

Constructing Excellence in Learning Ltd (CELL) is an Ofqual approved Awarding Organisation able to create and certify qualifications in any industry, but specialises in the construction and built environment sectors, including Estates and Facilities Management and Housing Operations and Maintenance. It is a subsidiary of Constructing Excellence, the independent not-for-profit think tank and best practice organisation.

An awarding organisation (AO) approved and recognised by Ofqual, the regulatory authority, CELL was the first AO to be created under the new Qualifications & Credit Framework (QCF), the national register of approved AOs and qualifications.

What is an accredited qualification?

Accredited qualifications give recognition and validity to training, which 'Certificates of Attendance' do not.

To achieve an accredited qualification a learner has to pass some form of assessment. Accredited qualifications have:

- 1) **Learning Outcomes** which tell us what the learner should be able to *know* and/or *do*, and
- 2) **Assessment Criteria** which set down how the learner will show that they meet the Learning Outcomes.

When an accredited qualification is created there are 2 options for the originator to consider:

- a) CELL can seek approval from Ofqual and register the qualification on the QCF. This gives it official recognition and full transferability; it also makes it eligible for government grants where available. However other AOs and Centres can also use it but CELL owns the qualification (but not course).
- b) The qualification is not put on the QCF. The qualification still has to be set up and assessed in the same way, but it is easier to keep control over who offers the qualification and ownership is determined by any agreements put in place between CELL and the partner organisation. However the qualification becomes less transferrable and government grants are much less likely.



Why use CELL?

Although we can work in any industry and qualifications can be industry independent we are particularly interested in qualifications which support excellence, best practice, continuous improvement and leading edge skills in the built environment sectors including design, construction, operation, property and facilities. Through our association with Constructing Excellence, CELL has access to sector-wide networks for market intelligence on emerging demand for new qualifications, for access to leading professionals with the skills and knowledge required to help develop new qualifications, and for the promotion and uptake of accredited qualifications.

CELL's unique selling proposition:

- part of the Constructing Excellence movement
- focus on excellence, best practice and leading edge skills
- interest in niche qualifications
- management and leadership focus
- market intelligence, networks and expertise in the built environment and healthcare sectors
- agile, speed, dynamic, flexible
- tailored collaborative approach
- centre accreditation adding value to existing training organisations

CELL works 'bottom up' to create and support qualifications for which industry has identified a need. We are extremely agile, flexible and customer focused, and can support the tailored development of qualifications and achieve accreditation within 3-4 months. Above all we are committed to collaboration to ensure qualifications contribute to improvement in the industry.

Sample Accredited Qualifications:

CELL Level 5 Certificate in Lean Healthcare Transformation (QCF) Ofqual Ref: 601/2788/0

CELL Level 5 Award in Estates and Facilities Information Management: Premises Assurance (QCF) Ofqual Ref: 601/3063/5

Our key personnel have wide experience working with other organisations and bring expertise in the creation of useful and usable qualifications. We can help to create and accredit qualifications not just in construction, but in any industry. For example we are working with a healthcare facilities organisation.

Becoming a CELL-approved Centre

CELL can deliver qualifications itself. But we prefer to accredit third-party organisations who are already delivering training programmes, so that our outreach can be much wider. This has allowed CELL to develop a service for the variety of bodies, organisations and companies running courses or internal training that is not externally accredited to improve its value and credibility. Additionally CELL can work with potential providers to create entirely new courses for those trades and skills that lack qualifications.

Benefits of accredited training and development with one of our Approved Centres include formal recognition and improved status of training, which improves staff commitment and motivation; unifying a development programme under a branded umbrella to ensure consistency of team approach, delivering your way throughout the supply chain, and the ability to 'pick and mix' from the courses offered by our Accredited Centres to provide bespoke packages tailored to your needs, thereby extending the market for our Accredited Centres.

Three of our accredited providers:

Collaborative Working Academy (CWA)

Constructing Excellence owns 30% of CWA which delivers CELL-accredited Awards which can be aggregated to a Diploma or Certificate. The Academy's first Diploma in Collaboration and Integration in Construction was awarded in April 2011 with two cohorts of 10-15 people having undertaken 13 1-day modules over 9 months to achieve the Level 5 qualification which also entitles Associate status of the CIOB.

Suscon

This was established to provide quality training in the area of sustainable construction and environmental issues and is a training provider affiliated to North West Kent College. SusCon is based in its own demonstration premises in Dartford and offers a range of accredited courses from Levels 1 to 5.

Grovenbridge Academy

Building on the years of experience of their staff team this new Academy has built high quality and practical courses leading to qualifications in areas related to Estates and Facilities Management.



Who are we working with?

We work with training providers, leading edge businesses with their own internal development programmes, and Government and professional bodies (eg ConstructionSkills, Chartered Institute of Building, UK Timber Frame Association) to give added credibility and authority to existing training, meet newly identified needs, and provide qualifications for new initiatives and agendas. Recent examples include environmental sustainability, Health and Fire Safety and other statutory requirements and BIM (Building Information Modelling and Management).

Current and past clients include:

- Collaborative Working Academy
- Healthcare Facilities Consortium
- Kier Partnership Homes
- Safety in Design
- Success Train
- SusCon
- The Grovenbridge Group
- UK Timber Frame Association



Further information:

For more details about centres and the range of courses offered, please go to:

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