## **USER MANUAL**

TRAINING CENTRES

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Apprenticeship Certification Wales

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# FEDERATION FOR INDUSTRY SECTOR SKILLS AND STANDARDS (FISSS) AND THE ACW SYSTEM

FISSS is the certifying authority for apprenticeships in Wales and hosts Apprenticeship Certificates Wales (ACW).

Working in partnership with the UK Commission for Employment and Skills (UKCES), FISSS shares the belief that a sectoral approach is the best way to create the conditions for increased investment in skills which will, in turn, drive enterprise, create jobs and deliver sustainable economic growth.

ACW is a web based system that is designed to enable access to training providers, employers and apprentices to request Apprenticeship completion certificates.

#### FISSS sits in the middle of a hub and spoke model where SSC/SSBs use ACW to:

- Receive requests for certificates from learning providers, employers or apprentices.
- Review submitted requests and evidence provided and either approve or reject, with appropriate reason/s and certification requests.
- Print and issue Apprenticeship completion certificates, providing that all of the current Apprenticeship framework requirements have been met.

It is unlikely that many individual apprentices will be directly requesting their completion certificate via ACW and they are more likely to do this via their training provider. However, the ACW system does facilitate apprentices applying directly for their own completion certificates.

NB: The Completion Certificate Claim form must be completed by the person who is submitting the Apprenticeship Completion Certificate Claim (also known as claimant) to confirm that all components of the Apprenticeship framework have been completed. You can locate the form on the home page of the ACW home page: <a href="http://www.acwcerts.co.uk/">http://www.acwcerts.co.uk/</a>. When the form has been completed it will need to be uploaded to the Apprenticeship Certification Wales (ACW) system.

Providers (known as Centres) need to register to get access to ACW. This is done by completing an online registration request form which can be accessed via:

www.acwcerts.co.uk/register\_centre

Centres select all of the SSCs/SSBs (known as Certification Bodies) they need to work with and once the registration form is submitted, the ACW access request is sent to the Administrator at each of the selected Certification Bodies.



ACW Administrators at each of the relevant Certification Bodies register the Centre and create an Administrator account and password which is then sent to the e-mail address provided on the submitted ACW access request form.

Certification Bodies also assign centres the necessary access to the required frameworks.



Centre Administrators can now access ACW and can create additional user accounts within their organisation.

They can now use ACW to input learner data and load the evidence required to claim an Apprenticeship completion certificate.

- Go to www.acwcerts.co.uk
- Click on the Login Button, which will reveal a drop down for you to login ①.
- Enter your Username and Password\*
- Click the Login Button to enter 2.
- Please refer to the system checker tool to make sure your system meets the ACW system requirements 3.
  - Green ticks ✓ are confirmation your system is compatible.
  - Red X denotes incompatibility

Should you have any problems logging in with your username and password, please contact the relevant Certification Body.

Alternatively please contact the ACW Support Team:

Telephone: 0300 303 4444 E-mail: acw@fisss.org

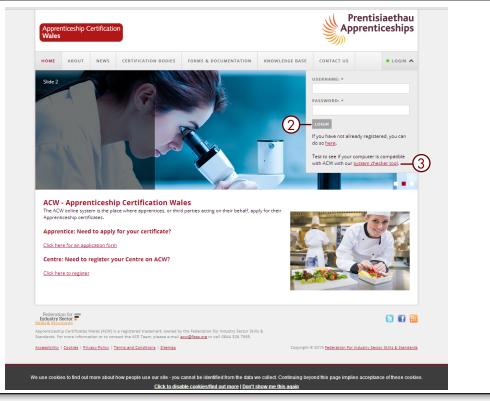
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Please be aware that the Username and Password are both case sensitive.

Keep all passwords in a safe place and do not reveal them to anyone. ACW follows the history of each Apprentice by tracking login details.

If additional user accounts need to be added then the Admin User will be able to set up accounts for colleagues to access the system.





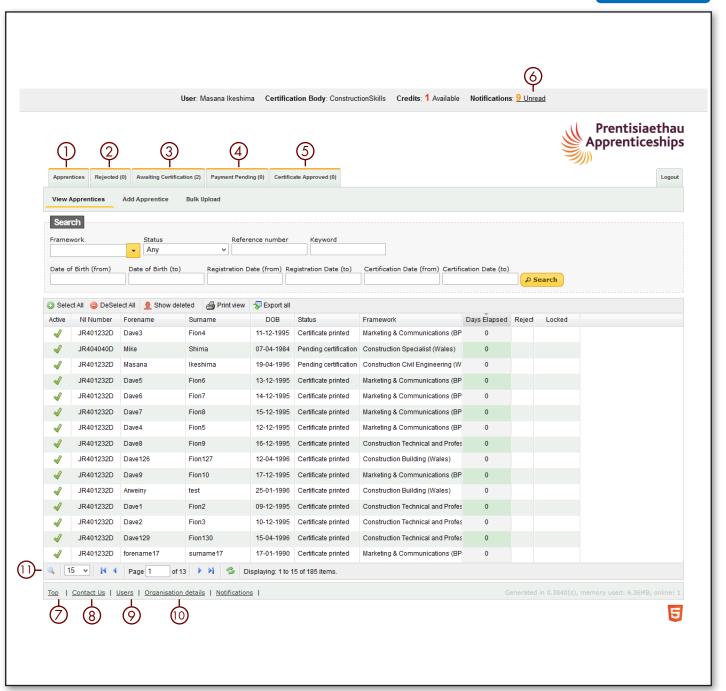
Once you have logged in to ACW, you will see this home screen with the following options:

- Apprentices View, Add or Bulk Upload apprentices, search for and edit apprentice details.
- 2. **Rejected** View and update apprentices for certification.
- 3. Awaiting Certification View and update apprentices awaiting certification.
- 4. **Certificate Approved** View apprentices that are waiting for their certificate to be printed. Once they have been printed the apprentice will be removed from this folder.
- Notifications View messages from the Federation and Certification Bodies about system/certification process changes or updates.

NB:- The numbers in brackets, on each of the tabs, indicates the number of records currently active within each of the tabbed categories.

#### ADDITIONAL OPTIONS - along bottom of screen

- 7. Top Takes you back to the top of the current screen.
- 8. Contact Us Contact details for Federation for Industry Sector Skills and Standards Managers of ACW.
- Users Allows users of ACW to be created.More information can be found on page 7
- 10. Organisation Details Check organisation details
- **11. Search Tools** You can use the search tools to filter information. More information can be found on page 14



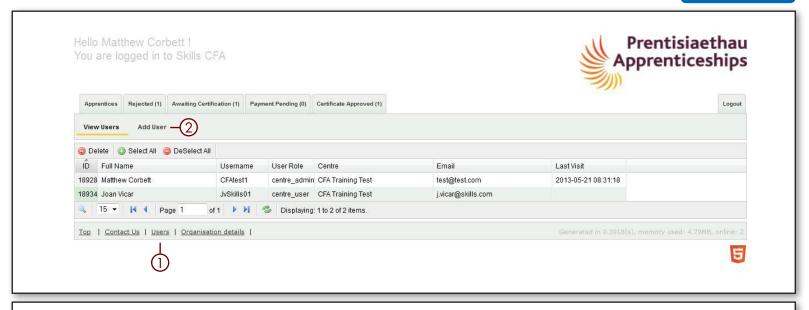
### 3.1 ADD/EDIT USERS

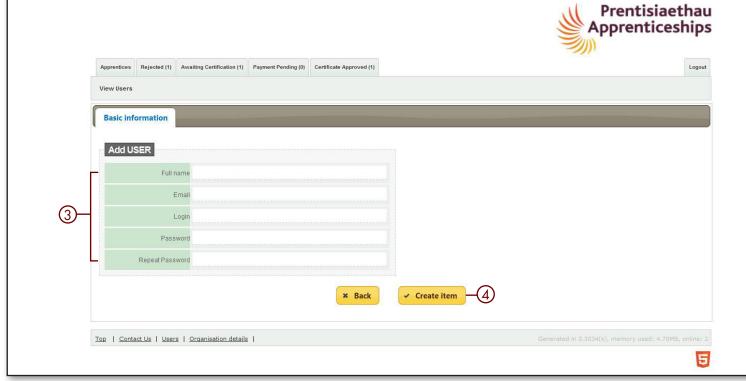
To add a new user:

- Select the Users Tab ①
   and click Add User ②.
- Enter all of the information ensuring that the contact details are correct (3).
- Once complete, select Create Item 4.

To edit an existing User:

 Under View Users, double click on the username and amend the detail, then select Update Item.





#### REWEWER

Please note only admin logins can add and amend User details.

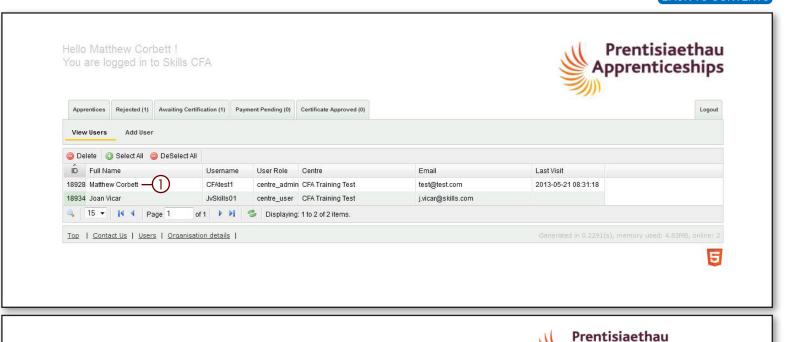
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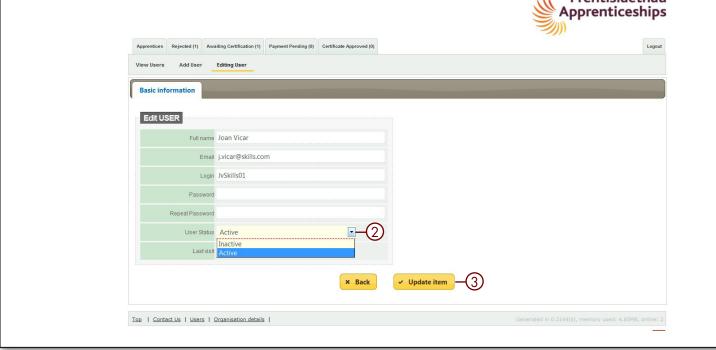
The Certification Body Administration
User can disable account on the system. By
disabling the account this will mean that the
record of previous work is kept
but the User will no longer have access
to the system. If the Certification Body
Administration User details need to be
amended, you will need to contact:

**ACW Support Team** 

Telephone: 0300 303 4444 E-mail: acw@fisss.org

- To disable an account, double click on the User to open the record ①.
- Click on the drop down arrow next to User Status and select Inactive Q.
- Click Update Item to save changes 3.





# 3.3 VIEW/AMEND ORGANISATION DETAILS

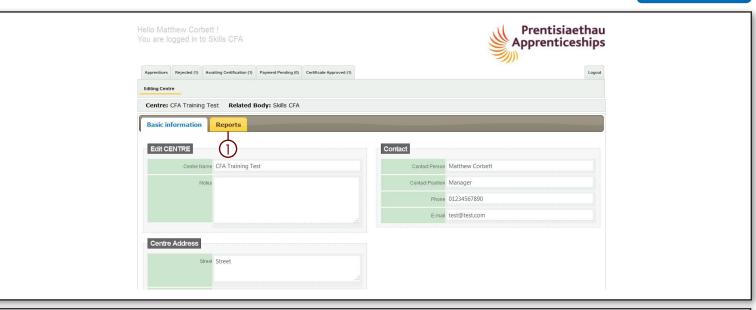
This is where you can view the organisation details. If there are any amendments required please contact the relevant Certification Body.

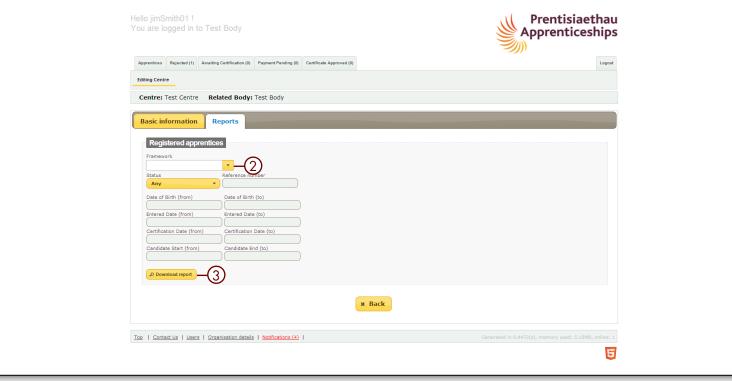
#### 3.4 DOWNLOAD REPORTS

Within the Organisation Details tab select the yellow Report tab ①. Here you can use the drop down menus ② to select the information you would like detailed in the report.

 Click on the Download Report button ③ and this will open a CSV file for you to download.

The document can then be opened in Excel and standard functionality such as sorting and filtering can then be applied.



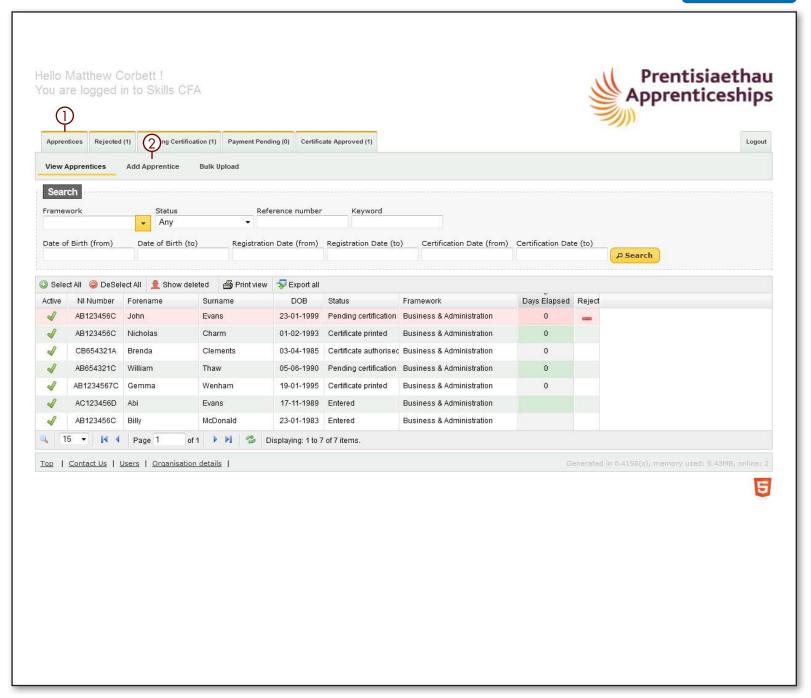


### 4.1 ADD A SINGLE APPRENTICE

#### STEP 1 OF 3

There are two ways to add an apprentice – one at a time using the form or a bulk upload via a CSV file.

 To add a single apprentice, ensure that you are in the Apprentice Tab ①, click
 Add Apprentice ② button.



### 4.1 ADDING A SINGLE APPRENTICE

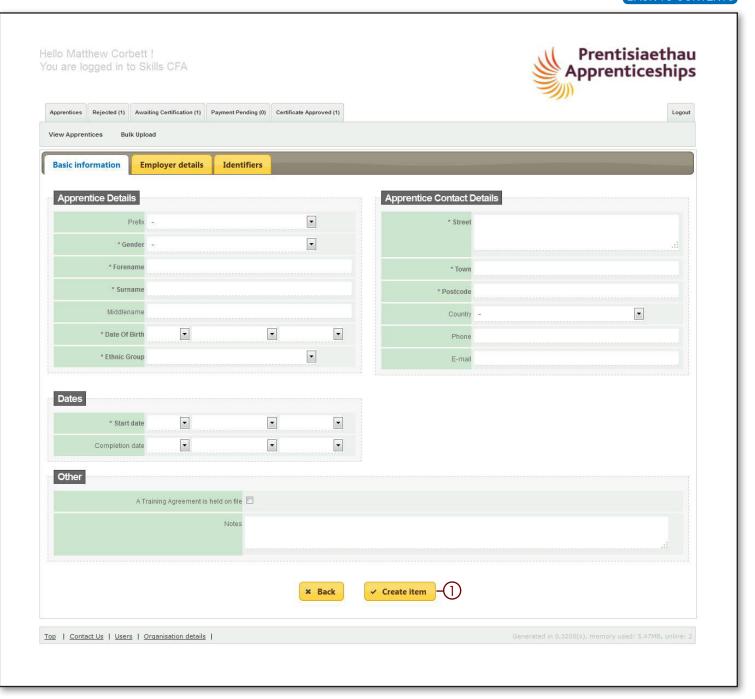
#### STEP 2 OF 3

The Apprentice record is now ready to be completed:

- Basic Information
- Employer Details
- Identifiers
   (NI Number, other unique identifiers and NOT the ACW No.)

Once all of the mandatory fields have been completed (these are marked with a \* ) select **Create Item** ①. This will then reveal 3 new tabs:

- Framework
- Status
- Current Evidence



## 4.1 ADDING A SINGLE APPRENTICE

#### STEP 3 OF 3

#### **FRAMEWORKS**

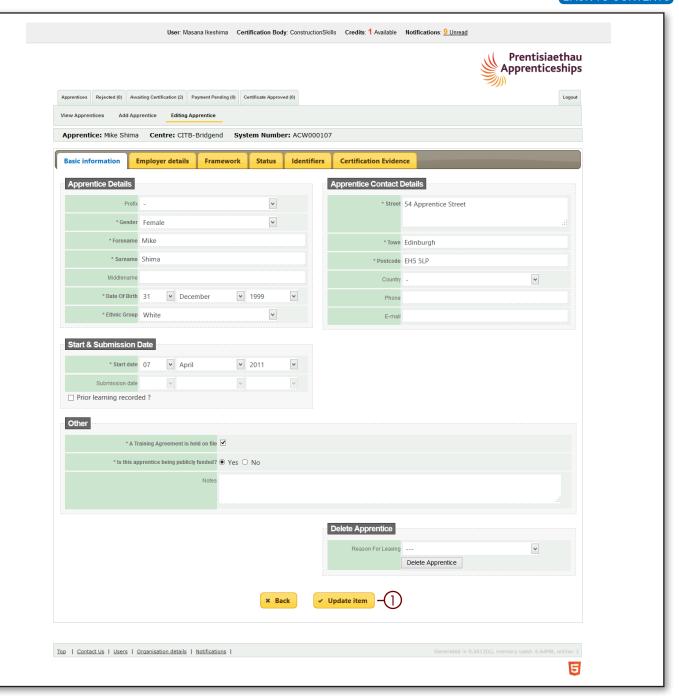
Select which Framework and Framework components have been completed by the Apprentice.

#### **STATUS**

This tab shows the Status of the Apprentice. When you add an Apprentice it will automatically be given the status Entered. There is further explanation of the Status later in the manual

#### CERTIFICATE EVIDENCE

The Frameworks selected will determine which evidence is required for certification. There is further explanation of uploading certificate evidence on page 15

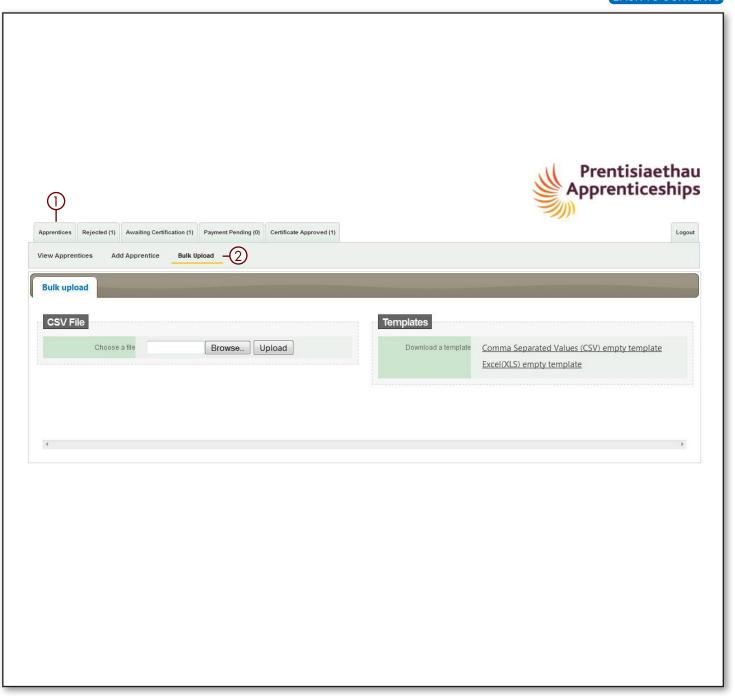


### 4.2 BULK UPLOAD APPRENTICES

Under the Apprentices tab ① you have the facility to bulk upload ② apprentices to the ACW system.

There is a template available for you to download and populate. Once complete you will need to save the document as a CSV file before uploading to the system.

Once the file has been loaded to ACW you will need to enter the framework details for each apprentice.

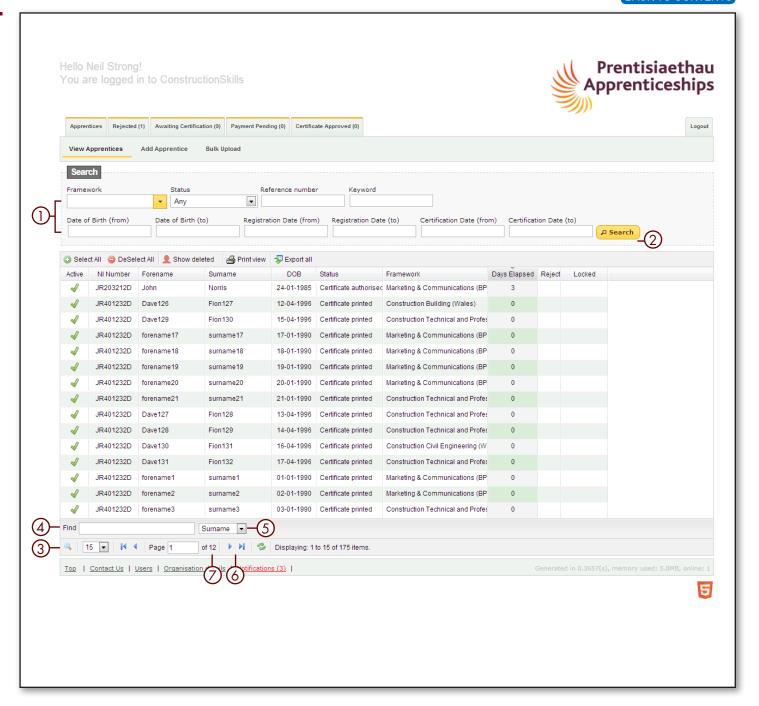


### 4.3 SEARCH FOR AN APPRENTICE

The Apprentice Tab allows you to search for and view all apprentices registered on ACW.

There are a variety of search options, using both text and drop down menus ①. This allows you to set the required search criteria. You can search by:

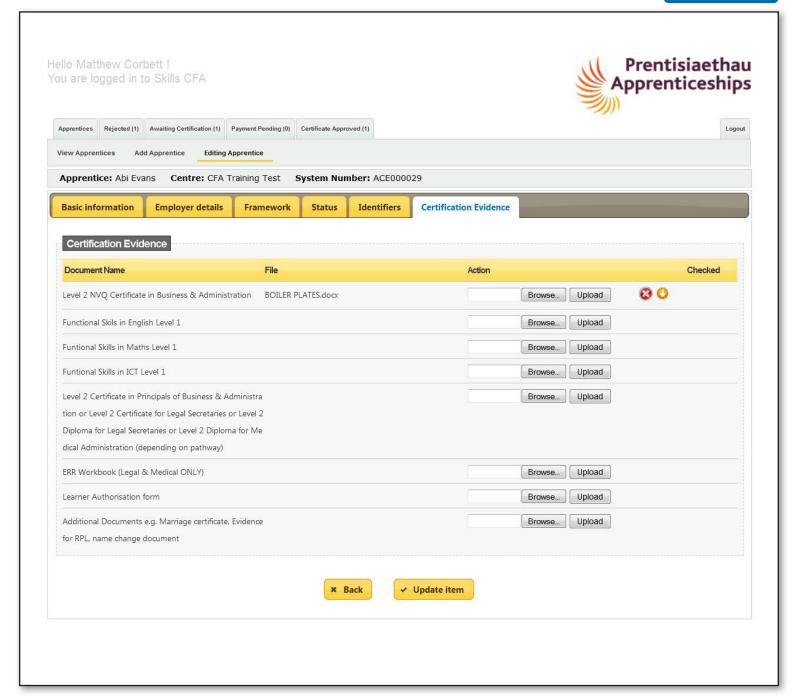
- Framework
- Status
- Ref No. (ACW No. or NI No.)
- Keyword
- Date of Birth (from/to)
- Registration Date (from/to)
- Certification Date (from/to)
- When you have set your required search criteria click the Search Button ②.
- Or click the Magnifying Glass ③ to reveal the Find ④ option. The drop down menu ⑤ allows you to search by:
  - Surname
  - Forename
  - NI Number
- Once you have entered your search criteria you must then press the <u>enter key</u> to initiate the search.
- To navigate between pages you can use the blue arrow keys or type in the white box area to specify a page 6.
- The Displaying information text shows how many items there are in total and what page is showing ②



## 4.4 ADDING EVIDENCE TO AN APPRENTICE RECORD

The Certificate Evidence tab provides a list of all evidence required for certification. All evidence must be loaded separately next to each requirement.

- Select the Browse button, a pop up will open where you can select the appropriate file from your system.
- Click Open and the file will be uploaded to ACW.



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Please note, the maximum file size is 3Mb.

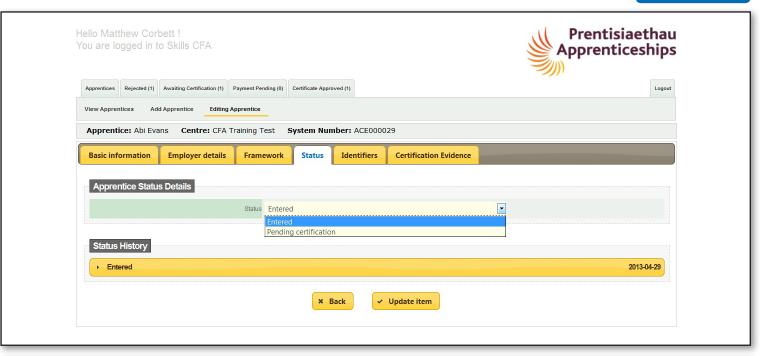
Any larger and the system will not accept the upload.

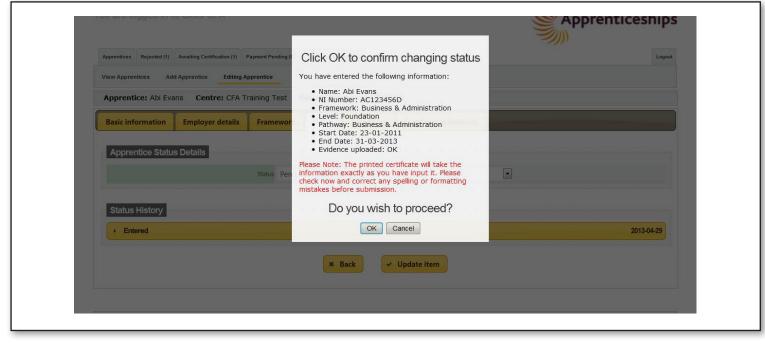
## 4.5 SUBMIT AN APPRENTICE FOR CERTIFICATION

Once you have uploaded all evidence:

- Go to the Status tab and change the status to Pending Certification. This will open a validation box where you can check:
  - Mandatory fields have been completed.
  - All evidence has been uploaded.
  - Completion date has been entered.
  - Any missing information will be highlighted in red.

The 10-day turnaround time starts from the date the apprentice is submitted for certification. You can view this in the days elapsed column on the View Apprentices page.





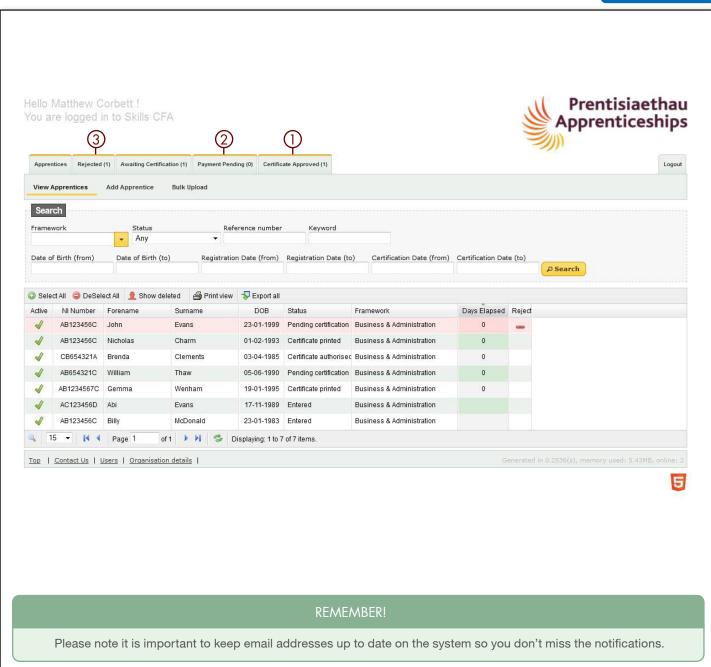
When the Certifying Body has reviewed the submission, they will change the status to one of the following:

#### • CERTIFICATE AUTHORISED ①

This means that the Certification Body is satisfied that all of the components within the Apprenticeship Certificate claim have been successfully completed by the apprentice. The certificate is now ready to print, once the certificate has been printed the apprentice record will be removed from the tab and the status will say certificate printed.

#### • REJECTED ③

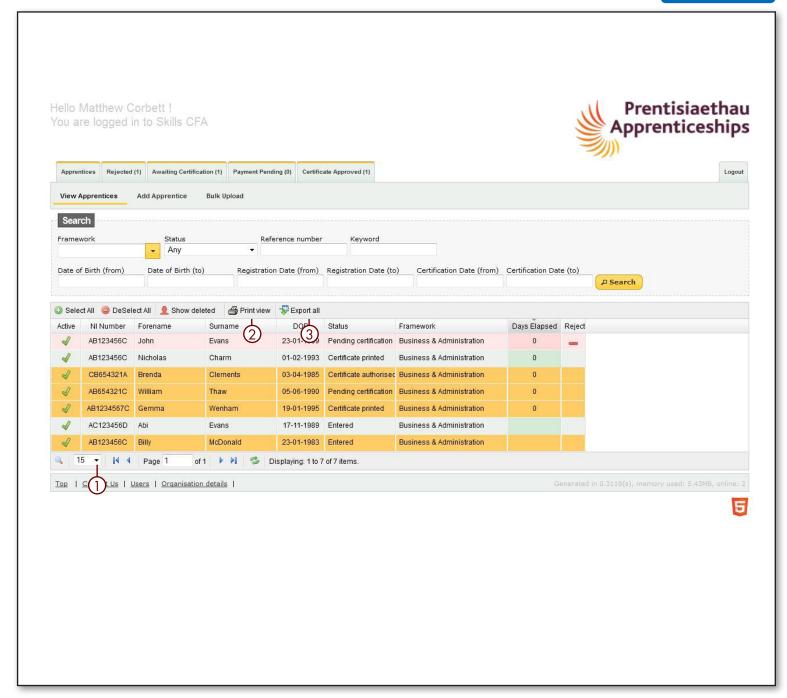
This means that the Certification Body is not satisfied that all of the components within the Apprenticeship Certificate claim have been successfully completed by the apprentice. The reason for the rejection will be e-mailed to the main admin user and the person who submitted the submission. Refer to page 19 for further information.



## 4.6 PRINT/EXPORTING APPRENTICE DATA

Use the drop-down ① to select the number of Apprentices to print (up to maximum of 100).

- Select Print View ② to print the list view of the selected number of Apprentices
- Select the Export All button ③ to export the apprentices listed on screen. This will open as an Excel spread sheet.

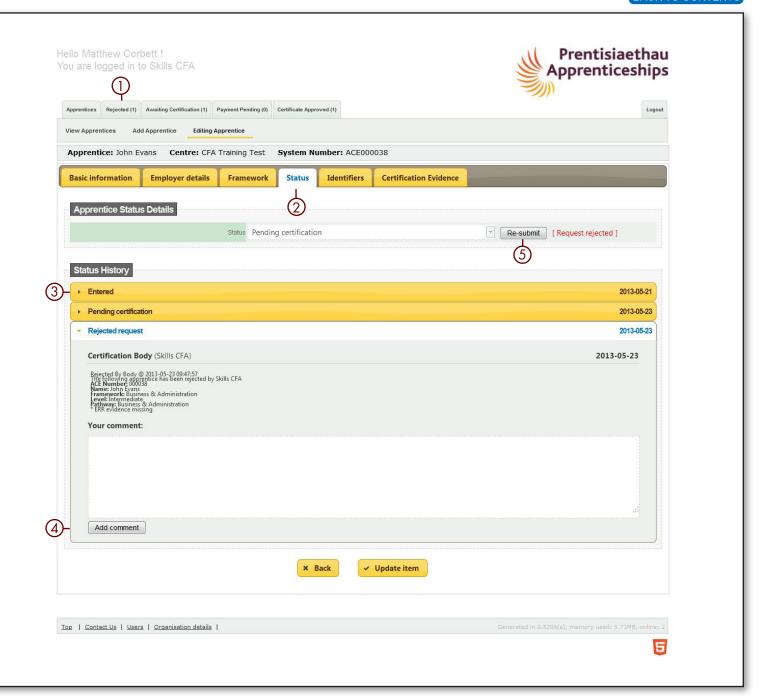


#### REMEMBER!

We recommend that you limit the list for printing or exporting to 100 apprentices as anymore may slow the system down.

## 4.7 MANAGE REJECTED APPRENTICES

- The Rejected tab ① allows you to view all of the Apprentices that have been rejected for certification, by the Certification Body. The number in brackets on the tab indicates the number of Apprentices that are currently in this category.
- To view a rejected Apprentice, double click on their name and their record will open.
- Click on the Status Tab ② and the Status History will be displayed.
- Click on Rejected Request ③ and the date of, and reason for rejection will be recorded.
- Once changes have been made, return to the Status tab.
- You are able to add additional comments to the rejection history in the comment box and select Add Comment (4) before navigating away from the page.
- Once the changes have been made, re-submit the apprentice in the Status tab ⑤.



### 4.8 MANAGE APPRENTICES AWAITING CERTIFICATION

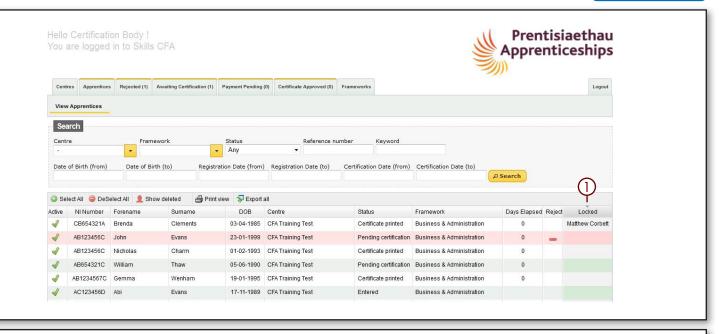
The system prevents two users editing an apprentice's record at the same time. This will appear as being **Locked** ①. The second user will be able to open the record, however they will be presented with a read-only view ②.

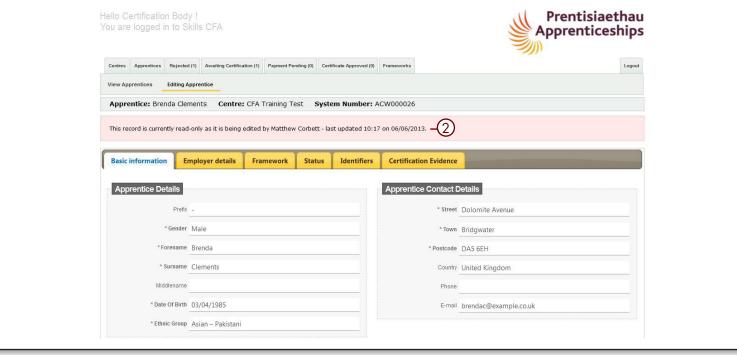
You can see who has the record open under the apprentice tab. If that person is unavailable then please contact the ACW Support Team to unlock the record.

## 4.9 CHECKING EVIDENCE & CHANGING THE STATUS

If there are queries raised by either the training provider or Certification Body regarding certain pieces of evidence the FISSS have the final say.

FISSS will look at the evidence on the system and if accepted will add a note under the individual evidence to provide clarity on why the evidence has been accepted and this will be locked so that the training provider is unable to amend the evidence once accepted. This could happen prior to the certification body reviewing the evidence but you will be able to see the comment added by FISSS.





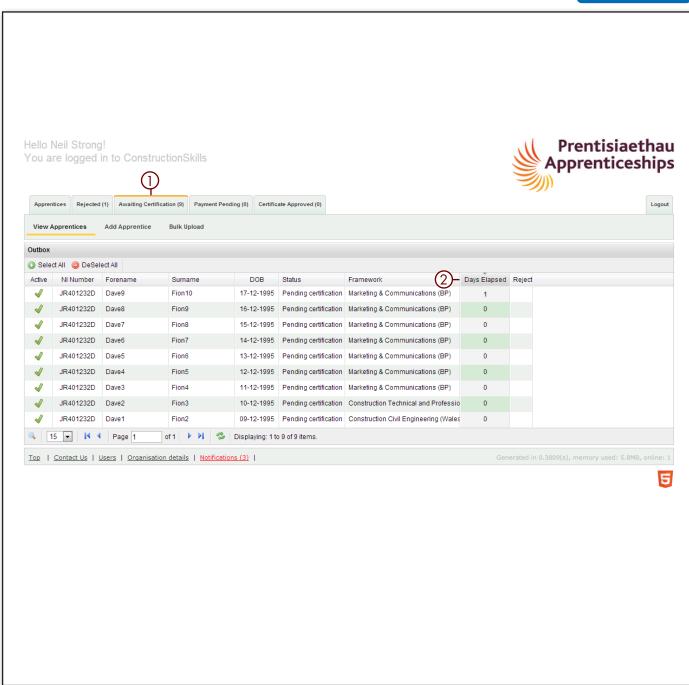
#### 4.10 AWAITING CERTIFICATION

(also referred to as Pending Certification)

- The Awaiting Certification Tab ① allows you to view all of the Apprentices that are awaiting certification. The number in brackets on the tab indicates the number of Apprentices that are currently in this category.
- You will be able to see how many days have elapsed since submission in line with the 10-day turnaround Q.

#### 4.12 CERTIFICATE APPROVED

 The Certificate Approved Tab allows you to view all of the Apprentices that have been authorised for certification and waiting for their certificate to be printed.
 The number in brackets on the tab indicates the number of Apprentices that are currently in this category.



If you have any further queries or you are experiencing a problem, please contact the ACW Support Team:

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