

# SITE READY SKIMMING COURSE



**6 week  
course**





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## Background

The construction industry is facing a skills shortage for a number of trades. A recent report by the CITB states that an extra 251,500 workers are required to meet UK construction output by 2028, and plasterers are a major part of that skills gap.

In response to this decline, and having taken additional input from UK Federations and sub-contractors, we have added to the delivery of training via our UK Academy network, by partnering with several colleges and training providers nationally to deliver training that addresses the skills gap for the plaster skim finisher.

We are supporting sub-contractors in upskilling their plastering labourers, general

labourers, drylining tapers or employees working in similar roles, with the skills required to undertake the skimming of plasterboards on site.

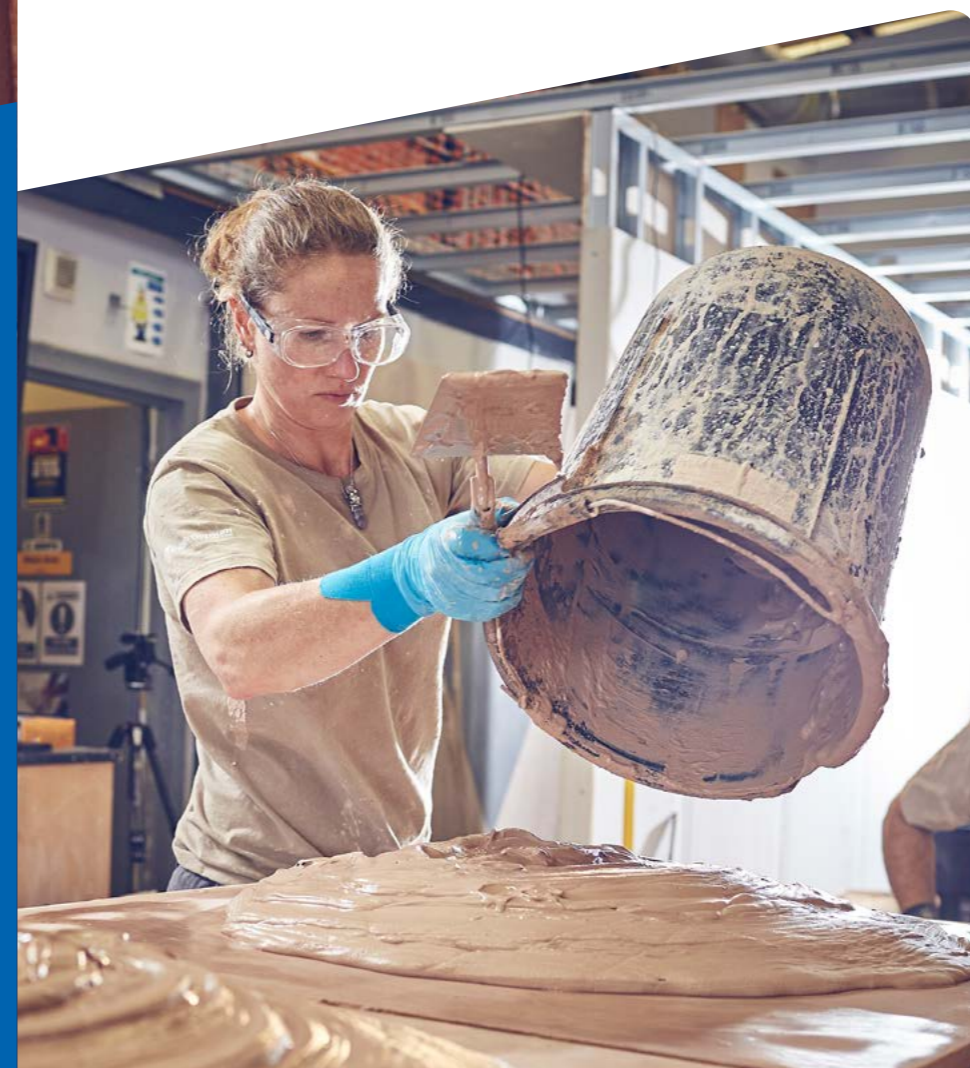
We are also looking for prospective employers who will provide work on a sub-contracted or employed basis for plastering diploma students from Colleges, ex-offenders or ex-forces personnel.

The aim of the British Gypsum Site Ready Skimming Course is to provide attendees with the skills needed to make an immediate contribution on site upon completion of the course.

<https://www.citb.co.uk/media/acbnbn5t/csn-national-report-final-report.pdf>

**“It was 100% worth giving him up for 6 weeks. He’s come back with an appetite for the future and confidence in what he can do”**

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**“I have the confidence to step on site and deliver the level of quality required on a daily basis”**

Ian, Site Ready Skim Course Attendee

# Course details

## How long is the course?

The course will last for six weeks and will include a final assessment to ensure candidates are ready to undertake skimming work on site. Attendees who have good trowel skills could complete this course within a shorter timeframe, subject to passing this assessment. Our main objective is to ensure that all attendees leave the course confident to carry out skimming work on site.

## Business skills

Attendees will be taken through the process required to become self-employed and understand what this involves.



## Course overview

Throughout the six weeks attendees will complete practical training in the key skills required for skimming plasterboard. This will include:

- Straight flat wall application
- Window wall, reveals & beading process (external angles)
- Finishing internal angles (hard angle)
- Services to flat and window walls (socket boxes, pipes, vents)
- Use of different tools including spats, speedskims and plastic trowels
- Ceilings
- Bulkhead to ceiling, splayed angle (wall), column/peer and curved wall
- Skim large wall areas to replicate commercial project work on large jobs

## Stretch and Challenge

Candidates are pushed to get the plastering meterage on the wall to make sure they can earn a wage on site once they have left the course. This approach brings great benefit in building confidence and to demonstrate course attendees that they have the ability to apply skimming to large wall areas.



# Useful information

## Being prepared for work on site

Attendees without a CSCS card can be supported with their application for a trainee CSCS card as part of the course. This requires attending a subsidised one-day Level 1 Health and Safety Award course.

## End of course support for attendees

Attendees will have direct access to our resident plasterers in our Skills Partnership team if they need to discuss any issues they are having on site with skimming plasterboards. A tool kit for each attendee will be included as part of the course package and will be provided at the start of the course so skills can be developed with the range of tools which are used in skimming plasterboard.

Course attendees take the set of tools away with them so they can start work on-site straight away.

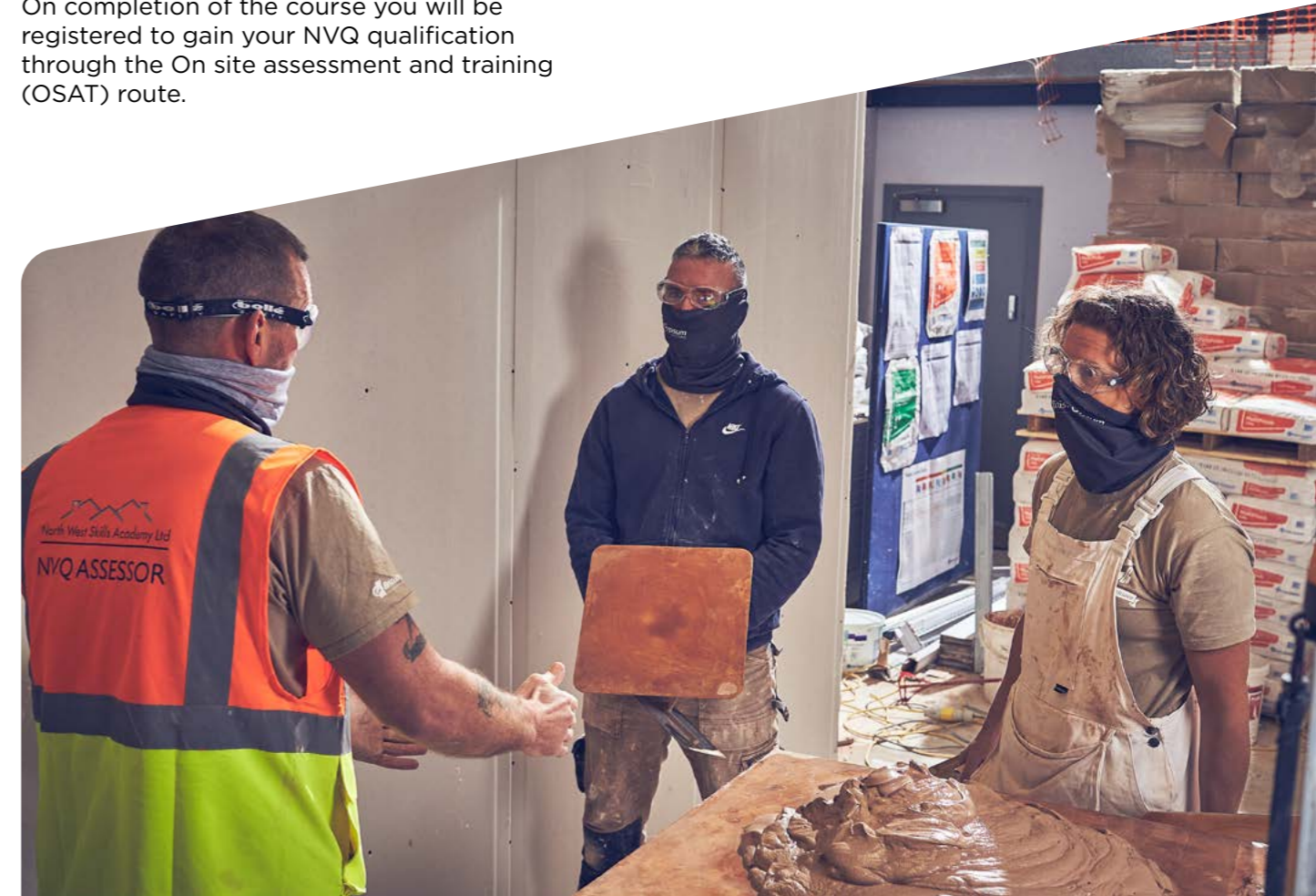
On completion of the course you will be registered to gain your NVQ qualification through the On site assessment and training (OSAT) route.

## Gaining your NVQ in plastering skimming

An assessor will visit you on site at a time agreed with the individuals to gather the onsite assessment towards gaining an NVQ Level 2 Basic Plastering.

## For more information

Call **07792 249 874** or email **BritishGypsumSkillsPartnerships@saint-gobain.com** if you would like to discuss any aspects of the course, including availability.





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