

Vocational Centre for International Development



**Diploma and Certificate Programme in Wall and Floor
Tiling Technology**

Program Code: WFT

Course Brochure

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Course Description

Professional and vocational qualifications lead to **accreditation**. The Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) recognizes vocational achievement through the attainment of credits for units of study and for whole qualifications. The smallest qualification in this programme is the Award, then the Certificate, and the largest is the Diploma, although there are other intermediate qualifications also available. The duration of study will typically reflect the size of the qualification.

The tiling provision at the Vocational Centre for International Development (VCID) has been specifically developed for delivery in a training environment using simulated conditions. The tiling workshop is divided into bays which provide specialist facilities to support and develop your practical skills.

This two year course will train you in the principles of building construction, health and safety on the work site and the details of wall and floor tiling. Students will have practical sessions learning how to prepare tiles and the work area for installation, applying and fixing material and the safe and proper handling and storage of your tools and equipment.

Programme outcome

In this program, you'll examine the principles, techniques and regulations of the building and construction industry for all types of medium-rise and wide-span buildings with regards to tiling. At the end of the course, students would have gained practical knowledge and skills as well as become competent in:

- Safe working practices in construction
- Information, quantities and communicating with others
- Building methods and construction technology
- Handling and storing construction materials and components
- Mixing construction materials
- Setting out for construction components
- Preparing tiles for fixing to wall and floor installations
- Applying and fixing tiling materials to wall and floor tiling installations

Programme approach

Vocational and professional qualifications are taught through VCID based theory and practical lessons with further learning and understanding developed via directed self-study. Assessment consists of internally set coursework and assignments, although some professional and vocational qualifications may require the achievement of externally set assessments.

We are proud to offer some of the best construction facilities in the sector and the process of improving and upgrading them is ongoing. VCID has well-equipped workshops for students to undertake practical work while specialist workshops for wall and floor tiling is organized through our placement agencies.

Students become involved in practical projects around the campus and estate, and produce finished work to commercial, professional standards. Being awarded Centre of Vocational Excellence status for our construction programmes is a reflection of our commitment to high standards and innovative approaches to teaching.

Entry requirements

To be eligible for the VCID Diploma in Wall and Floor Tiling, the students must fulfil the following conditions:

1. At least 4 O/L pass including religion and CAP
2. School leavers with existing skills in construction work (attestation of service required)
3. Minimal skill level in Mathematics (a score of 50% or higher on the elementary algebra skill portion of the VCID entry test. In case of failure to meet the required points, students will undertake a compulsory course – Math 101 and 102 concurrently with the semester 1 coursework).
4. A minimal score of 80 in the VCID entry exams for reading comprehension and writing components and a 70 in Listening and Speaking. All potential students must reach the expected bar before admission. In some cases, students may be expected to complete VCID ENG 101/102 concurrently with their semester coursework

Required documents

1. Copies of certificates/diplomas
2. Copy of birth certificate
3. Copy of apprenticeship attestation if required
4. Original receipt of non-re-reimbursable application fee (15,000FCFA)
5. Copy of signed undertaking, obtainable from the centre

This is a gender under represented program and awards bonus points to female applicants at the level of admission.

Career opportunities

Students generally progress onto a higher level of Wall and Floor Tiling course, move into a job with training (such as an apprenticeship) or move into full time employment. In practice, students grow up as professional tilers and experts in home finishing works.

Program Duration: 12 Calendar Months (Theory: 4 months; Practicum: 6 months and VCID Employability Programme: 2 months). Flexible delivery arrangements (e.g. two days per week) may be made available to students with industry experience.

Course fee and Funding

The full course fee for the complete Diploma Programme is 500,000 FCFA

- All Cameroonians and Permanent Residents aged 21 years and above and are categorized as vulnerable children can enjoy course fee reduction of up to **20%** of the course fee.
- Cameroonians or Permanent Resident employees fully sponsored by SMEs can enjoy course fee funding support of up to **30%** of the course fee under the **Enhanced Training Support Programme (ETP)** scheme, subject to eligibility criteria and availability of funds.
- Cameroonians aged 40 years and above can enjoy course fee funding of up to **50%** of the course fee under the **Skills For Future Programme (SFP)**, **subject to availability of funds.**
- Cameroonians aged 35 years and above with earnings not more than 100,000 per month can enjoy course fee funding for **25%** of the course fee

under the **Workfare Training Support Programme (WTSP)** scheme based on availability of funds.

- Cameroonians aged 25 years old and above are eligible for **Skills Future Credit** which can be used to offset course fees.

Programme structure

Throughout the training period, students will be drilled on the following topical areas:

- Safe working practices in construction
- Information, quantities and communicating with others
- Building methods and construction technology
- Handle and store construction materials and components
- Mix construction materials
- Set out for construction components
- Prepare tiles for fixing to wall and floor installations
- Apply and fix tiling materials to wall and floor tiling installations

VCID Employability Skill Programme

At the Vocational Centre for International Development, all the students go through the employment skill development programme which comprises of the following:

- Effective communication and interpersonal skills
- Team work and group dynamics
- Problem solving techniques
- Managing difficult people
- Enterprise development and entrepreneurship
- Strategic and operational planning
- Self-management
- Basic ICT
- Development of Curriculum Vitae
- Interview techniques

Course capacity: 25 Candidates