

Summary of the:

GQA Level 3 NVQ in Access and Rigging Operations (Construction) Personal Fall Protection Technician (Ofqual Qualification Number: 610/6645/X)

Who is this qualification for?

This qualification is aimed at those who work in access operations and rigging operations in the construction industry, whose work involves the installation of personal fall protection systems. The qualification can be used to confirm occupational competence for experienced workers who carry out these types of roles. Successful candidates will also be able to apply for a CSCS Skilled Worker Gold Card.

The qualification is at Level 3, although some units are at a different level, and should be taken by those who are fully trained to deal with the installation of personal fall protection systems, so candidates should require minimal supervision in undertaking this type of work and be able to carry out the work to the required standard.

The qualification consists of 11 mandatory units, all of which need to be completed to achieve the qualification. There are also 2 optional units and one of these will need to be selected and completed to achieve the full qualification.

Entry requirements

There are no formal entry requirements for learners undertaking this qualification. However, centres must ensure that learners have the potential and opportunity to qualify successfully by providing relevant and current performance criteria to meet the required standards within the qualification.

Assessment methods

As this is a practical occupational qualification, the main assessment method of practical skills will be through observation in the workplace, which could be supplemented by verifiable witness testimonies from Supervisory or Management colleagues and video recordings of previous work. Observation records can be written, typed or video recorded, but must ensure the practical criteria are fully assessed and evidenced. The candidate can also provide their own video recordings of work being carried out and evidence from previous work undertaken within the past 18 months.

Underpinning knowledge evidence can be obtained through one or a range of the following assessment methods: written or recorded responses to questions directly relating to the knowledge criteria, Professional/ Guided discussions between the candidate and Assessor, or written assignments. Supporting

evidence could be provided in the form of training records, qualification certificates, CV or employment records.

All evidence must be assessed by an occupationally competent Assessor who holds a recognised assessor qualification.

Qualification support

This qualification has been developed with input from industry professionals and is supported by relevant sector bodies. For further information, contact GQA.

Qualification achievement

The qualification requires individuals to prove they are competent to carry out the installation and setting up of personal fall protection systems, using the required installation methods and selecting the correct system and anchor points to use

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 1170 hours.

Qualifications are also required to indicate the number of hours of teaching someone would normally need to receive to achieve the qualification. These are referred to as Guided Learning Hours (GLH). The GLH for this qualification is 691. The units of assessment set out learning outcomes which describe what learners need to be able to do and understand. The learning outcomes are defined by assessment criteria which are used to assess competence, expressed as skills achieved and learned knowledge and understanding, to achieve the units. Achievement of the mandatory unit and optional units will mean the qualification has been completed and will be subject to approval of a claim for certification. GQA will issue a certificate complete with the learner's name, the qualification and unit titles and the credits achieved.

Qualification Structure

Qualification Title:	Level 3 NVQ in Accessing Operations and Rigging (Construction) Personal Fall Protection Technician		
Qualification Number (QAN):	610/6645/X		
Total Credits:	130		
Total Qualification Time (TQT):	1170		
Candidates must complete all mandatory units to achieve the qualification.			
Unit number	Title	Level	Credit
Qualification Mandatory Units			
H/651/8028	Conforming to general health, safety and welfare in the workplace	1	2
K/651/7904	Conforming to productive working practices in the workplace	2	3
H/651/7911	Moving, handling and storing resources in the workplace	2	5
D/651/2356	Confirming work activities and resources for an occupational work area in the workplace	3	10
F/651/2357	Developing and maintaining good occupational working relationships in the workplace	3	8
F/651/8027	Confirming the occupational method of work in the workplace	3	11
A/617/8485	Monitoring progress of work against schedules in the workplace	3	10
T/651/8277	Installing and setting up fall protection systems in the workplace	2	19
L/650/5222	Utilising the provision of fall protection systems in the workplace	2	17
A/651/8279	Installing construction anchors in the workplace	3	17
M/651/8329	Site testing of construction fixings in the workplace	3	16
Qualification Additional Optional Units – at least one unit needs to be taken			
T/651/7908	Preparing and operating scissor-type mobile elevating work platforms (MEWP) in the workplace	2	12
K/651/8048	Preparing and operating boom-type mobile elevating work platforms (MEWP) in the workplace	2	14

Assessment

The qualification must be assessed using the following assessment method:

- Portfolio of Evidence

Learners are required to achieve all learning outcomes within all of the required units of assessment. All assessments are subject to internal quality assurance within approved centres providing this qualification. External quality assurance of assessment and internal quality assurance within approved centres is provided by GQA.

