

For the attention of the Building Services Engineering Tutors/Heads

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Qualification Level	Building Services Engineering Qualifications 2/3
Number	L2/L3 Electrotech VRQ (2330) L2/L3 Plumbing VRQ (6129) L2/L3 Heating and Ventilation (HAV) VRQ (6128) L2/L3 Refrigeration Air Conditioning (RAC) VRQ (6127)

In April 2011 City & Guilds issued an important product update which confirmed the extension of various City & Guilds qualifications (2330, 6127, 6128 and 6129) until July 2012. This update provides a further update to centres delivering the above qualifications.

Since March 2011 City & Guilds has been working closely with the Association of Colleges, National Forum of Engineering Centres (NFEC), British Association of Construction Heads (BACH) and Summit Skills to explore the possibility of further extending the current technical certificates across its building services suite of qualifications.

To date various discussions and proposals have been put forward to Summit Skills but to date no agreement has been reached.

As a result City & Guilds has now made the decision to further extend its 2330, 6127, 6128 and 6129 qualifications until 31 January 2013 (see Appendix 1) whilst a suite of new qualifications are developed.

Why has this decision been made?

City & Guilds has made the decision to extend these qualifications based upon a number of reasons. These include:

- feedback from centres, trade associations and employers
- to provide some stability for our centres
- changes in the current regulatory requirements notably the decision by OFQUAL to continue the National Qualifications Framework (NQF)
- the availability of building services qualifications approved outside the Summit Skills footprint
- the current economic climate making it difficult for learners on the new

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Framework qualifications to gain evidence towards performance units

When will the extensions be made?

The current NQF qualifications will be extended between now and December 2011 and should appear on the funding databases early in 2012.

If these qualifications are extended again will they get funding?

Currently the qualifications will continue to only be funded for 16 – 18 learners. However, City & Guilds is currently exploring the possibility of these qualifications being funded for 19 + learners.

What if I want to continue to offer these qualifications but am not interested in funding?

No change - centres who maybe delivering the qualifications as full cost recovery will be able to continue to offer the qualifications.

What will any new qualifications look like?

City & Guilds is currently working with its consultants and representatives from National Forum of Engineering Centres (NFEC) and British Association of Construction Heads (BACH) to scope the new qualifications. Further details will be available over the coming months.

When will any new qualifications be available?

Timescales are still to be confirmed but we expect to have a full range of qualifications in place for September 2012.

Are City & Guilds extending the current suite of NQF NVQs?

At present no further extensions are planned for the current suite of City & Guilds NQF NVQs (2356, 6089, 6088, 6087).

Which qualifications should I recommend to learners?

City & Guilds fully respects Summit Skills position and will continue to promote the suite of qualifications developed by Summit skills (2357, 6187, 6188 and 6189) as providing the primary route to employment within the various building services markets.

It is important that any learners who currently achieve only the current technical certificates (or any newly developed replacement qualifications) will not be recognised as fully competent within the industry. Centres should continue to make sure learners are aware of this and City & Guilds is currently exploring ways of overseeing this.

What qualifications should learners undertaking an Apprenticeship take?

This has not changed – any learner who is undertaking an apprenticeship must take the Framework qualifications as developed by Summit Skills (2357, 6187, 6188 and 6189).

How do I keep updated with all the changes?

Centres should either ensure they are currently signed up for monthly product Focus updates via the City & Guilds website or can email darren.quinn@cityandguilds.com in the portfolio team and request to be kept up to date via our online message groups.

Appendix 1

2330	2,3	NQF	VRQ	Electrotechnical Technology	QAN	CURRENT END DATE FOR REGS	FUTURE END DATE FOR REGS
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2330-01	2	NQF	VRQ	Level 2 Certificate in Electrotechnical Technology - Installation (Building & Structures)	100/3569/2	31.07.2011	31/01/2013
2330-02	2	NQF	VRQ	Level 2 Certificate in Electrotechnical Technology Electrical Maintenance	100/3569/2	31.07.2011	31/01/2013
2330-03	2	NQF	VRQ	Level 2 Certificate in Electrotechnical Technology Highway Electrical Systems	100/3569/2	31.07.2011	31/01/2013
2330-04	2	NQF	VRQ	Level 2 Certificate in Electrotechnical Technology Installing Instrumentation and Associated Equipment	100/3569/2	31.07.2011	31/01/2013
2330-05	2	NQF	VRQ	Level 2 Certificate in Electrotechnical Technology - Electrotechnical Panel Building	100/3569/2	31.07.2011	31/01/2013
2330-06	2	NQF	VRQ	Level 2 Certificate in Electrotechnical Technology Electrical Machines Repair and Rewind	100/3569/2	31.07.2011	31/01/2013
2330-07	3	NQF	VRQ	Level 3 Certificate in Electrotechnical Technology Installation (Building and Structures)	100/3602/7	31.07.2011	31/01/2013
2330-08	3	NQF	VRQ	Level 3 Certificate in Electrotechnical Technology Electrical Maintenance	100/3602/7	31.07.2011	31/01/2013
2330-09	3	NQF	VRQ	Level 3 Certificate in Electrotechnical Technology Instrumentation & Associated Equipment	100/3602/7	31.07.2011	31/01/2013
2330-10	3	NQF	VRQ	Level 3 Certificate in Electrotechnical Technology - Highway Electrical Systems	100/3602/7	31.07.2011	31/01/2013
2330-11	3	NQF	VRQ	Level 3 Certificate in Electrotechnical Technology Electrotechnical Panel Building	100/3602/7	31.07.2011	31/01/2013
2330-12	3	NQF	VRQ	Level 3 Certificate in Electrotechnical Technology Electrical Machines Repair and Rewind	100/3602/7	31.07.2011	31/01/2013
6127	2	NQF	VRQ	Certificate in Refrigeration and Air Conditioning			
6127-01	2	NQF	VRQ	Level 2 Certificate In Small Commercial Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Systems	100/3510/2	31.07.2011	31/01/2013
6127-02	2	NQF	VRQ	Level 3 Certificate in Complex Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Systems	100/3511/4	31.07.2011	31/01/2013
6128	2,3	NQF	VRQ	Certificate in Heating and Ventilating			
6128-01	2	NQF	VRQ	Level 2 Cert in Heating and Ventilation (Domestic Systems Installation)	100/3512/6	31.07.2011	31/01/2013
6128-02	2	NQF	VRQ	Level 2 Certificate in Heating and Ventilating (Industrial and Commercial Systems Installation)	100/3512/6	31.07.2011	31/01/2013
6128-03	2	NQF	VRQ	Level 2 Certificate in Heating and Ventilating (Maintenance of System Components)	100/3513/8	31.07.2011	31/01/2013
6128-04	2	NQF	VRQ	Level 2 Certificate in Heating and Ventilating (Ductwork Systems Installation)	100/3512/6	31.07.2011	31/01/2013
6128-05	3	NQF	VRQ	Level 3 Certificate in Heating and Ventilating (Complex Domestic Systems Installation)	100/3514/X	31.07.2011	31/01/2013
6128-06	3	NQF	VRQ	Level 3 Certificate in Heating and Ventilating (Complex Industrial and Commercial Systems Installation)	100/3514/X	31.07.2011	31/01/2013
6128-07	3	NQF	VRQ	Level 3 Certificate in Heating and Ventilating (Rectification of Systems)	100/3515/1	31.07.2011	31/01/2013
6128-08	3	NQF	VRQ	Level 3 Certificate in Heating and Ventilating (Complex Ductwork Systems Installation)	100/3514/X	31.07.2011	31/01/2013
6129	2,3	NQF	VRQ	Certificate in Basic Plumbing Studies			
6129-22	2	NQF	VRQ	Level 2 Certificate in Basic Plumbing Studies	100/3356/7	31.07.2011	31/01/2013
6129-26	2	NQF	VRQ	Level 2 Certificate in Basic Plumbing Studies - Underpinning Knowledge tests only	100/3356/7	31.07.2011	31/01/2013
6129-33	3	NQF	VRQ	Level 3 Certificate in Plumbing Studies	100/3357/9	31.07.2011	31/01/2013
6129-36	3	NQF	VRQ	Level 3 Certificate in Plumbing Studies - Underpinning Knowledge tests only	100/3357/9	31.07.2011	31/01/2013
6129-44	3	NQF	VRQ	Level 3 Modern Apprenticeship in Plumbing Studies - Direct Access	100/3357/9	31.07.2011	31.03.2014
6129-46	3	NQF	VRQ	Level 3 Modern Apprenticeship in Plumbing Studies - Underpinning Knowledge tests only	100/3357/9	31.07.2011	31.03.2014
6129-55	3	NQF	VRQ	Level 3 Certificate in Plumbing Studies - Oil Route (operated in selected regions)	100/3357/9	31.07.2011	31.03.2014

