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Construction, Planning and the Built Environment Pathways



What could you do with a higher education qualification in construction, planning and the built environment?

- + You could oversee the development of an entire town making sure it meets the needs of the people who live and work there.
- + You could work on new buildings turning a design into reality by ensuring the design, shape and building materials will result in a strong, safe structure.

Jobs with higher education qualifications:

- + Architect
- + Town Planner
- + Civil Engineer
- + Building Surveyor

Jobs with further education qualifications:

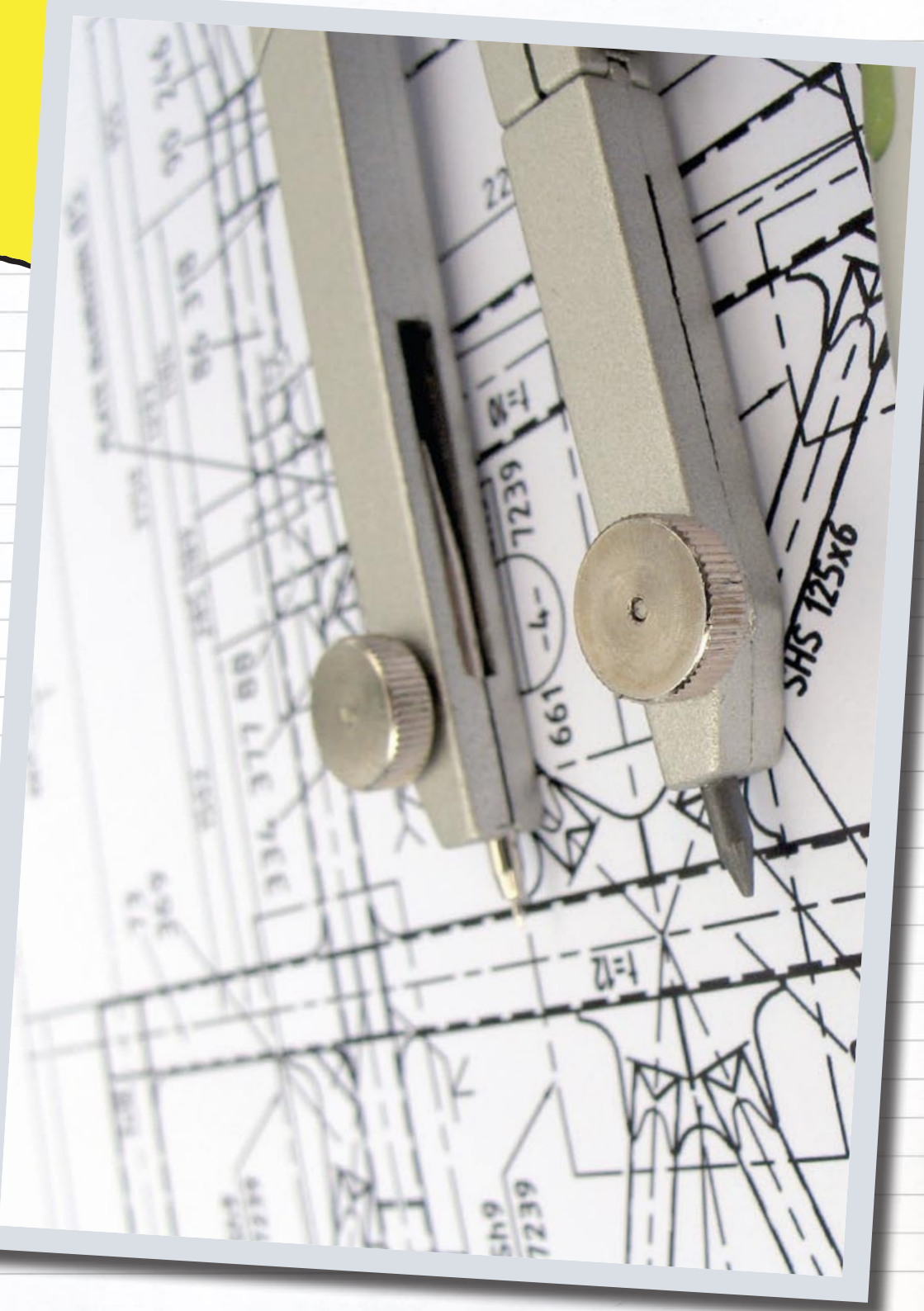
- + Construction Site Supervisor
- + Electrician
- + Plumber
- + Roofer

To find out more about these and other careers in construction, planning and the built environment visit these websites:

www.bconstructive.co.uk

www.goodday.org.uk

www.connexions-direct.com/jobs4u



Will a career in construction, planning and the built environment suit you?



It will help if you:

- + have an interest in sustainable development and a respect for heritage buildings
- + like to turn ideas into reality and can communicate those ideas to others
- + are good at things like reading maps and putting flat pack furniture together

Make sure you think about these practical things too

- + Many jobs in the construction industry will require you to travel and stay away from home as different project sites may be all over the country and you may need to be on site regularly.
- + If you want to become an Architect, you will be training for a minimum of seven years consisting of a three year degree, one year in an architectural office, a two year postgraduate diploma and one year's work experience.
- + Mathematics plays a large part in many professional jobs in the construction industry as calculations need to be made to design, build, plan and estimate quantities.

Remember, when you are thinking about your career and your future, higher education qualifications give you more options

There are many benefits to having a higher education qualification including:

- + The chance to find a job you really love.
- + The skills you need to get promoted and progress in your chosen career.
- + The opportunity to earn more money.
- + More choice, now and in the future. You may be happy to do one job when you are young but it may not suit you when you get older. HE qualifications can save you from getting stuck in a rut.

Find out more about the benefits of HE at www.gr8choice.org and www.learnandwork.org

What is happening in the construction, planning and built environment sectors?



- + The Diploma in Construction and the Built Environment is a new qualification aimed at young people aged between 14 and 19 years. Find out more at www.direct.gov.uk/diplomas
- + In 2007 nearly 230,000 people worked in construction in the South West, though this is estimated to have fallen to around 222,000 due to the downturn in the economy.
- + Nationally, women make up around one percent of trades people. Over 11 percent of those are working in design and management occupations.

- + Heritage buildings are at risk due to not enough specialist workers and building professionals. Of the half million professionals working in the UK, only 507 are building conservation-accredited.
- + Apprenticeships and CITB schemes are one of the best and most common forms of training in the industry.

Due to the economic climate, this type of information is always changing. Find out the latest at:
www.focusoncareers.org.uk



Your pathway in construction, planning and the built environment

Here are some examples of the pathways you could take to a career in construction, planning and the built environment in the South West.

Construction Advanced Apprenticeship



Construction HNC
Exeter College



Site Manager

Construction BTEC National Diploma



Building Renovation and Design Foundation degree*
Cornwall College



Building Restorer

*awarded by University of Plymouth

Your pathway

Use the route map below to plan your own pathway in construction, planning and the built environment.



Your dream job

More information

No matter what stage you are at there are plenty of local construction, planning and the built environment courses to choose from. Here are some of the local universities and colleges that offer higher education courses. Contact them directly to find out more.

City College Plymouth

www.cityplym.ac.uk
reception@cityplym.ac.uk
01752 305300

Exeter College

www.exe-coll.ac.uk
info4u@exe-coll.ac.uk
0845 111 6000

North Devon College

www.ndevon.ac.uk
postbox@ndevon.ac.uk
01271 345291

The Open University

www.open.ac.uk
south-west@open.ac.uk
0845 300 6090

Somerset College of Arts and Technology

www.somerset.ac.uk
enquiries@somerset.ac.uk
01823 366331

South Devon College

www.southdevon.ac.uk
enquiries@southdevon.ac.uk
Freephone 08000 380123

University of Exeter

www.exeter.ac.uk
admissions@exeter.ac.uk
01392 263035

University of Plymouth

www.plymouth.ac.uk
prospectus@plymouth.ac.uk
01752 585858

More local further education courses

Local schools, colleges and private training providers also offer further education courses in construction, planning and the built environment. To search for more courses visit www.direct.gov.uk/14-19prospectus

More higher education courses

To see the construction, planning and built environment higher education courses available across the UK visit www.ukcas.com

If you want to train as an architect, you will need a degree in architecture from an Architecture School recognised by the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA). Local universities recognised by RIBA are University of Plymouth, University of Bath and University of the West of England.

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