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Why Glass?

Perhaps you haven't thought about the glass and its related industries, as needing your support and expertise. They have diverse and demanding occupational roles. Take a look in your local Yellow Pages for double-glazing firms, window companies or glaziers etc to get some idea of how much potential there is for quality training provision in the glass industry.

Some occupations require the registration on, or achievement of, a GQA NVQ almost as a licence to work.

This leaflet is produced by Glass Qualifications Authority (GQA), the national awarding body for glass-related NVQs. It is designed to answer initial questions training organisations may have about becoming approved to offer GQA NVQs.

National Frameworks...

There is an Apprenticeship framework available that reflects the breadth and occupational roles in the related sectors.

Qualifications Available...

The industry is diverse; this is reflected by the wide variety of different jobs people carry out. The table lists some examples of these, showing the glass NVQs that match. Don't worry if you don't see the occupations you are interested in listed here – it's likely that there is a suitable glass NVQ. GQA External Verifiers work with training providers to find the most suitable NVQs for companies to use.

JOBS INVOLVED	NVQs TO MATCH
Making up frames eg. window/door/conservatory/curtain walling (PVCu/aluminium/wooden)	Production of Glass Supporting Fabrications levels 2 & 3
Installing and/or surveying windows/doors/conservatories/curtain walling	Fenestration Installation level 2 and Fenestration Installation and Surveying level 3
Glazing – installation and maintenance: construction/emergency/fire-resistant/maintenance	Glazing Installation and Maintenance levels 2 & 3
Replacing and repairing damaged windscreens and vehicle glass	Automotive Glazing levels 2 & 3
Processing glass – eg. cutting, machining, blowing, operating machinery to process glass, treating glass products, glass decorating	Glass Processing levels 2 & 3
Controlling raw materials for glass-making; operating glass making equipment and forming glass products	Glass Manufacturing levels 2 & 3

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Glass Qualifications Authority...

Like all Awarding Bodies, GQA is approved by the appropriate regulatory bodies. Therefore, you will find some similarity in the way GQA and other NVQ Awarding Bodies operate.

Some operating procedures are listed below; contact GQA for full guidance on using its qualifications. In particular, the Guide to Centre Approval will provide many answers to questions about meeting GQA approval criteria:

- All GQA candidates must be formally registered with GQA
- Candidates can only be registered if they are working towards the qualifications via a GQA approved centre
- The awarding body must licence all assessors and internal verifiers/auditors of GQA qualifications; licences can only be issued by GQA external verifiers/auditors. The licence is recognition that a person is qualified for the role.
- GQA pays a minimum of four review visits per year to approved centres which are spread over more than one site.
- Maintaining centre approval is subject to continued satisfactory reports by a GQA external verifier/auditor.

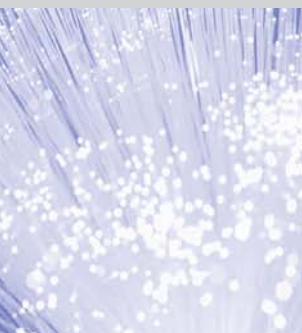
WHAT'S AVAILABLE	HOW IT HELPS
Current Qualifications	Acts as a menu of all glass NVQs available through GQA
NVQ Unit Structures	Briefly describes who the NVQ is aimed at and lists mandatory and optional units
Price list	Lists the costs for GQA services
Guide to Centre Approval	Comprehensive guide to becoming and remaining a GQA approved centre
Candidate guide to GQA glass NVQs	Outlines what the GQA qualifications involve and proven benefits
Guide for employers (titled 'UK Competitiveness')	Outlines what the qualifications involve and proven benefits



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