

STREETWORKS QUALIFICATIONS BIG CHANGES START THIS YEAR

Card holders to be re-assessed every five years

Thousands of workers who hold a NRSWA "ticket" to work on a highway will not be able to automatically renew their ticket as from April next year, under new legislation introduced recently.

And thousands more who hold just the Signing Lighting and Guarding Qualification will have to register with SWQR or re-do their original assessment (SEE PANEL - RIGHT)

Until April anyone holding the full streetworks ticket can renew for five years by simply paying a renewal fee to SWQR (Street Works Qualifications Register) and they will get an updated card.

If the card expires after April 6, 2011, the holder will have to be re-assessed before it will be renewed.

Full details of the re-assessment process have yet to be released but is likely to involve additional training and a multiple choice question paper.

Tickets expiring prior to April 6, 2011 can be renewed without re-assessment from six months before expiry until six months after expiry.

Anyone who has not renewed at that stage will have to take the full course all over again to get their ticket.

Re-assessment courses are due to start in October this year, six months prior to the required date, in order to ensure sufficient time for everyone to be processed.

UTN Centre Manager, Dave Roberts, commented: "As soon as the re-assessment details are released we will be letting our clients know the

procedure, but it would be advisable for everyone to check their tickets to see when they expire as SWQR do not send out reminders"

"We hope to be starting the re-assessment courses as soon as allowed and would advise clients to book early as failure to complete re-assessment by October next year could result in

candidates having to take the full course rather than re-assessment", he added.

Further details will be available on our website and in our newsletter as soon as we have the information.



SIGNING, LIGHTING AND GUARDING

If you already hold a certificate for Unit 002 or 010, Signing, Lighting and Guarding, these will now be recognised as a separate qualification by SWQR and a separate card issued on application to SWQR.

Registration is voluntary until April 6, 2011, but anyone not registered by October 2011, will have to be assessed again on the original unit.

Applicants will need to send in a copy of their original certificate plus a recent passport style photograph with their application, along with their registration fee.

See the SWQR web site for details and downloadable application form on www.swqr.org.uk.



Staff from Sheffield based Hi-Point Scaffolding Ltd were guests at UTN's hospitality suite for the Wildcats game against Leeds Rhinos recently and are pictured with two Wildcats players, Matt Blaymire and James Davey. David Rowbottom, Group Operations Director of Hi-Point said afterwards: "Everyone had a great time, apart from me, as the only Leeds supporter in the group".

If your company would like to join us in future, contact Dave Roberts on 01924 377379.



From the Chairman

Fourteen years ago UTN was formed to help cater for the demand for trained operatives and supervisors working on our highways following the introduction of the New Roads and Street Works Act.

The years since then have seen countless changes both to UTN and the needs of anyone working on the highway, but the qualification remained the same.

As you can see from the front page of this newsletter new legislation has been brought in to ensure that the workforce keeps up to date.

Codes of practice either have been, or are about to be, updated, and they will have the full weight of the law behind them, making it a criminal offence not to comply

From next year the "card" will no longer be renewed simply by sending off a renewal fee every five years. Instead everyone will need to be re-assessed every five years to ensure that their knowledge and understanding has kept pace with changes.

Final details of the re-assessment have yet to be released but if it makes for a more qualified and safer workforce it can only be better for everyone.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our new team members, particularly Nigel, who I have known for many years.

He has an excellent track record in motivating a team to produce outstanding results and I am sure he will continue his success at UTN.

Welcome also to Martin, who joins our sales team, and Hello again to Paula who has returned to us after a short break.

Steve Fisher

DRUGS AWARENESS COURSE LAUNCHED

Would you know if one of your employees or work colleagues was misusing drugs and possibly putting himself and everyone else in danger as a result?

Responding to requests from our customers UTN is launching a half day course offering a basic understanding of the implications of substance misuse in the work place and how that impacts on the organisation as a whole.

Aimed at anyone from shop floor to company directors who feel they need to be more drug aware it looks at work based facts and the implications of what can happen to organisations who have employees who are substance misusing.

Statistics show that an employee taking drugs is 3.6 times more likely to be involved in an accident in the workplace than their substance free colleagues.

The course looks at awareness of what a drug is, what drugs look like, their classification, legislation and penalties for the misuse of drugs.

Course tutor, Mandy Asquith commented: "Identification helps with the recognition of signs of misuse, what

to look for and how to address the problem including disciplinary procedures in the work place, how to support the employee through recovery.

"The work shop also eliminates preconceptions and myths about many drugs, encouraging the individual to think about the implications of substance misuse on the organisation and on the individual using," said Mandy.

The courses can be delivered on or off site at a time to suit you.



Tutor Mandy Asquith shows over 20 different drugs which employees could be misusing

For more information about the course or to book a place please contact our sales team on 01924 377379.

If you are worried about the possibility of your employees being involved with drugs, UTN now offers a Rapid Drug Testing Service.

Ring Mandy on 01924377379 for details.

Health & Safety tests at UTN

Health and Safety Tests have long been compulsory for most construction industry qualifications.

Often candidates have to travel miles to the nearest centre and booking a suitable date can be difficult.

In response to requests from customers UTN has invested in the technology required and set up a centre with seven terminals.

The centre is available for anyone to book a test and makes it simpler for

our own candidates to complete their qualification.

"We have been getting so many requests from customers for this facility that we decided to set up this new centre," said Dave Roberts, Centre Manager.

"Leeds is the nearest test centre and parking is a problem. Parking here is simple and free", he added.

Contact Ricky Beck on 01924 880649 for details

TEAM CHANGES Fatal falls increase

Three new team members have joined UTN in recent months including a new Managing Director, Nigel Barber(Right).

Nigel joined UTN after 15 successful years in the retail world working with Honda.

Nigel attributes his years of success working with Honda to the team he developed and their focus on customer service which won them many awards over the years.

The UTN team's focus on customer service, their experience, facilities and the opportunity to work with a leading training provider are some of the reasons joining UTN appealed to him.

Away from work, Nigel and his wife Jacqueline enjoy travel, motorsport, boating and visiting family and friends.

Nigel is looking forward to the exciting years ahead with UTN, with the company going from strength to strength as the team develop new opportunities, partnerships and leave the recession behind.



New recruit **Martin Sammon** is married to Suzanne and has an eighteen month old daughter Holly Marie.

A Halifax man, he spends his spare time walking with his family in the Ogden area

He brings over fourteen years' experience of sales to UTN and is looking forward to enjoying his future with the UTN team.



Proving the grass is not always greener on the other side **Paula Laveurt** is back with our Sales Team.

Still as lively and loud as ever she's looking forward to speaking to some of her old customers again.

Away from the office Paula is totally attached to her two nags Lucy and Reilley.

Take a look at our new web site Facilities section. Visit www.utntraining.co.uk and click on the Facilities tab to see photographs of our training areas & classrooms.

The Health and Safety Executive is planning a crackdown on work at height after research found the proportion of deaths from falls had increased significantly.

Falls from height remains the most common cause of workplace deaths.

Last year over 4,000 employees suffered major injuries and 35 workers died after falling from height at work.

A spokesman for HSE commented: "Working on roofs can be a high risk activity if the right measures are not taken to protect workers and falls can result in life-changing injuries or even death.

"There is a need for companies to ensure that work at height is properly planned and supervised and that appropriate equipment is provided.

For advice on training requirements under the Working at Height Regulations, contact our Sales Team on 01924 377379.

UTN run courses covering most aspects of working at height.

NEBOSH GENERAL

The NEBOSH National General Certificate is the most widely held health and safety qualification in the UK with over 100,000 people gaining the qualification since in the last 20 years.

The course covers the main legal requirements for health and safety in the UK, identification and control of workplace hazards, and the practical application of this knowledge.

A level 3 qualification with the National Qualification Framework (NQF) it is recognised internationally.

The certificate is aimed at managers, supervisors and staff from all types of organisations who need a broad understanding of health and safety issues.

For details of UTN's NEBOSH courses contact our Sales Team on 01924 377379.



One of UTN's NEBOSH instructors, Ray Johnson, with one of his students Paula Fletcher of the Broadley Group, who drew the lucky winner in our business card draw for visitors to our stand at the East Yorkshire SHAD event.

The winner of the bottle of champagne was Mr Robert Butterwick of Yorkshire Groundworks Solutions Ltd



scheduled courses

Below is a list of scheduled courses for the next few months

	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
NEBOSH Construction (week blocks)	Apr 26-30	May 10-14 May 24-28	EXAMS 10 & 11	July 26-30	Aug 9-13 Aug 23-27	EXAMS 9 & 10	Oct 25-29	Nov 8-12 Nov 22-26	EXAMS 9 & 10
NEBOSH Construction (day release over 15 weeks)					25	1, 8, 15, 22, 29	6, 13, 20, 27	3, 10, 17, 24	¹ EXAMS 9 & 10
NEBOSH General (week blocks)		May 17-21	June 1-4, 7 EXAM 11		Aug 16-20, 31	Sept 1-3, 6 EXAM 10		Nov 15-19 Nov 29-30	1-3 EXAM 10
NEBOSH General (day release over 10 weeks)					24, 31	7, 14, 21, 28	5, 12, 19, 26	EXAM 5	
SMSTS (day release over 5 weeks)	8,15,22,29 May 6	6,13,20,27 June 3	9,16,23,30 July 7	8,15,22,29 Aug 5	2 to 6 (5 Day Block)	8,15,22,29 Oct 6	7,14,21,28 Nov 4	9,16,23,30 Dec 7	13 to 17 (5 Day Block)
SMSTS Re-certification	19 to 20	17 to 18	17 to 18	19 to 20	18 to 19	23 to 24	18 to 19	18 to 19	13 to 14
Site Supervisors	12 to 13	10 to 11	16 to 17	22 to 23	16 to 17	16 to 17	13 to 14	11 to 12	7 to 8
Shopfitters & Interior Contractors (3 days)			28 to 30					3 to 5	
IOSH Managing Safely (day release over 4 weeks)		7, 14, 21, 28		7, 14, 21, 28		7, 14, 21, 28		1, 8, 15, 22	
First Aid at Work (day release over 3 weeks)	13, 20, 27		8, 15, 22		2 - 4 (3 Day Block)		4, 11, 18		
First Aid at Work Re-certification (2 days)	8 to 9			8 to 9			4 to 5		
Emergency First Aid	16	5	18	27	26	20	15	2	8
Confined Space Entry inc Escape B.A. (1 day)	9, 16, 23, 30	7, 14, 21, 28	4, 11, 18, 25	2, 9, 16, 23, 30	6, 13, 20, 27	3, 10, 17, 24	1, 8, 15, 22, 29	5, 12, 19, 26	3, 10, 17
Scaffold Inspection (2 days)	14 to 15	24 to 25	23 to 24	15 to 16	10 to 11	23 to 24	11 to 12	25 to 26	15 to 16
PASMA Mobile Tower (1 day)	27	27	24	27	26	23	26	25	9
Abrasive Wheels (1 day)	19	17	14	12	9	13	11	8	6
Cat & Genny (cable location) (1 day)			16			15			8
NRSWA Signing, Lighting & Guarding (1 day)	20	18	15	13	10	14	12	9	7
NRSWA Street Works Operatives (5 days) 1-6 + 9	12 to 16 26 to 30	10 to 14 24 to 28	7 to 11 21 to 25	5 to 9 19 to 23	2 to 6 16 to 20	6 to 10 20 to 24	4 to 8 18 to 22	1 to 5 15 to 19 29 to Dec 3	13 to 17
NRSWA Street Works Supervisors (5 days) 1+10-14+16	12 to 16 26 to 30	10 to 14 24 to 28	7 to 11 21 to 25	5 to 9 19 to 23	2 to 6 16 to 20	6 to 10 20 to 24	4 to 8 18 to 22	1 to 5 15 to 19 29 to Dec 3	13 to 17

This schedule is produced to assist with planning your training needs, through to the end of 2010.

Please ring our Course Bookings Team on 01924377379 for further information and availability.

Courses are held at our training centre or at client premises (if sufficient numbers permit) at any time to suit your needs, including weekends for some courses. Alternatively we can tailor a course to suit your needs.

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