

Changes to the Occupational Work Supervision (OWS) qualification.

Recent industry feedback has told us that the current OWS qualification with its multiple endorsements is no longer fit for purpose. The OWS qualification is used across the built environment and is intrinsic to safety on site.

The National Working Group for OWS has been in consultation with CITB and a proposal to remove the requirement for any endorsements to be listed within the qualification has been agreed. This decision means that:-

- Employers are responsible for ensuring that anyone holding an OWS qualification is deemed, by the employer, to be competent to supervise the area(s) that they are asking the person to oversee.
- Employers will better be able to plan career progression for their staff
- It will allow employers to better utilise their workforce across different areas of the business.
- Awarding Bodies will no longer be required to endorse an OWS qualification by the issuance of an endorsement or side letter to the award
- Card schemes may no longer have a requirement to show endorsements on cards which should reduce the processes required to obtain a card

There will be no changes to the [entry requirements](#) of the qualification, enforced by Awarding Bodies in that any candidate who registers will need to evidence some form of competence within Construction Built Environment or its allied trades and professions, which can be demonstrated in several different ways.

In order to collate any further views from industry, we would welcome your feedback by completing the 'have your say' form by clicking [here](#). The comments for this will close on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021