



**COURSE SYLLABUS**

**SVQ Level 2 Bricklaying (Construction)**

**Suitable For:**

Individuals who are currently in employment and who wish to obtain a formal qualification.

Candidates should be in a job or placement where they are carrying out relevant tasks and responsibilities (Bricklaying activities) which allow them to gather the required evidence.

**Aim:**

SVQs are based on National Occupational Standards. SQA works in partnership with other organisations to ensure that National Occupational Standards (NOS) are relevant to the current and future needs of Scottish industries.

Vocational Qualifications (SVQs) are very popular work-related qualifications, which are usually completed within the workplace. They are designed to enable candidates to acquire the required knowledge and skills to be able to perform particular work tasks and do their job well, as set out by the National Occupational Standards.

**The Scottish Vocational Qualification (SVQ) in Bricklaying (Construction) at SCQF level 5 allows candidates to demonstrate competence in job-related skills in their area of work and expertise.**

**This qualification covers areas such as general workplace health, safety and welfare; productive work practices; and erecting structures.**

**Content will include:**

The main source of evidence is work-based to confirm that the candidate's practical skills meet the appropriate performance criteria. An assessor will measure the candidate's competence through direct observation of the candidate in the workplace, and will also work with the candidate to compile further evidence by using:

- Video evidence with witness (employer) testimony or other supporting/corroborating evidence
- Photographic evidence of candidates carrying out work processes with witness (employer) testimony
- Oral questioning
- Written question papers
- Professional discussions

One of the benefits of a Vocational Qualification is that they test candidates' ability to actually do the job. In order to gain the VQ all candidates must build a portfolio of evidence and be assessed under "live working conditions".

Pathways/routes:

**Bricklaying – consisting of the following units:**

- Erect Masonry Structures
- Set out Masonry Structures

**Heritage Bricklaying – consisting of the following units:**

- Erect Masonry Structures
- Set out Masonry Structures
- Conserve or Restore Stonemasonry, Brickwork or Earthen Structures
- Prepare and Mix Lime Mortars

Both of the above pathways/routes have option add-on units, including:

- Erect Masonry Cladding
- Erect Thin Joint Masonry Structures
- Place and Finish Non-specialist Concrete
- Maintain Slate and Tile Roofing
- Repair and Maintain Masonry Structures
- Produce Internal Solid Plastering Finishes
- Apply Solid Render to Background Surfaces and Produce Finishes
- Install Drainage

**Objectives:**

Successful candidates will gain an internationally-recognised qualification which guarantees that they have the skills, knowledge and abilities they need to carry out their role successfully. Employers will also benefit from their employees being proficient.

<b>Venue:</b>	On-site at clients' premises
<b>Duration:</b>	There is no set time for the assessment process. Candidates can work towards gaining the award at their own pace.
<b>Certification:</b>	SVQ in Bricklaying (Construction) at SCQF level 5, issued by the awarding body SQA

**CITB registered companies may be entitled to relevant grants, which can cover a substantial amount of the costs.**