

# **Trowel Trades**

# Lay the foundations for your future



### Introduction

The Guernsey Apprenticeship offers you the opportunity to earn a salary and gain a nationally recognised technical, professional or vocational qualification in a job you love. You will need to have secured employment before applying or look at the 'Apprenticeship Vacancies' on our website.

This course is available to employees currently working as blocklayers, plasterers and stone masons roles within the building and construction industry and associated trades.

Working closely with your employer, it allows you to learn, develop and practise the skills required for progression in the sector, with the opportunity to move on to further study if desired.

# Qualifications

- City & Guilds Level 2 Diploma in Bricklaying
- City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma in Bricklaying
- Certificate of Apprenticeship

#### **Course duration/location**

The recommended time for completion of this course is four years.

You will attend College at Coutanchez Campus one day a week for off-the-job training

#### **Course breakdown**

 Health, safety and welfare in construction
 Introduction to health and safety
 legislation relevant to and in the construction environment. Working in partnership with the employer, reporting hazards, accidents and near misses, and adopting safe working procedures.

 Mathematics and drawing Introduction to the maths required to calculate quantities and costs of materials for use in construction. Interpret and produce technical drawings using drawing equipment.

Communication and IT within the workplace Understand how to communicate effectively to work colleagues and clients, utilising IT systems where appropriate to help plan, organise and supervise the design andbuilding process.

- Material knowledge
   Understand the range of building
   materials used within the
   construction industry and their
   suitability to the construction
   industry in Guernsey. Identify,
   select and understand the
   technical properties and their
   suitability for the job.
- Practical skills
   A broad range of trowel trade skills will form the basis of the development of highly skilled craftsmanship in:
  - Blockwork
  - Brickwork
  - Plastering
  - Stonemasonry
  - Rendering
  - Drainage
  - Setting out and leveling
  - Restoration and repair

### Who can apply

Apprenticeships are available to all.

You will be assessed for suitability using a range of online tests with support and guidance offered where necessary.

If you have not achieved maths or English at C/4/Level 2, you will study these subjects to support progression and achievement of your chosen apprenticeship. Failure to complete maths and English will prevent progression between apprenticeship levels or achieving your overall apprenticeship.

Entry to the Level 3 qualification will be dependent on successful

completion of the Level 2 Diploma.

#### **Assessment method**

You will be assessed throughout the duration of the apprenticeship in the following ways:

- Multiple choice question based exams
- Practical workshop exams
- Written assignments

## The onward journey

After successfully completing your Level 3 apprenticeship, you will be able to apply for a Level 3 or 4 programme of study. These include:

- Level 3 CIOB Diploma in Construction Site Supervisory Studies
- Level 3 Extended Certificate in Construction and the Built Environment
- Level 4 HNC in Construction

This apprenticeship will also prepare for progression within the industry.

# Additional learning support

The College's Learner Support Services are available to provide support and help to make a success of your apprenticeship journey.

The College also works in partnership with Careers Guernsey whose advisors can support you in helping to choose the right next step for you and your future plans. They can support you in preparing for apprenticeship job interviews and any applications you may make.

Please visit their website for more information at careers.gg.



For more details or how to apply, please contact **E: apprenticeships@gcfe.net** 

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