

## IMPORTANT CHANGES TO NVQ GRANT FUNDING

With effect from August 2007, ConstructionSkills have announced important changes to the level of grant funding available for qualifying your workforce to NVQ Level 2. Following changes within Learning Skills Council Funding, NVQ Level 2 assessment funding is now under the umbrella of Train to Gain.

For all eligible candidates registered from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2007 with a FeRFA approved assessor for the NVQ Level 2 (either Resin Flooring or Surface Preparation) we can now offer the assessment process completely **FREE**.

### What does this mean to you as an employer?

By qualifying your workforce, you will not be invoiced for any charges for the assessment process. All costs involved are fully covered by the new Train to Gain grant funding. In addition you will still be able to claim to the CITB grant of £600 (+25% supplement if levy paid on time)

### How to register candidates

Simply phone FeRFA on 01252 714250 with the following detail:

- Name of candidates
- Age of candidates
- Experience of candidates (e.g. any previous qualifications)

To be eligible for a free NVQ, all candidates must be:

- Over 19
- Resident in England and not previously qualified to an NVQ level 2 or equivalent or studying for an equivalent. \*
- If the employer is registered in England but the candidate (employee) is working in Scotland or Wales then the funding is still applicable.

\* Typical equivalents or above are:

- 5 GCSEs at grades A-C / 5 CSE Grade 1's
- 1 or more A levels / 2 AS levels
- BEC General Certificate (Diploma with Credit) HND/HNC Edexcel/BTEC 1st Diploma or higher City and Guilds Higher Operative or Craft GNVQ intermediate or higher NVQ levels 2,3, 4 Access Course

If candidates do not qualify for the above, then assessor fees will be charged at the normal rate (although you will still get the CITB grant of £600+ £150).

## CITB GRANT FUNDING INCREASES

With effect from 1<sup>st</sup> August, for all newly registered candidates after that date, the CITB grant funding for NVQ's and Apprenticeship schemes has been increased as follows:

APPRENTICESHIPS		ON-SITE ASSESSMENT AND TRAINING (OSAT)	
On Registration under an approved scheme	£200.00	On passing ConstructionSkills Health and Safety Test	test cost
Quarterly payments of £400 to the employer during Year 1 attendance	£1,600.00	For producing agreed action plan on Skillsmatch by FeRFA Assessor:	
Quarterly payments of £350 to the employer during Year 2 attendance	£1,400.00	First instalment	£100
On achievement of NVQ/SVA Level 2	£500.00	Balance paid on Level 2 achievement	£500
Award of Apprenticeship	£1,750.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>£5,450.00</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£600</b>
Plus potential supplement of 25% if CITB levy paid on time (conditions apply)	£1362.50	Plus potential supplement of 25% if CITB levy paid on time (conditions apply)	£150
<b>Total Grant plus supplement</b>	<b>£6,812.50</b>	<b>Total Grant plus supplement (exc. test refund)</b>	<b>£750</b>

For full details and conditions go to [www.cskills.org/grant](http://www.cskills.org/grant). A copy of the CITB-ConstructionSkills booklet on the scheme is available to download from the training page of the FeRFA website <http://www.ferfa.org.uk/training.htm>

## NEW NVQ PREPARE & PROFILE SUBSTRATES

A new NVQ Level 2 for surface preparation is now available via onsite assessment for experienced operatives or via an apprenticeship scheme for newcomers to the industry. Both of these routes lead to a Blue CSCS Skilled Card and the FeRFA ID Badge.

The scheme is delivered in modules by a mix of formal instruction off the job, followed by supervised on the job training at employer level, with a final end assessment by an industry approved Assessor. This supervision will be conducted by a competent person and there will be a candidate record book to evidence training received.

Module No.	Course Modules	Duration
1	Introduction to the NVQ	½ Day
2	Generic Health & Safety	1½ Days
3	First Aid Appointed Person	½ Day
4	CSCS & NVQ Registration & Induction, test preparation and Introduction to Core Sector	1 Day
5	Introduction to Surface Preparation	1 Day
6	Work practice & project planning	1 Day
7	Manual Handling & Vehicle Loading	1 Day
8	Fork Lift Truck (restricted use)	3 Days

Module No.	Course Modules	Duration
9	Mechanical/engineering & Electrical unit	1 Day
10	Abrasive & Diamond Wheels	1 day
11	Fire Extinguisher	½ Day
12	Shotblasting	3 Days
13	Planing	2 Days
14	Grinding	3 Days
15	Polishing	1 Day
16	Multi-Stripping	2 Days
17	On-site training, unit assessments and final sign off	

If you wish to register for this course or receive more information please contact FeRFA.

## WORK BASED RECORDER COURSE

Having a qualified Work Based Recorder (WBR) within your company can considerably simplify and speed up the NVQ process, whether by onsite assessment or via the apprentice route. A WBR will support your candidates by gathering suitable evidence for the portfolio.

FeRFA is running a number of courses, based in the North and South, at a cost of £50 – this is fully grant funded by CITB and therefore refundable. Please contact FeRFA for further information.

## TRAINING ADVICE - KEY CONTACTS

Full training advice is available from the following people:

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