

Welcome to our Summer 2009 Newsletter!

**REMINDER – PLEASE COMPLETE & RETURN THE TRAINING SURVEY FORM
SENT 29th JUNE TO ARRIVE BY MONDAY 13th JULY '09!**

THANK YOU TO THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE ALREADY COMPLIED!

Please find below current news and updates:

Further information is available by contacting the Group Training Officer, Brian Wharton, MLoR

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NEW LEGISLATION

Driver CPC comes into force as a legal requirement from September 2009. This means all professional lorry and goods delivery drivers will need this qualification if they are driving for a living.

In order to maintain their Driver CPC, all category C and D licence holders (including C, C1, C1E and D, D1, DE, D1E) will be required to undertake 35 hours Periodic Training every 5 years, unless they qualify for exemptions

Driver CPC also introduces a new Initial Qualification for drivers entering the industries after these September dates which they must complete in order to drive professionally.

Any lorry of 3.5 tons and upwards and minibuses with 9 seats or more are covered by Driver CPC.

2 Road shows are taking place in the North West to raise awareness of the new regulations

- 2nd September at Lymm Services
- 12th & 13th September at Newton-le-Willows

If you require any further information on the Driver CPC or if you wish to clarify any implications this may have for you or your company, please contact:

Driver CPC Enquiries, P.O Box 280, Newcastle, NE99 1FP
Tel: 0300 200 1122

E-mail: customer.services@dsa.gsi.gov.uk
(put 'Driver CPC enquiry' in subject)

WHY NOT TAKE ON AN APPRENTICE, THE BENEFITS LOOK GOOD

For you and your business we will...

- Initially assess the suitability of the apprentice
- Advise on the 'on site' requirements of the NVQ & framework
- Regularly review the apprentice on site and at college
- Be available for help and advice as required

For your Apprentice...

- We can find the College Course to suit you
- College Fees paid
- Help with college travel cost
- Grade 2 awarded by the government inspectors
- They get wages while they learn
- Provide up to £9820 in grants
- If you are already registered with CSkills & a levy payer, you will get 25% extra!

The benefits look good for you and your business, as we will also...

- Advise on the 'on site' requirements of the NVQ framework
- Conduct regular reviews by both the Construction skills Apprentice Officer & also College staff
- Be available for advice and guidance

If you would like to find out more information regarding colleges, apprentice availability or more grant information please get in touch with James.Johnson@cskills.org or northwest.recruitment@cskills.org

For further detail on any of the items included in this newsletter, please contact
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For help with your training plans and advice re grant claims, please contact
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and/or Phil Shipley phil.shipley@cskills.org

MANAGEMENT & LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Due to the continued success of the NSCC leadership training programme delivered in association with Outward Bound, NSCC has organised a further 2 courses for 2009. The course is designed to develop the leadership skills of managers working for Specialist Contractors and a detailed programme is available for your information. These Courses are for NFRC members only.

Course Details

- The courses will take place on 21st - 25th September and 12th - 16th October
- Both are 5-day residential courses delivered by Outward Bound in Eskdale in the Lake District
- There will be a maximum of 10 delegates on each course from across the NSCC trades
- The cost per delegate is £875 + VAT (50% discount to NSCC members on usual price of £1,750+ VAT thanks to support from ConstructionSkills). This includes accommodation and meals
- If your company is ConstructionSkills registered, you can claim 4 days training via your Training and Development Plan and grants of up to £1,000 are available from LSC if not already claimed

HOW TO BOOK - To book places on either of the courses in September and October, please contact NSCC on 0844 249 5352. Please indicate whether your delegates require accommodation on the Sunday night (£60 + VAT inc. dinner) as recommended by Outward Bound. Funding is available for this course via Train to Gain. Contact jill.barton@businesslinknw.co.uk

INSTITUTE OF ROOFING (IoR) COURSE

Weatherproofing Advisers (St Helens Branch) is running an on-going IoR Course, tutored by Brian McAuley, of Weatherproofing Advisers and Committee Member of the NW Roof Training Group.

14 Modules are covered as below:

Module 1 - Introduction	Module 2 - Health & Safety
Module 3 - Marketing & Insurance	Module 4 - Business Planning & The Role of The Contracts Supervisor
Module 5 - Flat Roofing & Built Up Systems	Module 6 - Sheeting & Cladding
Module 7 - Quality	Module 8 & 9 - Leadership & Management
Module 10 - Surveys & Estimation	Module 11
Module 12 - Regulations & Standards	Module 13 - Health & Safety Regulations
Module 14 - Accounts	

SESSION METHODS

'Learning by doing' involving small group work, theoretical input and discussion, self reflection and evaluation, peer feedback and practical activities.

Cost £100 + VAT. - This includes all refreshments, lunch and course notes and materials.

Contact beckyl@weatherproofing.co.uk

SAFETY NEWS

STATUTORY SCAFFOLD INSPECTION

New guidance from the NASC in the form of TG20:08 includes changes to some categories of basic scaffold. With the new guidance from HSE as to the competence of Scaffold Inspectors, employers are advised to ensure those inspecting scaffolds have recently attended a course to ensure they understand the new changes.

COMPANY FINED AFTER EMPLOYEE IS INJURED IN DUMPER ACCIDENT AT WORK

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) is urging employers to ensure all staff are fully trained and competent when using workplace vehicles. The call follows the sentencing of Short Group Ltd, based in Ascot, Berkshire after a male employee suffered serious injuries to his foot.

COMPANY DIRECTOR FOUND GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER

A South-east roofing boss has been found guilty of manslaughter due to gross negligence after an employee fell 6m to his death through a skylight. During the 13 day trial, jurors heard that the employee, a trained electrical engineer, was inexperienced and had only received limited training during his six months as an employee.

Remember, we can help with Work at Height courses covering Work at Height Regulations 2005, Safe Work at Height, Harness Inspection, Safe Use of Steps and Ladders and Safe Use and Inspection of Harnesses.

HERITAGE

CSCS HERITAGE SKILLS CARD

Skilled enough to work on heritage buildings? Prove it with a CSCS card!

The quickest and easiest way to apply for a CSCS card is to use the Skills Direct service by calling 0844 248 5262 or you can organise it yourself and download an application form from www.cscs.uk.com.

N.B. Claim Grandfather rights to around Sep 2010

NEW TRAINING COURSE

ARM Training Services, Stockport is working in partnership with Preston College in delivering a pilot scheme,

"The Trainee on Site Assessment Programme",

which is aimed at candidates aged 18 and above who do not wish to take the apprentice route and attend College but who require both training and assessment in order to gain an NVQ2 in Roof Slating and Tiling.

Initially, candidates are skills matched and following a training needs analysis, a bespoke course is established for each candidate.

Practical training sessions are delivered at ARM Training Services, and on site practical experience is to be given by their employer.

After meeting the candidates training needs and relevant practical experience, the candidate is then be assessed via OSAT.

The programme is proving very popular and at present is fully booked, however, if you are interested in this Course, ARM has a waiting list and awarding further places on a first come first served basis.

Should you require any further information please contact Nicky Prenty on 0161 429 8344.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS COURSE IS FULLY FUNDED AND IS THEREFORE FREE OF CHARGE.

ARM Training also offers both EWPA and OSAT both of which are fully funded.

SAFETY NEWS

HSE WARNS EXPOSING UNTRAINED WORKERS TO ASBESTOS WILL BE PENALISED

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) is warning firms that exposing workers to asbestos would be penalised. It added that electrical contracting companies and other refurbishment trades must provide suitable asbestos awareness training to employees or face prosecution.

Asbestos Awareness Courses at AEC Trafford Park contact Anne Gerrard anne.gerrard@aec.uk.net tel 0161 872 7111

AEC is a member of UKATA

If you state you are a member of the NW Roof Training Group, you can claim 10% discount from the course cost

SSSTS TO BE MADE MANDATORY BY MAJOR CONTRACTORS

From 2010, major contractors will require all supervisors on their sites to have successfully completed the 2 Day Site Supervisors Safety Training Scheme (SSSTS) (or equivalent) within the last 5 years.

Dates for NCC Courses on this subject 2009:
Haydock
3/4th Aug, 7/8th Oct, 15/16th Dec

Leyland
24/25th Aug, 29/30th Oct

Holmes Chapel
23/24th Nov

Contact NCC 0844 844 0466

Quote Code MT604

Full members of the NW Roof Training Group can claim 10% discount on this Course when booking, providing you mention this at the time of booking.