



## Foundation Apprenticeships – Construction Level 4/Level 5 (2022/2023)

### Who is it for?

The Foundation Apprenticeship in Construction is a one year course open to those in S4-6. The course can be taken as one of your senior subject choices where you will get the chance to learn and develop new skills that your future employers need, giving you a competitive edge while you're still at school.

Learners will need to be ready for working and studying at SCQF Level 4 or 5 but in a vocational training construction workshop setting, the requirements of which are set out below. Attainment will be measured by ongoing assessment and participating in the planning, delivery and completion of a work-based challenge project.

### How does it work?

1. Learners will get time out of the classroom to complete the required qualifications at the Loanhead Vocational Learning Centre (LVLC) and the work-based challenge project.
2. The course will combine practical hands-on learning with essential knowledge which you will put in to practice to achieve your qualifications and work-based challenge project.

### What are the benefits?

1. The course is assessed as you go along, so there's no final exam.
2. The time you spend at the vocational learning centre will give you technical workplace knowledge and skills in construction plus confidence, communication and teamwork skills.

3. The Foundation Apprenticeship can act as a stepping stone into a Modern Apprenticeship, Graduate Apprenticeship or straight in to employment. The course also counts as one of your entry qualifications into colleges across Scotland.

## **What's the qualification?**

You will gain a Foundation Apprenticeship in construction which is the same level of learning as an SQA National 4 or 5 qualification (SCQF level 4/5) depending on the course you select.

This includes:

- A National Progression Award (NPA) in Construction at Level 4
- A National Progression Award (NPA) in Construction at Level 5

## **What will I learn?**

Your Construction NPA will cover the following topics:

- Bricklaying: half brick and one brick walling
- Painting and Decorating Techniques
- Joinery : site and bench techniques
- Understanding Industry: research in to your chosen construction industry
- Personal Development: Self and Work from a Technicians perspective
- Work Based Skills Challenge: community based project

Your Foundation Apprenticeship will also help you to develop core skills valued by employers, particularly:

- Communication,
- Problem solving
- Time management
- Working with others

These transferable skills are necessary and highly desirable for working in a range of other related jobs.

## **Where could it take me?**

Your Foundation Apprenticeship gives you lots of options, it's up to you where you go next.

This could be:

- A Modern Apprenticeship - on completing your Foundation Apprenticeship, you will have already achieved core units which can help you progress to a Modern Apprenticeship in a construction trade specific area giving you a head start on others
- Further Education - continue your studies at college with a trade specific course.
- Straight to a job - use your qualification and skills to find a job in the construction industry.

## **Entry Requirement**

- Achieved or working towards National 4 or 5 qualifications
- The ability to work towards an SCQF Level 4 or 5 qualification
- An interest in developing greater awareness of the construction industry or considering a career in the construction sector.

## **Where will the qualification be delivered?**

The Construction Foundation Apprenticeship will be delivered in Midlothian at the Loanhead Vocational Learning Centre (LVLC). Transport will be provided to and from the delivery venue.

## **Who will deliver the course?**

The course will be delivered by Midlothian Council's experienced Communities Lifelong Learning and Employability (CLLE) Department through their accredited SVQ Assessment Centre. CLLE are an SQA Accredited Centre.

## **How will the course be delivered?**

The one year course will be delivered in construction specific workshops focusing on you and working on developing your practical hand skills leading to qualification attainment. This will be mainly workshop based in order to develop the knowledge and skills needed for the world of work and in doing so, working towards the National Progression Award. The

course will be delivered on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings and afternoons meaning you would attend on one of those days either am or pm.

### **How long is the course?**

The course is delivered over one Academic Year – so you will be committing to studying through your school year in either S4, S5 or S6 depending on whether you are successful in gaining a place on the Level 4 or Level 5 course.

### **How many places are available?**

15 at Level 4

15 at level 5

### **How can I apply?**

Talk to your Guidance teacher or SDS Careers Adviser in school

### **Further Information**

You can find out more about Foundation Apprenticeships at [www.apprenticeships.scot](http://www.apprenticeships.scot) or on @apprenticeship\_scot You can hear from Foundation Apprentices and employers on YouTube by searching for 'apprenticeships.scot:

### **Please note:**

This information sheet is for guidance only and may be subject to change. Midlothian Council (Communities, Lifelong Learning and Employability) will be responsible for the delivery of this Foundation Apprenticeship for 2022/2023.

