



The Assessment Service Centre  
for Project Controls professionals

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Formed by The Association of Cost Engineers in 2004 to provide a "Not for Profit" occupational skills development service to the project controls industry. The offices are based in Sandbach, Cheshire with approximately twenty assessors working from their homes all around the United Kingdom.

See the Project Control Standards and other Vocational Qualification information on the TASC section of the ACostE web-site at:

**[www.acoste.org.uk](http://www.acoste.org.uk)**

TASC will be pleased to provide information on any aspect of the

Benchmarking process  
Project Controls Standards  
National Vocational Qualifications.

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## Project Control Vocational Qualifications

using the

**National Professional, Intermediate  
And Foundation Occupational  
Standards**

for

- Project Managers
  - Cost Engineers & Analysts
  - Cost Estimators
  - Planning Engineers
  - Contract and Commercial  
Personnel
  - Multi-disciplined Project Controllers
- and
- The businesses in which they work

## Why should businesses be interested in Project Controls Vocational Qualifications?

- To demonstrate the competence of their staff to clients
- To assess the strengths of personnel
- To identify training and development needs and which staff should be on which programme.
- To assist the difficult task of recruitment
- To improve project and business performance

## Background to the Qualifications

Project controllers make a vital contribution to the successful completion of any project. The skills of the project control disciplines provide the proactive “eyes and ears” of good project management. The national set of occupational standards that provide the basis of the qualifications have been developed from the best current practice in industry and as such represent the most authoritative “Body of Competence” that is available today.

## Who designed the standards and qualifications?

The Engineering Construction Industry Training Board (ECITB), in conjunction with the Association of Cost Engineers, led the involvement of businesses and industry in the creation of the project control occupational standards. On approval by the regulatory authorities, they were followed by the development of the Levels 2, 3 & 4 National Vocational Qualifications.

The development of Foundation Learning for Apprenticeships and other New Starters to the Project Control disciplines has resulted in the addition of the Level 2 to the suite of qualifications.

## What Qualifications are available?

The NVQ Level 2 qualification is designed to equip a new starter into the profession to begin to develop and demonstrate the skills and knowledge that make up the project controller’s occupational competence. It is particularly suited to persons in company training schemes.

The NVQ Level 3 qualification is aimed at practitioners who are establishing themselves within the profession, typically with about two years’ experience

The NVQ Level 4 qualification is designed to recognise persons who are fully competent in all aspects of their project control discipline.

## What we do

TASC was established by the ACostE, the home for Project Control Professionals, and the industry’s learned professional society, to provide practitioners with the professional qualifications demanded by today’s competitive business environment.

TASC recruits senior project controls professionals and supports, mentors and trains them to become qualified TASC or in-company assessors and verifiers. It is mandatory that they are Members or Fellows of the Association to ensure that they keep up to date with current professional developments and to uphold the standards required for the various membership grades. They are required to deliver both qualifications and the benchmarking programmes offered by TASC to industry.

TASC operates a fee structure that initially includes for all candidate registration, management and quality assurance requirements. This is followed by a flexible approach to cater for candidates requiring greater or lesser degrees of mentoring during their programmes.

TASC through the ACostE also provides support to

- ProVoc the project controls industry support body for all organisations with an interest in these standards and qualifications.
- Standards Setting Bodies for the development and maintenance of project control occupational competence standards and qualifications

TASC delivers specific topic training to candidates focused on the knowledge requirements of the standards. As part of the ACostE professional Body input, such training is free or heavily subsidised.

TASC through our assessors and the ACostE, provides candidates with access to networking opportunities and access to the range of expertise available from the Association’s Special Interest Groups. All persons engaged upon any of the project control programmes will be offered a year’s free membership of the ACostE to assist their learning and development opportunities.