

Opticolour has been working with awarding organisation GQA Qualifications to develop and validate an NVQ2 (National Vocational Qualification Level 2) in Glass Related Occupations (Construction). The NVQ has now been approved and Opticolour is busy training its managers to become NVQ assessors.

The [Opticolour headquarters](#) in Priston, Somerset, has also been certified as an NVQ Assessment Centre and we will soon be able to offer an assessment service for those aiming to reach NVQ2 level.

The qualification will be equivalent to a GCSE grade A-C and will be awarded following two years' assessment and training in the workplace, providing the required standards of skill and competence have been achieved. Trainees will be evaluated in four core areas: general areas such as health and safety, transport and storage of tools; materials and equipment; checking and confirming the job specification; and communication skills.

Candidates will then work towards completing the Glass Splashbacks/Panel Installation Pathway unit, to assess their skills and knowledge of safe and proficient glass backsplash installation, as required by the industry.

From September 2017, glass backsplash fitters will require an NVQ2 in order to hold a Construction Skills Certificate Scheme (CSCS) card; these cards demonstrate that individuals working in the construction industry have the necessary training and qualifications.

Opticolour's Katherine Hirst says, "Opticolour continues to lead from the front in this industry and we are delighted that our hard-working and dedicated staff will soon have a competence-based nationally recognised qualification."