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Get a job by getting a BTEC by Stefan Hansen

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The UK construction industry is one of strongest in world. There are over 250 000 firms employing 2.1 million people in a multitude of roles but when times are hard, companies look to cut costs, and hope to survive until the upturn comes. Training and investment in the future is put on hold as comapnies are forced to take a short-term view.

One of the areas to suffer is recruitment in general, and graduate recruitment in particular. So the job that the graduate wants often isn't there, leaving the graduate with mounting debts from university.

An good way for learners to acquire the craft skills and knowledge they will need to enter the many vocations within the construction industry, or simply want to evoke in their current job is a BTEC in Construction.

The BTEC Firsts in Construction are ideal for trying out a range of related activities. Students can follow one of the recommended specialist pathways that offer greater depth or a general path using a range of different specialist units. There are particular courses available for those who are already in a specialist field wanting to progress their skills.

Learners wishing to go straight from a BTEC First into employment will be ready with the know-how, skills and understanding to enter any of the next occupations: bricklayer, carpenter and joiner, painter and decorator, plasterer, roof slater and tiler, dry liner, wall and floor tiler and construction operative.

Those beginning their careers or those in employment wishing to improve their knowledge could all benefit from a BTEC in construction. Level 2 or Level 3 BTECs on a part-time basis are available for those already employed in the construction sector. Knowledge and expertise gained in the workplace is valued and can play a part in the assessment methodology.

The BTEC Nationals in Construction offer a nationally recognised Level 3 qualification in Construction, Civil Engineering or Building Services.

Some BTEC's are for those already capable specialists to achieve a greater fairness and efficiency with contractors and customers and some are for improving skills. Some are aimed at meeting the fundamental needs of specialist companies, by providing BTECs in contractual training courses.

The BTEC Construction course has been designed carefully to provide a broad appeal and is therefore targeted at all construction staff members and with any involvement in any aspect of building or civil engineering contracts, subcontracts or supply contracts at a supervisory or management level.

There are a assortment of BTEC construction courses available, ranging from general skilled courses, to dispute avoidance courses. The only way construction workers are finding themselves untouched by the financial crisis, is by having the qualifications to back up their experience, even though many have never needed the qualifications before.

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