

Scottish Qualifications Authority (trading as SQA)

Qualification Statement of Purpose

600/3381/2 – GEOL 68

Level 2 NVQ Diploma Controlling Lifting Operations (Construction): Slinger / Signaller

Type of Qualification	QCF (Qualification and Credit Framework)
Credit	43 credits
Guided Learning Hours	144 guided learning hours

Overview of this qualification:

This level 2 qualification is a National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) which is a work-based qualification that assesses the skills and knowledge you need to perform your job role effectively. This qualification is based on the National Occupational Standards (NOS) for Controlling Lifting Operations.

For each industry sector there is a standards-setting body made up of experienced practitioners who represent employers, professional bodies, trade unions, education and voluntary organisations.

Each standards setting-body is responsible for developing the NOS that define what employees (or potential employees) must be able to do, how well, and in what circumstances, to show that they are competent in their workplace in order to carry out a range of activities related to operating plant and equipment.

This qualification is not available as part of an apprenticeship framework. You would take this NVQ as a standalone qualification in order to progress within the industry where you wish to be trained and assessed as a Slinger Signaller. This standalone qualification allows you to achieve a vocational qualification allowing you to gain or retain employment within the industry.

There are no similar qualifications available as this is the construction industry's main qualification for Slinger Signallers.

Purpose of this qualification:

The primary purpose of this qualification is to confirm your occupational competence as a Slinger Signaller. As a work-related, competency-based qualification it will provide on completion, confirmation to employers and industry managers and card schemes that you have the skills and knowledge needed to conduct the duties of a Slinger Signaller to a nationally recognised standard.

NVQs are assessed by completing a portfolio of evidence which details what you've done at work through a variety of evidence such as observation from an assessor who watches you work and checks that you can do the work-related tasks, professional discussion, witness testimony and supporting documentary evidence. Because your assessor works alongside you they are able to confirm that you have met the requirements of this qualification and that you are therefore competent in your role.

Competence is displayed through your assessor observing you demonstrate that you carry out your normal work activities in a safe manner complying with all appropriate health and safety regulations and site procedures. The assessment process will also ensure that you can prepare the lifting accessories,

attach the appropriate accessories correctly and prepare the loads for the lifting tasks that you have been directed to undertake. You will show that you can interpret these instructions correctly and will then be assessed in guiding and placing the loads in the instructed position safely. During the assessment process you will have to show that you can carry out all of these tasks with various types of load and lifting accessories.

What does this qualification cover?

As this is a 'competence based qualification' this means you will be acquiring the knowledge and skills required through on-the-job experience.

To achieve this qualification you need 43 credits. You must complete the following **four mandatory units**:

- Conforming to General Health, Safety and Welfare in the Workplace
- Guiding, Positioning and Placing Suspended Loads in the Workplace
- Checking and Preparing Lifting Accessories to Carry Out Lifting Operations in the Workplace
- Attaching and Preparing Suspended Loads for Movement Using Lifting Accessories in the Workplace

Completion of these four units will ensure that you:

- carry out the duties of a Slinger / Signaller while adhering to the health, safety and welfare procedures of the site that you are working in
- are capable of selecting and checking the suitability of the lifting accessories required for lifting the loads you are instructed to move
- are competent in attaching the accessories to the load and the lifting equipment safely
- guide and position the loads in a manner that is safe for everyone in the location that the lifting activity is taking place.

The following additional unit is available that you can choose to complete but is not mandatory to the achievement of this NVQ:

- Moving, Handling and Storing Resources in the Workplace

Who is this qualification for?

This qualification can be taken by full-time / part-time employees or by school and college students with a work placement or part-time job that enables you to develop the appropriate skills in the workplace. There are no specific qualifications you must have achieved in order to start this qualification however your training provider would ensure that you have the potential and opportunity to gain this qualification successfully.

This qualification is mainly taken by individuals employed in, or seeking employment in a construction or building environment who need recognition of their competence as a Slinger / Signaller.

Age Range:

This qualification is approved for 16 – 18 year olds, and 19 + learners.

What could this qualification lead to?

This qualification will enable you to progress into employment in the construction industry as a Slinger/Signaller.

If you are aspiring to a supervisory role, this qualification will provide you with the some of the basic knowledge and subsequent experience to allow you to progress to the supervisory qualification, GJ51 80 Level 4 NVQ Diploma Controlling Lifting Operations – Supervising Lifts (Construction) (601/2956/6).

Recognition

This qualification is supported by the **Construction Plant-hire Association**

The UK plant hire industry is the best established and most professional in the world, and is worth over £4 billion to the UK economy. The Construction Plant-hire Association (CPA) is the leading trade association for this sector in the UK and CPA Members supply 85% of hired plant to the construction industry.

CPA works closely with CITB, the Construction Industry Training Board and has been instrumental in the development of National Occupational Standards, training schemes and competence testing through the Construction Plant Competence Scheme (CPCS)

The Association is governed by a Council of Members, who represent plant-hire companies of all types and sizes throughout the country.

Construction Plant Competence Scheme (CPCS)

This qualification also meets the requirements of the main industry recognised operators' competence card - the Construction Plant Competence Scheme (CPCS). The CPCS is the largest and most highly recognised skills card scheme for the plant sector of the construction industry. Membership of the Scheme is voluntary, but is mandatory on many construction sites and other work environments.

For further information on this qualification please contact SQA via one of the following routes:

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