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## ABOUT GEMS

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GEMS Pathway Pakistan, a proud subsidiary of GEMS Middle East Holding UAE, is dedicated to transforming education in Pakistan by partnering with government ministries, universities, colleges, and schools. Our mission is to enable our clients to enhance learning outcomes, develop essential skills, and enrich the lives of children and young people.

We have formed valuable partnerships with hundreds of educational institutions and have supported the professional development of thousands of teachers. This commitment has resulted in the improvement of education for millions of children across the nation. Our extensive experience in designing and implementing large, technically complex education projects sets us apart, offering proven and practical expertise in delivering education services across diverse contexts.

Through innovative solutions and a relentless pursuit of excellence, GEMS Pathway Pakistan strives to build a brighter future for the next generation.



## OUR MISSION

At GEMS, our mission is to ensure that all students have the opportunity to improve their lives through access to high quality education. We achieve this by providing governments and clients with access to the best expertise available and by actively managing our programs and projects. This ensures that governments, schools, and teachers have the tools needed to improve learning outcomes and build better futures.



## OUR BOARD

### Dr Amir Saadati

Executive Director GEMS Middle East Holding



### Rt Honorable Lord Paul Boateng

Member of United Kingdom House of Lords



### Tabish Habib Fareedi

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### Hussain Ajabshah

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## ABOUT CITY & GUILDS

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The City and Guilds of London Institute is a renowned educational organisation in the United Kingdom. Established on 11 November 1878 by the City of London and 16 livery companies, it was created to develop a national system of technical education. Since 1900, the institute has been operating under a royal charter granted by Queen Victoria, with the Prince of Wales, later King Edward VII, as its first president.

The institute is also a registered charity and serves as the awarding body for City & Guilds and ILM qualifications. It offers numerous accredited qualifications mapped onto the Regulated Qualifications Framework.

The current president of the institute is the Princess Royal, who took on this role in June 2011, following her father, the Duke of Edinburgh, who served for nearly 60 years. The Chair of Council is Dame Ann Limb, a member of WorldSkills UK's Skills Taskforce for Global Britain, who assumed office in 2021.

City & Guilds is composed of several businesses, including ILM, Kineo, The Oxford Group, Digitalme, and Gen2, all contributing to its mission of advancing education and professional skills.



# ELEVATING SKILLS & TRANSFORMING LIVES

PRESENCE  
IN MORE THAN  
**80**  
COUNTRIES

OVER  
**10,000**  
TRAINING  
CENTRES  
WORLDWIDE

**SKILL & JOBS**  
THE CITY & GUILDS  
GROUP CONNECTS SKILLS  
TO JOBS SO PEOPLE &  
ORGANISATIONS CAN  
PROGRESS

**20**  
**MILLION**  
QUALIFIED  
SINCE 2000

OVER  
**15,000**  
MEDALS  
AWARDED

**26**  
DIFFERENT  
INDUSTRIES

**£11.2BN**  
CITY & GUILDS COURSES  
IN THE UK HAVE  
CONTRIBUTED  
APPROXIMATELY  
£11.2BN TO SOCIETY.

**70%**  
OF GRADUATES  
SECURE  
EMPLOYMENT

# GLOBAL FOOTPRINT

We work with various governments & businesses worldwide, supporting them to improve skills education and training.

Regions:

- The Americas & Caribbean
- Europe
- Middle East
- Africa
- South Asia
- South East Asia



Across the City & Guilds Group and our partners, we have access to a range of professionals/experts to support technical and vocational education development projects.

# COUNTRIES MUST INVEST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR WORKFORCE IF THEY ARE TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPETE IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY.

WE KNOW THAT MANY COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD ARE INVESTING IN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION TO BOOST NATIONAL PRODUCTIVITY, ADDRESS YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT AND INCREASE THE NUMBER OF WOMEN IN EMPLOYMENT. IT IS NO COINCIDENCE THAT GOVERNMENTS AND LARGE ORGANISATIONS ARE INCREASINGLY APPROACHING US TO SUPPORT THEIR EDUCATIONAL REFORMS



## OUR SERVICES



### RESEARCH, LABOUR MARKET INTELLIGENCE & SKILLS GAP ANALYSIS

An in-depth understanding of the local labour market is vital for the successful development of a national education system.

We assess the capacity of existing education systems and consult industry experts to identify skills gaps.



### DEFINING OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

A standardised way of assessing competence across all disciplines and in all countries or regions, provides a benchmark for consistent quality.

We work alongside governments and large employers to develop occupational standards.



### SUPPORTING QUALIFICATION DELIVERY

Quality training and teaching is essential to support successful skills development, regardless of the nature of the business or whether it is practitioner or management training.

We help to build capability in education and training providers around the world by designing programmes to meet the needs of industry.



### QUALITY ASSURANCE

In order to ensure that employers value our qualifications we have developed a comprehensive quality assurance model that helps to ensure that trainees are correctly assessed and are competent at the tasks they perform.

Our quality assurance starts with our qualifications that are written to meet the needs of industry. We focus on the training centre and the quality of its resources: staff and equipment as well as the quality of the assessment decisions made.

Quality is finally verified by our large team of vocational experts who visit our approved training centres to review assessment decisions made. As a result of our proven capability governments are looking to City & Guilds for support, advice, guidance and management of their quality assurance systems.



### ASSESSMENT

Our expertise in vocational assessment is recognised worldwide. Workplace competence requires trainees to have practical experience of carrying out tasks in a realistic work environment.

Our qualifications require assessment of this practical activity as well as assessment of the trainees knowledge and understanding. This expertise has been used by Governments when reforming their vocational education and training systems when we have provided advice and guidance on effective assessment as well as developing different forms of assessment for use within the reformed structure. In industry large organisations have used our expertise to develop qualifications and assessments customised to meet the specific needs of that organisation.



### QUALIFICATION DEVELOPMENT

Our qualifications are designed by industry and subject-matter experts to provide clear pathways for people to achieve their skills development objectives.

## THE CITY & GUILDS GROUP HAS ACCESS TO RESOURCES THAT SUPPORT THE ONGOING MANAGEMENT & DEVELOPMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SKILLS EDUCATION. THIS PUTS US IN A UNIQUE POSITION TO SUPPORT GOVERNMENTS AND EMPLOYERS TO CREATE LEADING EDUCATION AND TRAINING SYSTEMS

OUR HERITAGE IS IN VOCATIONAL PEDAGOGY, ASSESSMENT AND QUALITY ASSURANCE

AND OUR TRACK RECORD SHOWS HOW GOVERNMENTS & ORGANISATIONS TRUST US TO DELIVER ON LARGE SCALE SKILLS EDUCATION REFORM PROJECTS. WE USE MARKET LEADING TECHNOLOGIES TO DELIVER OUR PRODUCTS AND SERVICES, SUCH AS E-VOLVE FOR ONLINE ASSESSMENT, LEARNING ASSISTANT FOR E-PORTFOLIO AND TOTARA FOR CORPORATE LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS. THE NEXT FEW PAGES GIVE AN OVERVIEW OF OUR GLOBAL FOOTPRINT AND EXAMPLES OF THE IMPACT WE HAVE MADE ON BUSINESS PERFORMANCE AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



## Case Studies & Track record

### South Asia

#### India

##### The project:

Providing technical assistance to support national skills development.

##### The response:

The City & Guilds Group has been involved in the EU-India Skills Development project as part of a consortium funded by the European Commission. Our focus is on supporting the effective gathering of labour market information, developing a national qualifications framework & building & improving capacity.

##### Services:

- Supporting Qualification Delivery
- Quality Assurance

##### The project:

Helping the Indian Government design a technical & vocational education strategy.

##### The response:

We commissioned a report (A Global Study to get India World-Ready, published in 2011) into the development of Sector Skills Councils (SSCs) in the country. The work started with research of SSCs models in countries including the UK, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa and the Netherlands, which was complemented with a literature review. The report cross-analysed these findings to provide a set of recommendations to inform policymaking and support further development of SSCs.

##### Services:

- Research, Labour Market Intelligence and Skills Gap Analysis

##### The project:

Supporting vocational education and training for marginalised groups.

##### The response:

The European Commission established a project to develop systems for benchmarking, standard setting, accreditation, certification and curriculum design, with the City & Guilds Group among those consulted. The City & Guilds Group established a number of SSCs to help provide an accurate picture of skills gaps & employment opportunities in different industries.

##### Services:

- Research, Labour Market Intelligence and Skills Gap Analysis
- Qualification Development
- Supporting Qualification
- Delivery Assessment
- Quality Assurance

#### Pakistan

##### The project:

Capacity building for the Punjab Government.

##### The response:

We advised the Technical Education and Vocational Training Authority of Punjab on the design and delivery of 'train the trainer' programmes. We developed these programmes for the local environment and included both best practice in pedagogy and guidance on the development of subject specific skills.

##### Services:

- Supporting Qualification Delivery
- Qualification Development
- Assessment



## Middle East

### United Arab Emirates

The project:

**Development of National Occupational Standards in Abu Dhabi.**

The response:

The City & Guilds Group was commissioned by the Abu Dhabi Quality and Conformity Council to produce 24 occupational standards for the construction, electrical, agricultural sectors and the heating, ventilating and air conditioning industries. These were developed with significant industry input throughout to follow UAE best practice. The standards were delivered in both English and Arabic.

Services:

- Designing Occupational Standards

### Bahrain

The project:

**Development and implementation of basic vocational qualifications for secondary technical schools.**

The response:

We developed a suite of six level 2 qualifications built on a competency-based assessment model. The qualifications included a variety of assessment techniques to suit the local needs of students and teaching bodies, and used local systems where possible to maximise efficiency. To make sure the new qualifications were successfully delivered, we also introduced assurance and monitoring to support ongoing management and ensure teaching methods continued to reflect best practice.

Services:

- Qualification Development
- Supporting Qualification Delivery
- Assessment
- Quality Assurance

### Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

The project:

**The development of TVET assessment and QA systems, to support Government ambitions to increase participation levels of trained Saudis in the national workforce and reduce skills shortages in key industries.**

The response:

The City & Guilds Group was contracted by Saudi Skills Standards (the primary TVET regulatory and awarding body) to provide assessment tools, methodology, quality assurance and capacity building. We created more than 45,000 multiple choice questions and 266 capstone assignments, and supported on the installation of e-portfolio and online assessment software and workforce development for assessors and internal / external verifiers.

Services:

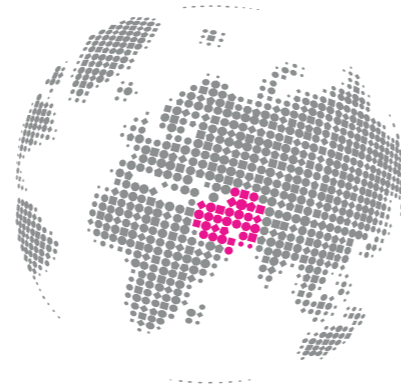
- Supporting Qualification Delivery
- Assessment
- Quality Assurance

The project:

**To provide pathways for young Saudis to gain full-time employment in key sectors, through remote learning and on-the-job training.**

The response:

When Takamol (part of the KSA Ministry of Labour) established the Dorooob 1 & 2 – Pathway to Employment Programme, The City & Guilds Group were contracted to provide services to support the development of assessments for remote learning and on-the-job training. A third-party was responsible for producing the



assessments. As the primary contractor, we took responsibility for the project management, technical advice and quality assurance relating to the design and delivery of eight vocational short course qualifications.

Services:

- Supporting Qualification Delivery
- Qualification Development
- Assessment
- Quality Assurance

### Egypt

The project:

**Customised corporate qualifications for the Americana Group. Americana is one of the largest and most successful corporations in the Middle East and North Africa region (MENA), spanning 13 countries and more than 63,000 employees covering 21 nationalities.**

The response:

We developed a range of qualifications to support skills development and provide structured staff progression within their numerous franchise operations, including KFC, Pizza Hut, Hardees, TGI Fridays and Costa Coffee.

Services:

- Supporting Qualification Delivery
- Assessment
- Qualification Development



### Africa

#### Nigeria

The project:

**To support the Department for International Development (DfID)-funded Mafita project, to identify skills that would add value to the businesses of master craftsmen in collaboration with Adam Smith International. Mafita is a six-year programme to increase economic opportunities for 68,000 marginalised youth in northern Nigeria, with a particular emphasis on women and adolescent girls.**

The response:

We supported the selection of appropriate training institutions and brokered a partnership with the National Board of Technical Education (NBTE), to develop certification for apprenticeship training.

Services:

- Assessment
- Quality Assurance

#### Ghana, Kenya and Mauritania

The project:

**To identify skills demand and supply in seven key industries, including engineering, legal, supply chain and logistics, hospitality and geosciences, through labour market research into the oil and gas sector in Ghana, Kenya and Mauritania.**

The response:

Through a combination of desk research, data analysis and literature and policy review, the City & Guilds Group analysed skills supply and demand in each country and

developed projections up to 2018.

The project focused on the medium and long-term policy context and the methods for building capacity. Comparative analysis of other countries and sectors was also undertaken, alongside focus groups with young people and interviews with three stakeholders groups (public and government organisations; private organisations; and education practitioners). The key findings were presented at meetings held in each of the countries. The final report contained recommendations for short-term action and future interventions for each country.

Services:

- Research, Labour Market Intelligence and Skills Gap Analysis

#### Tanzania

The project:

**To strengthen youth employment prospects and help the oil and gas industry address a significant skills gap in southern Tanzania.**

The response:

The City & Guilds Group began working with Tanzania's Vocational Education Training Authority (VETA), the VSO and BG Tanzania. The two year project - Enhancing Employability through Vocational Training (EEVT) – included health and safety training and assessment to support teachers achieving City & Guilds certificates.

Services:

- Supporting Qualification Delivery
- Assessment
- Quality Assurance



## Europe

### Ireland

The project:

**Supporting the long-term unemployed in Ireland into work.**

The response:

FÁS Training and Employment Authority, part of the ROI Department of Education and Skills, embarked on an ambitious Labour Market Activation programme – Momentum – to deliver education and training programmes to 6500 individuals. We developed an innovative programme that incorporated industry-aligned and relevant technical training based on their qualifications, employability and job readiness. Our work included internationally recognised certification, mentoring and coaching, work placements, and employment support.

Services:

- Supporting Qualification Delivery
- Assessment
- Quality Assurance

### Scotland

The project:

**To support the Scottish Government increase capacity in providing Masters Level teaching programmes.**

The response:

City & Guilds Group in partnership with EIS developed a cost effective learning programme that would lead to a full Masters Level qualification in Education. Focusing on an initial group of 200 teachers the development programme was tailored to the Scottish Government Framework and accredited at SCQF level 11. We provided services in learning and training need analysis, development strategy design, learning resource development, technology integration and full registration, assessment and certification provision. The Scottish government has been very pleased with the innovative mode of delivery used by City & Guilds on the initial cohorts and will be looking to fund more teachers on our programme.

Services:

- Qualification Development
- Supporting Qualification Delivery
- Assessment
- Quality Assurance



# OUR IMPACT WITH OUR PEOPLE

## TAKING CARE OF OUR PEOPLE

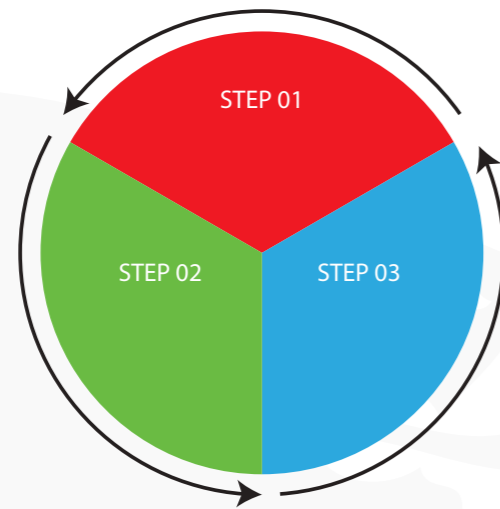
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AT CITY & GUILDS, OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO EMPOWER BOTH OUR LEARNERS AND OUR EMPLOYEES TO THRIVE IN THEIR JOBS AND SOCIETY. INTERNALLY, WE ARE ON A JOURNEY TO IMPROVE HOW WE SUPPORT OUR EMPLOYEES, WHATEVER THEIR GENDER, AGE OR BACKGROUND, TO ENSURE THAT EVERYONE, ACROSS OUR ORGANISATION, IS TREATED FAIRLY

WE ARE COMMITTED TO ESTABLISHING AN INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT THAT FOSTERS BELONGING, ENGAGEMENT AND SAFETY OF EMPLOYEES. OUR MOST RECENT EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT SURVEY SHOWED THAT WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS, AS WE OUT-PERFORMED OUR TARGETS FOR RESPECT, BELONGING AND CARE. THERE IS STILL MORE WORK TO DO ON WELLBEING, WHICH IS IMPROVING MORE SLOWLY THAN WE HAD HOPED

## QUALITY ASSURANCE STANDARDS

The City & Guilds Quality Assurance Model is a risk-based strategy that follows the key steps shown in this diagram. This is an ongoing process designed to tailor quality assurance support activities to the specific needs of each centre.



**STEP 1:** The Quality Teams will review the information it has regarding the centre, and the specific risks attached to each qualification.

**STEP 2:** If the Quality Teams assess that it is required, they will create a quality assurance activity planner (normally covering 12 months) that will meet the specific centre needs.

**STEP 3:** These quality assurance activities are then implemented and monitored to ensure that they are providing appropriate support for centres. Planned activities can be amended if necessary to reflect the changing needs of the centre and/or City and Guilds requirements.

## LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

As a purpose-led organisation, we need to be able to deliver quantifiable social impact. The framework we put in place in 2019 is helping us to clearly show all of our actions come together under the umbrella of our social purpose. We have made good progress against the commitments we made in our first report, which demonstrates the scale of our pledge to help people, organisations & society develop skills for growth in a responsible way.

*"This report reinforces the concept that skills are a crucial leveller for society. City & Guilds continues to open up opportunities and gateways for people to build skills and progress into & through sustained employment. But we know there is more to do, & we want to build on the work highlighted here, through partnerships, to ensure those most in need have the opportunity to build those skills we know are or will be needed in society."*



Faiza Khan MBE, Executive Director,  
Corporate Affairs & Foundation,  
City & Guilds



# WORK WITH CITY & GUILDS

We work with training providers and colleges to deliver qualifications, programmes, & skills solutions that meet their needs. At City & Guilds, we collaborate with education providers worldwide to build a robust and responsive skills system that equips learners for the job market.

We develop industry-led vocational qualifications, training programmes, assessments, and certifications tailored for training providers and colleges. By working with us, you'll have access to a diverse portfolio of qualifications and apprenticeships spanning multiple sectors, with learning pathways from entry-level to senior leadership.

Our unrivalled teams of industry and technical experts are on hand to support your delivery, guiding everything from quality assurance and assessments to funding updates and curriculum planning.



# ACCREDITED CENTRES

## Karachi



## Islamabad / Rawalpindi



# ACCREDITED CENTRES

**Multan**



**Lahore**



**Hyderabad**



**Shaheed Banazirabad**



**Gharo**



**Larkana**



**Hunza**



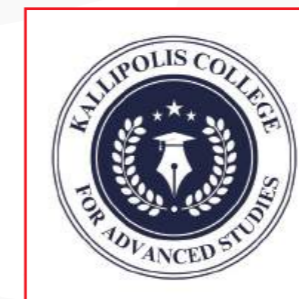
**Gilgit**



**Jhelum**



**Faisalabad**



**Gujranwala**



**Peshawar**



**Nowshera**



**Haripur**



**Abbotabad**



# PRESS RELEASES

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MOU signed between GEMS UAE and City & Guilds to provide 50,000 international vocational certifications to Pakistani students, a major milestone in advancing global skill standards. The signing took place in the presence of Federal Minister of State for Education Madam Wajiha Qamar and Ms. Gulmina Bilal Ahmad, Chairperson NAVTTC. Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training  
City & Guilds  
GEMS Education

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چیمز یو اے ای اور سٹی اینڈ گلڈز کے درمیان معاہدہ طے پا گیا

پاکستانی نوجوانوں کو عالمی معیار کی تربیت فراہم کرنا ہماری ترجیح ہے۔ وجیہہ قمر

اسلام آباد (سٹاف رپورٹر) پاکستانی نوجوانوں کو عالمی سطح پر تسلیم شدہ تکنیکی مہارتیں فراہم کرنے کے لیے ایک اہم پیش رفت کے طور پر چیمز یو اے ای اور سٹی اینڈ گلڈز کے درمیان معاہدہ طے پا گیا ہے جس کے تحت ہر سال 50,000 طلباء کو لندن کے معروف ادارے سٹی اینڈ گلڈز کی بین الاقوامی سطح پر تسلیم شدہ اسناد دی جائیں گی۔ اس بات کا اعلان لندن سے وطن واپس آنے والے ایک اعلیٰ سطحی پاکستانی وفد کی جانب سے میڈیا بریفنگ کے دوران کیا گیا، مذکورہ وفد کی قیادت وزیر مملکت برائے تعلیم وجیہہ قمر نے کی۔ وفد میں

نیشنل ووکیشنل اینڈ ٹیکنیکل ٹریننگ کمیشن (نیو ٹیک) کی چیئر پرسن گلمینہ بلال، انٹر بورڈ کمیٹی آف چیئرمینز (آئی بی سی سی) کے ایگزیکٹو ڈائریکٹر غلام علی ملارج، GEMS ایزٹ ایل ایسٹ کے ایگزیکٹو ڈائریکٹر عامر ساداتی، اور GEMS پاکستان کے بزنس ہیڈ حسین شیخ شامل تھے۔ میڈیا بریفنگ سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے وزیر مملکت وجیہہ قمر اور نیو ٹیک کی چیئر پرسن گلمینہ بلال نے کہا کہ ایک اسٹریٹجک معاہدہ (یا دوستی) ایم او یو (پر دستخط کیے گئے ہیں جس کا مقصد پاکستانی نوجوانوں کو عالمی معیار کی تکنیکی تربیت فراہم کرنا ہے۔

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## City & Guilds UK awards international accreditation to over 30 institutions in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD /KARACHI: City & Guilds UK, a global leader in skills development since 1876, has awarded International Accreditation to more than 30 institutions and universities in Pakistan. This significant milestone, achieved with the support of GEMS Middle East and the National Vocational & Technical Training Commission (NAVTTTC).



**Daily Awami Lalkaar**  
روزنامہ عوامی لالکار

پاکستان کے 30 سے زائد تعلیمی ادارے سٹی اینڈ گلڈز یو کے کی بین الاقوامی اکیڈمیشن حاصل کرنے میں کامیاب  
بین الاقوامی مارکیٹ میں پاکستانی نوجوانوں کے لیے روزگار کے نئے مواقع کی راہ ہموار  
سٹی اینڈ گلڈز یو کے نے پاکستان کے TVET اداروں کو بین الاقوامی اکیڈمیشن سے نوازا



اسلام آباد (نمائندہ عوامی لالکار) سٹی اینڈ گلڈز یو کے، جو کہ مہارتوں کی ترقی میں عالمی سطح پر ایک معتبر ادارہ ہے، نے پاکستان میں 30 سے زائد اداروں اور جامعات کو بین الاقوامی اکیڈمیشن سے نوازا ہے۔ یہ اہم سنگ میل جی ای ایم ایس ڈی اے اور نیشنل ووکیشنل اینڈ ٹیکنیکل ٹریننگ کمیشن (NAVTTTC) کے تعاون سے حاصل کیا گیا ہے۔ بین الاقوامی اکیڈمیشن کا مقصد پاکستان کے نوجوانوں کے لیے عالمی روزگار کے مواقع پیدا کرنا ہے، خاص طور پر جی ای ایم ایس اور یورپی ممالک میں۔ سٹی اینڈ گلڈز اپنی عالمی معیار کا تربیتی پروگراموں کے لیے مشہور ہے، جو مستقبل کی مہارتوں کو ترقی دینے میں مدد دیتے ہیں، تاکہ نوجوان خود کو با اختیار بنا سکیں، اپنی مکمل صلاحیتوں کو اجاگر کر سکیں، اور روزگار کی منڈی میں اپنی قابلیت کو منوا سکیں۔ اسلام آباد میں منعقدہ بین الاقوامی اکیڈمیشن تقریب میں چیئر پرسن NAVTTC، محترمہ گلشن مال، اجلاس ہوگی۔

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**DSDC تربیتی پروگرام کیلئے سٹی اینڈ گلڈز کی منظوری حاصل**

ڈاؤ اسکل ڈویلپمنٹ سینٹر کا اعلیٰ ترین معیارات پر پورا اترنے کے عزم کا اظہار

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By Our Staff Reporter

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## Prestigious City & Guilds Accreditation



KARACHI: The Dow Skills Development Center (DSDC) has reached a landmark achievement by receiving City & Guilds Accreditation for its internationally recognized training programs. Representatives from City & Guilds visited Dow University of Health Sciences to officially grant the accreditation to the

participation from notable figures such as Dr. Amir Saadati, Executive Director of GEMS Middle East, and Dr. Tony Degazon, Regional Manager for City & Guilds/ILM (Middle East, North Africa, and Europe), along with other senior members from GEMS Pathways and City & Guilds Prof. Dr. Kashif Shafique.

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اسلام آباد (نمائندہ عوامی لالکار) سٹی اینڈ گلڈز یو کے، جو کہ مہارتوں کی ترقی میں عالمی سطح پر ایک معتبر ادارہ ہے، نے پاکستان میں 30 سے زائد اداروں اور جامعات کو بین الاقوامی اکیڈمیشن سے نوازا ہے۔ یہ اہم سنگ میل جی ای ایم ایس ٹی اینڈ ٹیکنیکل ٹریننگ کیشن (NAVTTC) کے تعاون سے حاصل کیا گیا۔

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## NUTECH being one the prestigious university in pakistan, Achieves International Accreditation from City & Guilds UK



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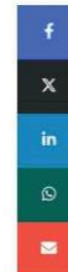
ISLAMABAD /KARACHI: City & Guilds UK, a global leader in skills development since 1876, has awarded International Accreditation to more than 30 institutions and universities in Pakistan. This significant milestone, achieved with the support of GEMS Middle East and the National Vocational & Technical Training Commission (NAVTTTC), aims to create international job opportunities for Pakistan's youth, particularly in the GCC and European



### NUTECH achieves int'l accreditation from City & Guilds UK

Our Staff Reporter — February 22, 2025

Newspaper, Regional, Islamabad



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This accreditation marks a significant achievement for NUTECH and opens new avenues for Pakistani youth, offering them increased access to international job opportunities, particularly in GCC (Gulf Cooperation Council) and European countries.

The City & Guilds accreditation, a Royal Charter holder, will enable NUTECH to deliver high-quality, world-class vocational training, enhancing the skill-sets of students for success in the rapidly evolving international job market. This collaboration aims to equip students with future-proof skills, empowering them to meet the demands of global industries, ensuring their competitiveness in the international workforce.

Speaking on this remarkable achievement, team NUTECH expressed their pride in this accreditation, recognizing it as a game-changer for youth development in Pakistan. They emphasized that this partnership would not only endorse local skill development but also open doors for Pakistani professionals to secure international employment.

The support from GEMS Middle East and NAVTTTC has been instrumental in helping NUTECH reach this milestone, strengthening the educational

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We are thrilled to announce that MIUC, Islamabad is now an officially approved provider of the prestigious GEMS City & Guilds UK Accreditation Programme a globally recognized mark of excellence in vocational and technical education. City & Guilds UK is a globally renowned leader in skills development has awarded International Accreditation across the country. This recognition is expected to create a wealth of global employment opportunities for the youth of Pakistan, particularly in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and European markets founded in 1878 and holding Royal Chartered status. City & Guilds UK is a trusted name in world-class technical and vocational education. Its certifications are respected worldwide for empowering professionals with future-proof capabilities across multiple industries. With this partnership, MIUC joins a global network of institutions offering industry-aligned, globally recognized training that prepares students to succeed in an evolving global workforce.

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Our Correspondent Thursday, May 22, 2025

Islamabad: State minister for education Wajha Qamar on Wednesday addressed the Education World Forum 2025 gathering of education ministers in London and highlighted her moving personal story from a village to leadership.

She also highlighted the challenges and progress of Pakistan across girls' education, foundational learning, data and skills. The minister, who led a high-profile delegation of Pakistani officials and educationists to the moot, called for action to transform Pakistan's education landscape.

She welcomed global and local partners, including the incredible efforts of What Works Hub and Global Education, for their support in reshaping education in Pakistan. Wajha Qamar reaffirmed the government's commitment to ensuring universal, quality, and equitable education for all – aligned with SDG 4 and national priorities.

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Chartered Institute has long been synonymous with excellence in vocational training. Its certification is regarded as a gold standard, equipping individuals with future-proof competencies essential for navigating the complexities of an evolving global workforce.



**Dow Skills Development Center Secures Prestigious City & Guilds Accreditation**



**City & Guilds UK Awards International Accreditation to Over 30 Institutions in Pakistan**

**ISLAMABAD / KARACHI**

Chartered Institute, is renowned for delivering world-class, future-proof skills for success in the ever-evolving international job market. By empowering individuals to unlock their full potential, City & Guilds helps build a brighter future for all.

The International Accreditation Ceremony, held in Islamabad, saw Chairperson NAVTTC, Ms Gulmina Bilal, awarding certificates to the accredited institutions. This prestigious recognition is expected to pave the way for numerous career opportunities across multiple sectors for Pakistani youth, furthering their prospects on the global stage.



**50,000 Pakistani students to receive accredited certifications from Gems Pathway Pakistan City & Guilds London each year**

By Staff Report



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### سٹی اینڈ گلڈز پاکستان بین الاقوامی تعلیم اور ہنر کا نیا دور!

حکومت پاکستان نے برطانوی بورڈ سٹی اینڈ گلڈز کو پاکستان میں کام کرنے کی منظوری دے دی ہے۔ اس کے تحت 'جیمز پاتھ وے' پروگرام شروع کیا گیا ہے میٹرک اور انٹر کے مساوی بین الاقوامی سرٹیفکیٹ فراہم کرے گا۔ یہ طلباء کے لیے عالمی معیار کی تعلیم اور ہنر سیکھنے کا ایک سنہری موقع ہے۔

اس منظوری سے طلباء کو اے لیول اور انٹر میڈیٹ کے برابر سکل سرٹیفکیٹ ملیں گے۔ یہ فنی اور عملی تعلیم پر توجہ مرکوز کرتا ہے، جس سے پاکستان اور بیرون ملک ملازمت کے بہتر مواقع پیدا ہوں گے۔ تمام اسناد تسلیم شدہ ہیں۔



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In a major move for Pakistan's education sector, the UK-based City & Guilds education board has received an official approval to operate in the country. The authorization was granted by the Inter-Board Committee of Chairmen (IBCC) and endorsed by the Federal Ministry of Education, allows the board to offer internationally authorized academic and vocational qualifications.

Under this framework, GEMS Pathway has been launched to provide certifications equivalent to Pakistan's Secondary School Certificate (SSC) and Higher Secondary School Certificate (HSSC). The program also includes vocational and skills-based certifications, all designed to meet global standards and enhance students' employability.

The initiative was formally unveiled at the Global Skills Summit "Shaping Future Pakistan" in Karachi. The event brought together top education policymakers, including Minister of State for Education Wajaha Qamar, NAVTTC Chairperson Ghulmina Bilal, and IBCC Executive Director Ghulam Ali Mallah.

Speaking at the summit, Wajaha Qamar welcomed City & Guilds' entry into Pakistan, calling it a "well-established international education body." Ghulam Ali Mallah confirmed that the board is now fully authorized to operate under IBCC regulations.

City & Guilds already has a strong presence in Pakistan's vocational sector. With this approval, it will now expand into general education, offering Skill Certificates equivalent to Intermediate and A-Level qualifications alongside vocational certifications. Experts believe this could create more opportunities for students seeking international-standard education without leaving Pakistan.

### Bloom Pakistan Urdu

## UK's City & Guilds Expands Its Educational Programs to Pakistan

By Sadiq Khan  
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The Federal Ministry of Education approved the UK-based City & Guilds education board to operate in Pakistan. The Inter-Board Committee of Chairmen (IBCC) authorized this move, allowing City & Guilds to provide internationally recognized academic and vocational qualifications.

Founded in 1878, City & Guilds holds Royal Charter status and has a long history as a global leader in skills development. Its qualifications are accepted by employers, universities, and institutions worldwide.

Under this approval, Pakistan launched the GEMS Pathway initiative. It offers certifications equivalent to the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) and Higher Secondary School Certificate (HSSC). The program also provides vocational and skills-based qualifications recognized globally.

The initiative debuted at the Global Skills Summit "Shaping Future Pakistan" in Karachi. Key attendees included Minister of State for Education Wajaha Qamar, NAVTTC Chairperson Ghulmina Bilal, and IBCC Executive Director Ghulam Ali Mallah. Mallah confirmed that City & Guilds now fully operates under IBCC regulations.

City & Guilds will offer Skill Certificates equivalent to Intermediate and A-Level qualifications along with vocational certifications. The board already partners with programs in Pakistan, awarding international accreditation to over 35 institutions.

It plans to certify up to 50,000 Pakistani students annually through GEMS Pathway. These qualifications help students compete for jobs in the GCC, Europe, and other regions.

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## Elevating Pakistan's Future: UK Education Board City & Guilds Approved

By Yalhya Anir / February 6, 2025



Pakistan's educational landscape is undergoing a calibrated structural shift. The Federal Ministry of Education has strategically approved the UK-based City & Guilds education board to significantly enhance **UK education Pakistan**. This decisive move, following authorization from the Inter-Board Committee of Chairmen (IBCC), permits City & Guilds to deliver internationally recognized academic and vocational qualifications across the nation, establishing a new baseline for skill development and global recognition.

## Calibrating Global Standards: The City & Guilds Mandate for UK Education in Pakistan

The recent approval solidifies City & Guilds' operational scope within Pakistan, expanding its established vocational sector presence into general education. Consequently, GEMS Pathway has been launched. This initiative offers certifications equivalent to Pakistan's Secondary School Certificate (SSC) and Higher Secondary School Certificate (HSSC), alongside specialized vocational and skills-based qualifications. Furthermore, these certifications are designed for global recognition, providing a critical advantage for Pakistani students seeking international opportunities.



The formal introduction occurred at the Global Skills Summit titled "Shaping Future Pakistan," held in Karachi. Key officials, including Minister of State for Education Wajih Qamar, NAVTTC Chairperson Ghulmina Bilal, and IBCC Executive Director Ghulam Ali Mollah, affirmed this strategic expansion. Minister Qamar specifically welcomed City & Guilds, acknowledging its international standing and its potential to elevate Pakistan's educational standards.

## The Translation: Unlocking New Academic & Vocational Avenues

This approval signifies more than just another foreign board operating in Pakistan. It represents a structured integration of globally benchmarked academic and vocational frameworks into the national system. Essentially, the IBCC's authorization means that City & Guilds' offerings, including their Skill Certificates equivalent to Intermediate and A-Level qualifications, are officially recognized as valid credentials within Pakistan. This provides students with diverse and flexible pathways, moving beyond traditional structures towards competency-based learning outcomes.

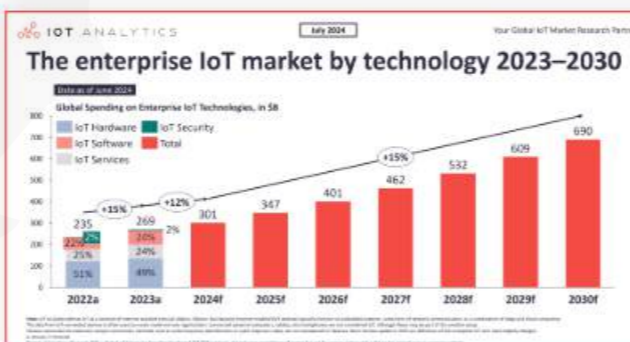
## Empowering the Pakistani Workforce: A Socio-Economic Catalyst

How does this development fundamentally change the daily life of a Pakistani citizen? For students, particularly those in urban and rural areas, access to internationally recognized **vocational qualifications Pakistan** opens unprecedented avenues for employment and higher education abroad. Consequently, professionals can now acquire skills that are directly transferable and valued globally, enhancing their marketability in a competitive economy. This initiative acts as a powerful catalyst for socio-economic upliftment, aligning individual skill sets with global industry demands.

### The RPA technology continuum



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## Direct Impact on Education and Employment:

- Students:** Gain access to globally accepted SSC/HSSC and A-Level equivalent qualifications.
- Professionals:** Acquire specialized vocational skills highly demanded by international and local industries.
- Households:** Benefit from enhanced earning potential and economic mobility due to recognized certifications.
- Economy:** Supports the development of a skilled workforce capable of driving innovation and economic growth.

## UK's 'City & Guilds' gets green light to operate in Pakistan

Promises internationally recognised certifications in vocational and general education

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**KARACHI:** In a step forward for Pakistan's educational landscape, the Federal Ministry of Education has granted permission for the UK-based City & Guilds educational board to operate in Pakistan. The approval comes from the Inter-Board Committee of Chairmen (IBCC), marking a pivotal moment for vocational and general education in the country. This collaboration will launch GEMS Pathway — an initiative that will issue globally recognised certifications equivalent to Matriculation (SSC) and Intermediate (HSSC) levels, alongside vocational training certifications.

A Global Skills Summit, titled 'Shaping Future Pakistan', was held on Thursday evening at a local hotel in Karachi to introduce this ground-breaking initiative. The event saw key figures such as Minister of State for Education, Wajih Qamar, Chairperson of the National Vocational & Technical Training Commission (NAVTTTC), Ghulmina Bilal, and Executive Director of IBCC, Ghulam Ali Mollah, address attendees on the importance of this new chapter in education.

During the event, GEMS Pathway revealed that it had begun offering crucial certifications for students across Pakistan. These Skill Certificates, equivalent to A-Levels and Intermediate qualifications, will be internationally recognised, setting a new benchmark for educational standards in the country.

Wajih Qamar, the Federal Minister of State for Education, expressed her enthusiasm about the partnership. "City & Guilds is our trusted international partner, and their qualifications are well-respected worldwide. We are grateful that they have chosen Pakistan to launch their global education programme," she said.

Ghulam Ali Mollah, Executive Director of IBCC, emphasised that City & Guilds has a long-standing presence in the vocational education sector and that its expansion into general education is a milestone for Pakistan. "IBCC is the authority for recognising foreign qualifications, ensuring governance and transparency. Now, City & Guilds is fully authorised to operate in Pakistan," he confirmed.