qualifications.

Qualifications

Companies should also support carpenters and joiners in gaining a nationally recognised qualification as it is possible that only carpenters and joiners qualified to the national standard will meet the future requirements of the industry.

To be assessed as competent you should have or be working towards your Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Wood Occupations Site Carpentry or Bench Joinery or Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Woodmachining or advanced Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Wood Occupations.

Other Recommended Training

The following is a list of possible training that you may need depending on your specific area of work. The list is not exhaustive or definitive.

Carpenters and Joiners may require other training throughout their career, such as: Induction training, scaffolding awareness, specific product training, working at heights, ladders, fall arrest, power & hand tools, confined spaces, goods hoist, mobile towers, harnesses, health and hygiene, manual handling - lifting & handling manual loads, slinging loads. Fire prevention, site security, working with the public, first aid, fire extinguishers, defensive driving, refresher training.

Qualification assessment methods

New Entrant NVQ assessments and On Site Assessment and Training (OSAT) routes are available at Level 2 and 3 and usually takes 2 - 4 months to complete from induction to completing the qualification.

Associations or training forums

The British Woodworking Federation (BWF) is the trade association for the woodworking and joinery manufacturing industry in the UK.

Does a registration card exist for this occupation

Yes, Blue and Gold cards are available.

As well as the qualification many construction firms and their clients already insist that workers hold a relevant registration card. The CSR (Construction Skills Register) or an affiliated scheme such as the CSCS (Construction Skills Certification Scheme) would appear to be the most widely held cards however other schemes may be available and it will in most cases be the client, main contractor or sub-contractor that determines if a card is required and what the preference is.

To receive a card, you must hold an NVQ/SVQ or acceptable equivalent and pass a health and safety assessment or training.

What does CITB NI do for this sector

CITB provide grant assistance for employers that send employees on training courses please see our grant section at the above website

A Health & Safety advice booklet for Carpenters and Joiners has been developed and is available to view within the publications section of our website.

A Health & Safety Training Blueprint has been developed and is also available to view within the publications section of our website.

The QEW (Qualifying the Existing Workforce) is a fully funded programme that has been running for the last three years. Over 1500 candidates have now benefited from this programme and have gained a regulated NVQ Level 2 qualification for the first time.

Other specifically funded programmes are also available as required and CITB NI has or will be funding programmes for Demolition, Piling, Core Diamond Drilling, Asbestos Awareness, Insulation Installer, Horizontal Directional Drilling and Scaffolding.



For further advice please view the Health & Safety advice booklet for Carpenters and Joiners that has been developed and is available to view within the publications section of our website www.citbni.org.uk



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