

The LEADING AWARDING BODY of QUALIFICATIONS
for the LICENSED RETAIL SECTOR

BIIAB Level 2 National Certificate for Cellar Service Installation and Maintenance (NCCSIM)

What is the BIIAB NCCSIM?

The BIIAB NCCSIM has been developed in conjunction with Brewing, Food & Beverage Industry Suppliers Association (BFBI) to help satisfy the current demand for qualifications at this level for cellar service technicians, as at present no hallmark of a suitably qualified engineer exists. The BIIAB NCCSIM has been developed to fill this gap and become the recognised quality standard in this specialist field, particularly with regard to gas installation.

What does the qualification cover?

The BIIAB NCCSIM covers five key subject areas, including:

- **Unit 1 - Health and Safety and Survey of the Cellar.** This unit provides information relating to Health and Safety awareness and Survey of the Cellar. Health and safety affects us all in our daily lives and the understanding and application of good health and safety is vital for everyone's health, safety and well-being. This module provides the base from which to work safely.
- **Unit 2 - Properties of Beer and Beer Dispense Equipment.** Unit 2 supplies the essential information needed by cellar engineers to understand how the quality of beer in the glass is affected by the manner in which it has been brewed in the brewery and handled at the retail outlet, normally, the cellar.
- **Unit 3 - Cellar Service Equipment.** This unit provides information relating to coolers, beer dispense, metered dispense, beer engines and fonts. It is designed to give you, the candidate, a well rounded insight into the varied types of equipment you are likely to come into contact with during your working day.
- **Unit 4 - Service Installation.** Unit 4 provides information relating to pythons, cleaning systems and handover, including information on the suitability, quality, installation and cleaning process of a python. It also includes how to clean dispense equipment whilst maintaining high levels of hygiene and the basic information that the cellar engineer must include in a handover to the operator or responsible person.
- **Unit 5 - Dispense Pressure Systems.** Unit 5 provides information relating to gas product awareness, gas safety, an overview of beer gas systems, the pressure systems code of practice and problem solving.

Who is the BIIAB NCCSIM for?

The BIIAB NCCSIM is designed for anyone working, or planning to work, as a cellar engineer, within:

- pubs
- bars
- restaurants
- hotels
- wine bars
- night-clubs

and any other venue that has a cellar requiring an engineer.

What are the key **benefits** of the **BIIAB NCCSIM**?

The BIIAB NCCSIM sets a national standard for all cellar engineers. Successful candidates receive an individual certificate for each unit passed and an over-arching BIIAB NCCSIM certificate upon completion of **all** five units.

Where is the training available?

The BIIAB NCCSIM is delivered by BIIAB approved training centres that have access to the specified equipment necessary to deliver such a qualification effectively (i.e. a cellar and specialised equipment). To find your nearest BIIAB approved centre which offers this qualification, please visit www.biiab.org/trainingcentres or contact the BIIAB QA department on 01276 684449 or email qa@bii.org



How long will it take, and **how much** will it cost?

The qualification has been designed to be delivered in five, one day modules. While it is intended that each unit be delivered in a maximum of one day, candidates would be expected to gain practical experience as well as pass the exam. This may be subject to change as the qualification is developed.

Approved centres set their own costs for training, so please confirm the course costs with your chosen training provider.

For more information about possible funding opportunities, please contact the BFBi*

How is the learning **assessed**?

Each unit of the BIIAB NCCSIM is assessed by a 20 or 25 multiple-choice question examination. The length of the exam varies, depending on the unit.

What **support material** is available?

Each unit of the BIIAB NCCSIM is supported by reference material. This material is combined in an easy to follow binder. The binder is available from the approved training centre or by visiting www.biiab.org/handbooks

Why should **you choose** the **BIIAB NCCSIM**?

- The BIIAB NCCSIM has been developed in conjunction with the expertise of the BFBi.
- The BIIAB NCCSIM will be the industry standard, with a nationally recognised certificate awarded to successful candidates.
- BIIAB is the market-leader for qualifications with over 26 years of experience in developing qualifications for the licensed retail sector.
- Over 1 million BIIAB qualifications have been taken so far.
- BIIAB has over 600 approved centres offering training, operating in 6000 locations in the UK.
- BIIAB is owned by BII, the professional body for licensed retail – a registered charity established for over 26 years with over 17,000 members.