

The New CITB Grants Scheme – What You Need to Know

Introduction

CITB launches its new Grants Scheme on **1 April 2018** supported by a new Construction Training Directory and Construction Training Register which will go live on 3 April 2018. Collectively these are known as the new ‘**Training Model**’.

Employers will soon find it quicker and easier to book training with a recognised provider, claim grant, and check records of the training and qualifications that individuals have achieved.

The new Training Model will be phased in over the coming months and some of the systems you use will be new whilst others will be more familiar.

Key Changes

- Grants are focussed on training and qualifications that deliver the construction skills the industry needs.
- Grants are **only** available for those occupations that are within CITB’s scope order.
- Grants are **only** available for training, qualifications and apprenticeships where the relevant standard has been recognised by CITB. However, there is a transition period so that existing short duration training can still be funded whilst new standards are developed and agreed.
- Training can now be accessed through the online Construction Training Directory with providers that are registered as an [Approved Training Organisation \(ATO\)](#).
- Where training is delivered by an ATO:
 - Grant will be paid automatically when the ATO updates the Construction Training Register
 - The outcome of the training will be recorded on the Training Register.
- The Training Register shows the training and qualifications held by individual construction workers.
- If your training is **not** being delivered through an ATO, you need to set up an [online account](#) to claim grant. You will have 13 weeks to claim for training after it is completed.
- CITB no longer pays grant by cheque so it needs your [bank details to pay by BACS](#).

There will be **NO** grant funding for any training not on the approved list.

This means that generic training, qualifications and apprenticeships that are outside CITB’s scope order which you previously claimed grant for are **no longer** eligible for grant. This includes electrical and plumbing and other supporting occupations.

Previous Scheme

The previous Grants Scheme finished on 31 March 2018 and all grant claims for training completed before this date must be submitted by **30 June 2018**.

Are You Ready?

1. Register or login to your [online account](#) and read the guide to using it
2. Submit [your bank details](#) to CITB
3. Check your preferred training providers are [registered as Approved Training Organisations](#)

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Grants

Training/Qualification	Attendance Grant Rate	Achievement Grant Rate
Apprenticeships approved (PAYE only) England & Wales Scotland Apprenticeship grants	Levels 2, 3 and above Year 1 = £1,965 Year 2 = £1,660 Year 3 = £1,125	Level 2 = £2,375 Level 3 and above = £3,125
Long period qualifications approved (more than 30 days in at least 1 year) Long period grants	£1,125 per year	£1,875
Short period qualifications approved (less than 30 days in less than 1 year) Short period grants		£600 max 2 per level
Short duration courses approved Short duration grants		Dependent on tier allocated Tier 1 = £30 Tier 2 = £70 Tier 3 = £120 Paid on course completion - not per day
Plant training approved Plant training grants		NVQ = £600 max 2 per lifetime Additional VQ units = £300 max 3 per lifetime Theory technical tests = £60 max 2 per grant year Practical tests dependent on category max 2 per grant year Rate 1: £190 Rate 2: £240 Rate 3: £410
Specialist Upskilling Programmes (SUPs)		£600
Specialist Applied-Skills (SAPs) (PAYE only)	There are arrangements to support employers claiming grant for learners who started before 1 April 2018 and continue beyond that date	From 1 April 2018, VQs that meet the grant eligibility criteria and are achieved as part of a SAP programme are funded at a rate of £600
Work experience within a recognised degree course Work experience grants	£30 per day Max £7,200 (48 consecutive weeks per lifetime)	