

Introduction to the Qualification

Who is this Qualification for?

This qualification is aimed at those who are involved in assembling, installing and subsequently removing formwork for use in the construction of complex structures. It is not expected that candidates working in this industry all do the same activities; the qualification is structured to ensure that there is a high degree of flexibility while still meeting the requirements of the qualification units. The qualification requires candidates to prove they have the skills and knowledge to work with timber and proprietary formwork systems and to erect and strike proprietary formwork systems to given working instructions for at least one of the following: climbing, jumping, slip form, panel systems or soldiers and/or wallings. Additionally candidates must be competent to erect and strike timber formwork to given working instructions for at least two of the following: walls, columns, beams, soffits, bases.

All work must be completed in accordance with legislation, health and safety guidelines and meet the organizational requirements. The qualification has been developed in a way that will allow employees from companies of all sizes and specialisms equal opportunity to complete. The standards cover the most important aspects of the job.

This qualification is at Level 3, although some units may be at different levels. Level 3 qualifications are primarily aimed at those who are fully trained and experienced in a wide range of roles that may involve decision making, quality checks, work planning and supporting others. There is a Formwork Level 2 qualification available through GQA for those whose activities in Formwork do not require them to work on complex structures.

What is required from candidates?

GQA qualifications are made up of a number of units that have a credit value or credits. This qualification is made up of 8 mandatory units, which have a total of 99 credits. The units are made up of the things those carrying out work in this occupational role need to know and the tasks they need to be able to do to carry out the work safely and correctly. These are called Learning Outcomes, and all must be met to achieve the unit.

Qualifications are now required to indicate the total qualification time (TQT), this is to show the typical time it will take someone to attain the required skills and knowledge to meet the qualification criteria, this qualification has a TQT of 990 hours.

Unit ref	Title	Level	Credit
Mandatory Units			
A/503/2772 209v2	Confirming Work Activities and Resources for an Occupational Work Area in the Workplace	3	10
Y/650/1392 210v3	Developing and Maintaining Good Occupational Working Relationships in the Workplace	3	8
R/503/2924 211v2	Confirming the Occupational Method of Work in the Workplace	3	11
A/503/1170 641	Conforming to General Health, Safety and Welfare in the Workplace	1	2
F/503/1171 643	Moving, Handling and Storing Resources in the Workplace	2	5
A/650/0367 510v2	Erecting and Striking Timber and Proprietary Formwork in the Workplace	2	20
J/600/6816 511	Constructing, Maintaining and Repairing Complex Timber and Proprietary Formwork in the Workplace	3	20
R/600/6818 512	Erecting and Striking Timber and Proprietary Formwork for Complex Structures in the Workplace	3	23

Assessment guidance

Evidence should show that you can complete all of the learning outcomes for each unit being taken.

Types of evidence:

Evidence of performance and knowledge is required. Evidence of performance should be demonstrated by activities and outcomes, and should be generated in the workplace only, unless indicated under potential sources of evidence (see below). Evidence of knowledge can be demonstrated through performance or by responding to questions.

Quantity of evidence:

Evidence should show that you can meet the requirements of the units on a minimum of three occasions, in a way that demonstrates that the standards can be achieved consistently over an appropriate period of time.

Potential sources of evidence:

The main source of evidence for each unit will be observation of the candidate's performance and knowledge demonstrated during the completion of the unit. This can be supplemented by the following types of physical or documentary evidence:

- Accident book/reporting systems
- Safety records
- Training records
- Audio records
- Job specifications and documentation
- Witness testimonies
- Correspondence with customers
- Notes and memos
- Photo/video evidence
- Work diaries
- Timesheets
- Telephone logs
- Delivery records
- Equipment
- Prepared materials and sites
- Completed structures

Please note that photocopied or downloaded documents such as manufacturers' or industry guidance, H&S policies, Risk Assessments etc, are not normally acceptable evidence for GQA qualifications unless accompanied by a record of a professional discussion or Assessor statement confirming candidate knowledge of the subject. If you are in any doubt about the validity of evidence, please contact your GQA EQA.