



## Energy Efficiency for Domestic Heating

### **SfBN Statement on development of the qualification.**

#### **City & Guilds Certificate in Energy Efficiency for Domestic Heating (6084)**

Or

#### **Alternative Certification Organisations Energy Efficiency for Domestic Heating Certificate.**

##### **National Vocational Standards**

As part of the Skills for Business Network (SfBN) four Sector Skills Councils (SSC): SummitSkills, Cogent, Energy & Utility Skills and ConstructionSkills, are the guardians of the National Occupational Standards for their respective sectors.

##### **National Qualifications Framework**

Through their licence from Sector Skills Development Agency (SSDA), all SSCs are charged with ensuring that a comprehensive and appropriate range of qualifications are available to ensure a skilled and productive workforce. In line with this, all four SSC have been active in the development and roll out of the Certificate in Energy Efficiency for Domestic Heating.

##### **Funding**

SSCs are also tasked with ensuring that all employers can benefit from funding for training, which is provided through the approved funding bodies in the four countries of the United Kingdom.

##### **Funding Bodies**

Funding bodies support qualifications that are within the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) and therefore the SSC's would request that all newly developed qualifications fall within this framework, which is approved either by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA) or its sister organisation, Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) in Scotland. It would be difficult for SSCs to support qualifications that fall outside this framework, as integration with existing standards is made much more problematic.

##### **National Vocational Qualifications (NVQ) & Scottish Vocational Qualifications (SVQ)**

The SfBN is currently mapping the inclusion of the City & Guilds Certificate in Energy Efficiency for Domestic Heating (6084) into all appropriate S/NVQ's. On completion of the current project all funding will be through qualifications accredited within the National Qualifications Framework (NQF).

A number of additional Certification Organisations are nearing completion of accreditation although some of these do not match NQF criteria and will not be eligible for funding.

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