

ASBESTOS AWARENESS

UKATA

UK ASBESTOS TRAINING ASSOCIATION

This syllabus sets out the guidance issued by the UK Asbestos Training Association (UKATA) for the provision of asbestos awareness training as contained within the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 (CAR). The document provides the syllabus for the training along with guidance on the minimum content of all courses. Trainers can offer bespoke or tailored training for the remainder of any training session but the core content MUST be adhered to.

Asbestos awareness training is required to be given to employees whose work could foreseeably expose them to asbestos. In particular, it should be given to all demolition workers and those workers in the refurbishment, maintenance and allied trades where it is foreseeable that their work will disturb the fabric of the building because ACMs may become exposed during their work. Exemption from this requirement would apply only where the employer can demonstrate that work will only be carried out in or on buildings free of ACMs.

Asbestos awareness training is not training to work with any forms of asbestos. It is likely to form the first part of training for work with asbestos, but on its own it does not meet the legal requirements laid down under CAR.

PURPOSE/SCOPE

To provide an awareness and develop the knowledge amongst employees as regards the hazards and risks posed by asbestos containing materials (ACMs). The course further gives an overview of the legislative measures in place to permit employees to safeguard themselves and others affected by work activities.

On successful completion of this course, delegates should be able to:

- Have an increased awareness of the nature and properties of asbestos and its effects on health, including the increased risk of lung cancer for asbestos workers who smoke;
- Be familiar with the types, uses and likely occurrences of asbestos in buildings and where appropriate items of plant;
- Know how to avoid the risks from asbestos by understanding:
 - Where to obtain information on asbestos in premises prior to commencing work;
 - What to do if suspicious materials are found;
 - How to use appropriate workplace precautions, including the risk assessment process, or seek advice on workplace precautions, in respect of the risks of asbestos;
 - Undertake work activities in a safe manner and without risk to themselves or others.
- Have an awareness of the key aspects of the asbestos regulations and how they fit into the broader context of health and safety legislation.
- Procedures to be followed when coming into unintentional contact with ACMs and an understanding of the appropriate emergency arrangements.

OCCUPATIONAL RELEVANCE

Supervisors and trades personnel, including trainees such as but not limited to: demolition workers, construction workers, general maintenance staff, electricians, plumbers, gas fitters, painters and decorators, joiners, plasterers, roofers, heating and ventilation engineers, telecommunication engineers, fire and burglar alarm installers, computer installers, architects, building surveyors, shopfitters and other such professionals.

Architects, building surveyors and other such professionals may require a more developed course which includes the core syllabus in this course, however with an additional module which includes the interaction between the various duties under the Construction Design and Management Regulations and those within CAR.

Duration	Duration Minimum of 3-4 learning hours.
Delegate Prerequisites	There are no delegate pre-requisites as part of this syllabus.
Individual Learning Needs	The Individual learning needs of delegates must be assessed by the Tutor prior to the course commencing and the training adapted where necessary.

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INSTRUCTION/SUPERVISION

As a minimum, all UKATA Tutors meet the following criteria for delivering UKATA Asbestos Awareness training:

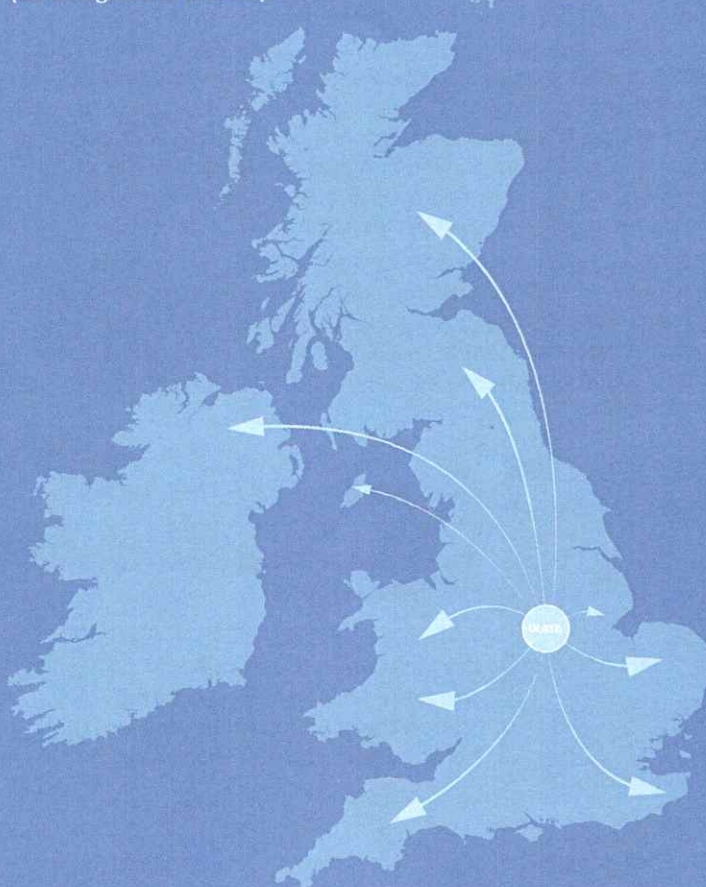
- Tutors are subject to a Tutor Knowledge Test via the UKATA online Tutor Registration System. The Tutor Knowledge Test assesses key knowledge and presentation skills in the form of an online exam. The Tutor must successfully pass the Tutor Knowledge Test.
- Tutors must have a minimum of at least three years' experience (within the past five years) in the health and safety sector or at least three years' experience (within the past five years) in the asbestos industry which may include, surveying, analytical, removal, consultancy, training, management etc;
- Be able to demonstrate experience of delivering Asbestos Awareness training courses;
- Hold a suitable asbestos qualification recognised by the asbestos industry, which may include; asbestos surveying, asbestos management or asbestos removal, or other such qualifications that UKATA deems to be acceptable;
- A successful UKATA Audit, or an internal Audit undertaken by the Member company they are working for at the highest category of training the Tutor will deliver on behalf of the Member.

DELIVERY

Training must be delivered in a suitable environment and in accordance with the Guidance on Minimum Standards for Training Centre. All equipment must be of a suitable quality and quantity for delegates to achieve learning outcomes, and must comply with relevant legislation.

The class size and delegate/tutor ratio must allow training to be delivered in a safe manner and enable delegates to achieve the learning outcomes.

The delegate/tutor ratio permitted for this Syllabus is fifteen/one (15 delegates to 1 tutor).



ASSESSMENT

Attainment of the learning outcome for the qualification will be assessed by a multiple choice examination consisting of at least 15 questions under exam conditions. At the discretion of the Training Provider, the delegates shall be allowed to refer to any notes they make during the training sessions and the course notes or training manual provided by the Training Provider.

A delegate will be required to achieve a score of at least 12 out of 15 (80%) in the examination. Failure to achieve this will result in the delegate requiring to re-sit the examination under exam conditions. If a delegate further fails the second attempt then they will require to re-sit the course in its entirety.

Notes:

- The examination should have a completion time of approximately 20 minutes, however the Tutor should recognise that delegates learning needs are varied and thus the time stated is for guidance only.
- The varied needs of delegates also includes the ability to fully comprehend written English and the Tutor may read out the questions to assist such delegates, however no assistance may be offered in respect of providing answers.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

Quality Assurance against this Syllabus requires approval of the presentation materials, exam papers, course handouts and tutor narrative. UKATA is a member of

The CPD Certification Service and all UKATA syllabi have been accredited by The CPD Certification Service.

Audits are conducted by UKATA in order to demonstrate compliance with the training requirements outlined in UKATA Syllabi for each specific level of training, the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 and any subsequent amendments and any other guidance pertaining to asbestos training issued by the enforcing authorities such as the HSE.

All Tutors are required to maintain a CPD record in line with UKATA requirements.

RENEWAL/REFRESHER

All UKATA certificates carry a 12-month expiration date.

Renewal/Refresher training should be carried out annually and based on TNA.

Note: Normally training is carried out annually. In extenuating circumstances, refresher training can be delivered after certificate expiry (up to 6 months). The employer should, in this case, carry out a TNA and discuss the training requirements with the training provider.

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