

On Site NVQ? How?

Posted by wayne - 2009/06/02 16:49

Hi Scott

I've read the topic on the difference between training in a center and training on site with experienced machine plasterers. But how is doing it on site going to give you an NVQ?

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Re:On Site NVQ? How?

Posted by Scott - 2009/06/02 19:13

Wayne,

It's quite simple. The scheme is backed by a government initiative - have you heard of Train to Gain?

You know, I've ranted on in a previous post as to why learning in a training center is not optimum or adequate. And it's not just me who recognizes the problem and I wasn't exactly the first either. Industry leading professionals as a whole recognize it. Hence the government backed initiative for onsite training and assessments. This is big drive to get people away from cursory and superficial training center modules, and to improve the quality and standard of construction in the UK.

Basically you'll work alongside and with an already qualified and approved gang of renderers or plasterers, doing Monocouche rendering or MP75 projection. Whatever it is. This is just an example. But they will train you and give you the practical skills and knowledge that you need in a real on-site environment.

Once you have spent time learning how to do the job (not a 5m area of wall in a booth - but the real, actual 'job' that as a plasterer or renderer you are expected to do well), then a personally allocated NVQ Assessor will come out on site and start to build your NVQ portfolio. All aspects of performance are monitored on a whole, working right up finally towards NVQ Level 3. The NVQ assessor will monitor you as you work, compile reports and document for your portfolio including video evidence of your work and competency.

Now this might sound all a bit intimidating (reports, video evidence etc) but really it's not. Any on site NVQ Assessor I've ever met are just normal people like you and me. They've been in the industry for years, they've been on the tools, and they know what a site is all about. Basically they're on your side.

On site training and assessments - I'm well behind it. Its a great idea (almost like way this industry used to learn by way of time-served apprenticeships) and a great way to get real standards and real professional tradespeople back in construction. Because training centers are just churning out people with too little real knowledge, skill and experience to do the job professionally to high standards.

If you want an information pack just let me know.

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Posted by Paul - 2009/06/13 19:42

im doing it mate just to get a cscs card, it just means i dont have to spend out £600 plus.

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