



Qualifying the Existing Workforce: McKinney Plant & Safety

McKinney Plant & Safety is one of the 10 Assessment centres that was involved in the Qualifying the Existing Workforce project and have been in operation for 8 years, specialising in plant operator training and assessment courses as well as offering a full range of health and safety services. The company were successful in qualifying the most participants which included both the first and 500th candidate in the programme.



The Qualifying the Existing Workforce project funded by the Department for Employment and Learning was undertaken in partnership with CITB NI and the Joint Council for Building and Civil Engineering Industry. The project aimed to provide NVQ Level 2 qualifications to existing construction workers using a number of assessment centres.

Hazel Irwin, Centre Manager at McKinney Plant & Safety said, “We were pleased to be involved in this project and are delighted that it has been so successful. This project will help enhance and build on the skills that already exist in the local construction industry. It will also help employers gain contracts through tender opportunities where these qualifications are becoming more of a requirement.”

Barry Neilson, Chief Executive CITB NI said, “Well done to all who were involved in the successful delivery of the Qualifying the Existing Workforce project. We are delighted to have built upon this success and have completed the next phase of the programme which means 1600 candidates have been qualified to NVQ Level 2.”