

# Accredited Chartered Institute of Building CIOB EPA Centre

# **Experienced Practitioner Assessed (EPA) Programme**

Would you like to achieve chartered status with the CIOB, and attain a professional qualification?

If you have answered yes, then the EPA programme may be the answer.

EPA is a programme that complements your ability to apply experience combined with some further knowledge based learning to solving scenario based questions.

#### Who is this for?

Managers in any built environment occupations.

#### What do I need?

Candidates will typically have the equivalent of five years' experience in managing people, processes and technology in a construction based environment, as they will be required to apply their acquired experiential learning to solving the assessed areas.

# How long is the programme?

The programme will be offered by **QTAS** over approx 30 evenings at CITB-ConstructionSkills NI premises, Nutts Corner Training Centre, Dundrod Road, Crumlin, BT29 4SR

#### What help and guidance will I receive?

- Programme delivered by experienced lecturers
- Handouts, reading materials, personal learning plans provided
- Course training material for Management and Contracts/Commercial Practice
- Assistance and guidance with assignment report writing and examination technique
- Preparation through mock examinations

If you are a construction professional with a strong understanding of managing people, processes and technology, then this is the programme for you! Programme manager Martin Cushnahan a former Senior Manager with CITB NI, has been involved in the management of CIOB delivery for over 15 years.

The EPA programme comprises 3 parts:

# Part A: Experience Assessment

Candidates will need to demonstrate their occupational competence through the Part A application form, before commencing the programme.

Success at this assessment will lead to membership of the Associate class (ACIOB).

Part B: Examinations/assignments based on scenario There are four compulsory modules:

#### **Examinations**

Management (3 hour exam)
Contract and Commercial Practice (3 hour exam)

## Assignments

Construction Technology (2 assignments, approximately 2000 words each)

Health, Safety and the Environment (2 assignments, approximately 2000 words each)

## Part C: The Professional Review

The Professional Review comprises an assessment of occupational competency followed by an interview. The interview is conducted by a panel of CIOB chartered members. The purpose of the interview is to confirm that a candidate meets the Institute's criteria for chartered membership.

New EPA programmes commence **April and September 2011**. For details contact:

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