

SIGN MAKING INDUSTRY

Cogent Standards and Qualifications Prospectus



Photo of Albert Dock sign courtesy of ISC Group

Essential information
on qualifications,
standards,
apprenticeships and
awarding bodies



*Skills for Science
Based Industries*

Introduction

This Prospectus lists all the standards and qualifications which are underpinned by the National Occupational Standards (NOS) managed by Cogent or are of relevance to the sign making industry.

The National Skills Academy Process Industries is establishing a network of accredited providers through which these standards and qualifications are being delivered.

www.process.nsacademy.co.uk

The National Skills Academy Process Industries is an employer-led centre of excellence launched to address skills and training needs throughout the chemical, polymer, pharmaceutical and petroleum industries.

Foundation Degrees

Foundation Degrees are degree level qualifications which combine academic study with workplace learning. They are available in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Equivalent qualifications in Scotland are called Higher National Certificates (HNCs) and Higher National Diplomas (HNDs).

With Cogent's guidance employers are shaping vocational foundation degrees to suit their needs. Cogent's ground-breaking collaborative project Working Higher is developing a Framework for Foundation Degrees in Science and Engineering. It includes the FdSc Polymer Technology, to be delivered by London Metropolitan University. The new Foundation Degrees are being designed to be a solution to workforce development needs by creating flexible, work-based provision.

Working Higher Foundation Degrees will allow for a step-on, step-off modular approach to learning, allowing employers to easily access knowledge and skills which can lead to an academic qualification. Underpinning knowledge, business, functional and specialist technical skills will be covered within these innovative programmes.

Additionally there are a range of existing FDs covering engineering and technology of relevance of the Cogent Sector, which can be accessed via www.ucas.ac.uk.

For further guidance on FDs contact Cogent's HE Curriculum Manager, Pauline Maden.

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Sign making industry qualifications

The following qualifications have been developed for or are of relevance to the sign making industry.

Technical Competence	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Diploma in Signmaking		✓	✓	
Certificate in Signmaking			✓	
Certificate in Process Industries Maintenance		✓		
Award in the Operation and Colour Management of a Large Format Digital Printer for Signmaking and Associated Industries			✓	
Award in Creating and Manipulating Bitmap Images in the Signmaking and Associated Industries		✓		
Award in the Basic Principles of Large Format Digital Print for the Signmaking and Associated Industries	✓			
SVQ in Signmaking		✓	✓	
Business Improvement	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Diploma in Business Improvement Techniques		✓	✓	✓
Compliance	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Award in Workplace Health and Safety		✓		
Functional and Behavioural	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Award in Customer Awareness		✓		
Award in Enterprise Awareness		✓		
Award in Personal Development		✓		
Certificate in Team Leading		✓		
Award in Business Awareness			✓	
Award in Managing Operations			✓	
Certificate in First Line Management			✓	

Apprenticeship Frameworks

Cogent is developing Apprenticeship Frameworks that meet employer needs and which are rigorously quality assured.

Apprenticeship Frameworks are available in the four UK home nations, but they do not always have the same name. In Wales an Apprenticeship at Level 2 is called a Foundation Modern Apprenticeship. In England it is called an Apprenticeship. In Wales and Scotland a Level 3 Apprenticeship is called a Modern Apprenticeship and in England it is called an Advanced Apprenticeship.

Apprenticeship Frameworks	Level
Cogent Apprenticeship Frameworks	
Apprenticeship In Polymer Processing / Sign Making	Level 2
Advanced Apprenticeship in Sign Making	Level 3
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Apprenticeship in Engineering	Level 2
Advanced Apprenticeship in Engineering	Level 3

“Allen Signs have supported me exceptionally well throughout my apprenticeship helping me gain my NVQ Level 2 in Sign Making. The programme included training and assessment in a wide range of technical skills, plus softer business skills like communication and customer service and numeracy and IT Key Skills.”

Lydia Bickley is one of several young people to complete an apprenticeship at Lincoln-based Allen Signs

Training Standards

Training Standards have been developed to provide industry-wide agreed common training for a range of disciplines across the science-using industries. The development of these important standards has taken place in consultation with many subject area experts.

The Training Standards are identified on Cogent’s Skills Match web-based benchmarking tool

www.cogent-skillsmatch.com

Training Standards

Working Safely	To make employees, at all levels, aware of their responsibility for safety toward themselves, colleagues and others affected by their work activities.
Managing Safely	Training should offer a broad and very practical introduction to a wide variety of health & safety management issues and concerns and is aimed at middle and first-line managers with direct responsibilities for local safety management.
Asbestos Awareness	To provide an awareness and development of knowledge to site based employees of the hazards and risks posed by asbestos containing materials (ACMs) within their everyday working environment and an overview of the legislative measures in place to safeguard themselves and others affected by work activities.
First Aid at Work Initial	To enable students to get help and give safe, prompt and effective First Aid to a casualty in the workplace following an injury or illness using materials to hand and HSE approved first aid equipment.
First Aid at Work Re-qualifier	To enable students to get help and give safe, prompt and effective First Aid to a casualty in the workplace following an injury or illness using materials to hand and HSE approved first aid equipment.
Introduction to Project Management	Successful candidates will be able to understand the language of project management and the structure of a successful project. They will be able to take an active part in a project team and make a positive contribution to any project environment.
Foundations of Project Management	Aimed at project managers and aspiring project managers wishing to demonstrate their knowledge of project management. Candidates would be expected to participate in projects from individual assignments, through to large capital projects.
Project Management Practitioner	The training standard has been designed to assess the competence of relatively experienced project management professionals in managing non complex projects or running of a key control function of a large-scale project.
Industrial Gas Safety Awareness	To provide safety awareness for all personnel who either use, handle or store industrial gases. Courses that meet this standard are aimed at production and other managers with operational responsibilities for safety. Managers, supervisors and staff from all functions who are responsible for the safe use of gases within their department. Anyone responsible for health and safety.
Industrial Gas Safety Practice	To provide practical instruction on the correct assembly and pre-use check of oxy-fuel gas systems. Courses that meet this standard are aimed anyone using oxy fuel gas systems on site including; production and other managers with operational responsibilities for oxy-fuel systems.
Ladder Safety	On completion of the training the candidate will be able to demonstrate competence of safe working practices, identify ladder faults and erect and work safely on various types of ladders in accordance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act and Working at Height Regulations.
Working at Height	This training standard is about working safely at heights and includes assessing the risks involved, taking all suitable precautions and following the correct procedures. It applies to individuals who work at heights, including those working for example, on containers, gantries, ladders, scaffolding or any other similar structure from where there is a danger of falling.
Occupational Health and Safety (Contractors - Engineering Construction)	The Occupational Health and Safety (Contractors - Engineering Construction) training standard details the basic knowledge of Health and Safety and should complement the on-site induction, enabling contractors to work more safely and with lower risk to themselves and others.
Occupational Health and Safety (Supervisors - Engineering Construction)	The Occupational Health and Safety (Supervisors - Engineering Construction) training standard aims to highlight some basic management skills for the working Supervisor that will assist them in controlling the safety aspects within their working environment.

Awarding Bodies

Cogent and Awarding Bodies work together to ensure a transparent qualifications system meeting the needs of employers and learners.

The Awarding Organisations which offer the specialist qualifications for the Cogent Sector are listed below:

Accredited Skills for Industry: www.asfi.org.uk

Offers signmaking and polymer qualifications

City and Guilds: www.cityandguilds.com

Offers process and downstream petroleum, oil and gas and business improvement qualifications

Edexcel: www.edexcel.com

Offers technical, knowledge-based qualifications for Cogent's apprenticeship frameworks

ILM: www.i-l-m.com

Offers leadership and management and functional and behavioural qualifications

NEBOSH: www.nebosh.org.uk

Offers Health and Safety qualifications

PAAVQ-SET: www.paa-uk.org

Offers process, polymer, sign making, nuclear, downstream, oil and gas and business improvement qualifications

PIABC: www.piabc.org.uk

Offers packaging qualifications

FDQ: www.fdq.org.uk

Offers packaging qualifications

SQA: www.sqa.org.uk

Offers SVQs in process, downstream, petroleum and oil and gas

Contact Us

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