

WHO CONDUCTS THE ASSESSMENT?

Candidates' competencies are matched against CARICOM endorsed Competency Standards. Assessment is conducted by assessors competent in the skill/occupational areas to be assessed. These assessors have met the requirements prescribed by the NCTVET for conducting assessments. The requirements include successful completion of the Assessor Training programme conducted by the Vocational Training Development Institute (VTDI) and certified by the NCTVET in the NVQ-J Assessment Level 4.

WHEN IS THE CVQ AWARDED?

The CVQ is awarded when the candidate has successfully demonstrated all the competencies required for the qualification. Individuals considered "not yet competent" can be reassessed after further training.

WHAT IS THE VALUE OF THE CVQ?

The Caribbean Vocational Qualification offers the following benefits:

- Broad-based preparation for employment
- Guaranteed competence of the individual in the specific skill area
- Modernised qualifications
- Comparability and transferability of skills

- Relevance and portability of qualification
- Free movement of workers across the Caribbean region (CSME) and beyond
- Alternative route to further/higher education

WHO CAN APPLY?

Persons 16 years and over in the following categories:

- High school students
- School leavers
- Employees
- Persons seeking new skills
- Skilled persons

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THE CVQ IN JAMAICA

The Ministry of Education in partnership with HEART Trust/NTA and the National Council on Technical Vocational Education and Training (NCTVET) of Jamaica, now offers the Caribbean Vocational Qualification (CVQ) to eligible skilled workers. The CVQ is endorsed by CARICOM as work-based qualifications and will prepare persons to immediately enter the world of work on completion of the requirements for certification.

These qualifications are based on a common approach to training, assessment and certification as agreed by the National Training Agencies of the Region under the auspices of the Caribbean Association of National Training Agencies (CANTA). Through this standardized process, there is mutual recognition of the CVQ which forms the basis for the free movement of skilled workers throughout the CARICOM Region.

WHAT IS THE CVQ?

The Caribbean Vocational Qualification is an award that represents the achievement of a set of competencies. These competencies define the core work practices of an occupation and are consistent with the levels within the regional qualifications framework. CVQs are competency based qualifications granted on the basis of assessment of individuals against the regionally-approved standards. The award is proof that individuals have demonstrated the essential knowledge, skills and attitude within the occupation as set out in the regionally approved occupational standards.

HOW IS THE CVQ OBTAINED?

The CVQ can be obtained through:

- Registering for training and assessment with an approved school or with a training provider
- Assessment of the competencies by the NCTVET or an Accredited Training Organization (ATO)

For a complete list of ATOs, visit the National Qualifications Register at www.nqrjamaica.org

HOW ARE PERSONS ASSESSED FOR THE CVQ?

Assessments are conducted using the following strategies or a combination of these strategies:

- Observation at work
- Role play
- Oral questioning and interviews
- Written assessment
- Appraisal of a portfolio
- Demonstration of competence in simulated environments (practicals)

An individual can be assessed as many times as it takes to prove competence in the qualification. Assessment may be conducted in a work environment or in a simulated work setting at a training institution.

METHODS OF ASSESSMENT

- Certification of Prior Learning
- Institutional Assessment
- On-the-Job Assessment
- Challenge Test

