



## Roofing

### Roofer Training

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 Roofers are given sufficient training and information on the equipment and products specifically used to ensure they work safely and efficiently.

### Qualifications

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

To be assessed as competent you should be working towards your NVQ qualification in whatever Roofing discipline you are working at such as:

- Roof Sheeting & Cladding
- Roof Slating and Tiling
- Built up Felt Roofing
- Mastic Asphalt
- Metal Roofing
- Rubber Membranes
- Thatching
- Applied waterproof membranes

These qualifications are recognised by your industry and the qualifications are based on National Occupational Standards that have been approved by the various sections of the Roofing industry.

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

### 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.

## 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.

Roofers 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.

## Associations or training forums

National Federation of Roofing Contractors (NFRC)

## Does a registration card exist for this occupation

Yes, Blue and Gold cards are available for different Roofing disciplines.

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 an on-line training directory in our courses section of the web site at [www.citbcsni.org.uk](http://www.citbcsni.org.uk) courses are available for a range of different topics.

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 Roofers 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 500 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 Roofing that has been developed and is available to view within the publications section of our website [www.citbni.org.uk](http://www.citbni.org.uk)



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