



Technical award in Construction

Level 1/2 Vocational award in construction in the built environment

What will I learn about?

Eduqas Level 1/2 Vocational Awards (**Technical Award**) provide students with opportunities to study vocational subjects alongside GCSEs and other general and vocational qualifications as part of a broad programme of study. They are primarily designed for learners aged 14-16 and offer an experience that focuses on **applied learning**, i.e. acquiring and applying knowledge, skills and understanding through purposeful practical tasks set in the construction sector that have many of the characteristics of real life construction and building work.

Unit 1: Introduction to the Built Environment

You will:

- Be introduced to the principles of the built environment and have the opportunity to develop the skills, knowledge and understanding in identifying, explaining and evaluating different ideas and concepts of the built environment.
- Explore a range of professional and trade roles.
- Explore some of the different structures and buildings of the built environment.

Unit 2: Constructing the Built Environment

You will study and learn practical skills in a wide variety of construction trade areas of the built environment, this will include planning, undertaking and evaluating construction tasks in the following areas:

- Textiles e.g. pelmets, curtains, wall coverings
- Joinery e.g. hang a door, make a frame, attach a skirting-board, create a timber stud wall
- Brick e.g. use wall connectors, cut bricks, create wall no higher than a metre, stretcher bond
- Plaster e.g. apply plasterboard, skim
- Decorate e.g. emulsion a surface, gloss a panel door, paper an internal corner or around a switch
- Tiling e.g. floor and wall, patch repair
- Electrical e.g. lighting, add a new socket
- Plumbing e.g. waste and taps to a sink
- Heritage skills e.g. dry stone wall, roofing

How will my work be assessed?

Unit 1 - You will have **one exam** for unit 1 which will be worth **40%** of your qualification. The exam will last 1 hour and 30 minutes, it will be made up of short and extended response questions.

Unit 2 - will be assessed via **project work (no exam)**, which is worth **60%** of your qualification. Here you will be asked to prepare and complete **three trade-based tasks from the list above** e.g. creating a simple lighting circuit, building a brick structure and making a wooden planter.

Who can I speak to for more information?

For further information about the course please speak to Mr Dobson, Curriculum Area Leader: Technology or contact options@penistone-gs.uk.