

Training Opportunities

Advanced Leadwork

The continuing high demand for quality leadwork installation, whilst welcomed by LCA members, has nevertheless put them under increasing pressure to rapidly expand or develop a skilled labour force that remains adept in meeting the demands of the craft's more intricate design features.

Basic induction and early stage development training is available through the City & Guilds 6055 Leadwork Certificate courses operated by the Lead Training Academy and co-ordinated by them through a network of approved FE colleges, as well as their own custom-built premises in East Peckham, Kent.

There is also now the opportunity to "fast-track" a competent leadworker on to a more advanced level, with the Lead Contractors Association having designed advanced leadwork courses for contractors working with lead and these courses are now being delivered by the LTA at East Peckham and by Lead Delegated Assessment at the Building Crafts College in Stratford, East London.

The courses are set at two levels, silver and gold, based upon the original criteria for leadwork under the Roofing Industry Council "Hallmark" scheme. Each type of course provides intensive training and instruction for the already experienced leadworker, setting a series of demanding tasks on the full scale model roof and life size timber models of domes, turrets and spires.

The instructors and demonstrators are either fully qualified training professionals or are drawn from the industry itself and are all knowledgeable, experienced masters at the very peak of the craft.

In establishing an advanced training programme for the industry by the industry, the LCA is ensuring the leadwork craft skills developed by its top exponents are being passed on to the next generation of craftsmen and the hard won quality standards reputation of the specialist leadwork contractor is being protected and preserved.

[Click here for further details of the course](#)

City & Guilds 6055 Certificate

The City & Guilds 6055 Leadworkers Certificate represents a national qualification in leadwork, which is co-ordinated by the Lead Training Academy from its custom built centre in East Peckham, Kent and through a network of approved FE colleges.

Designed for those that want to acquire the skills for working lead sheet, the course is broken down into four separate modules covering (1) Flashing details (2) Weatherings (3) Flat and Pitched roofs (4) Cladding and Dormers. A more advanced Module 5 will shortly be available. The course is mainly practical with related technology integrated with lectures covering design, repair, maintenance, fire prevention and ventilation details for roof structures.

Those with little or no previous experience of leadwork should preferably have previously obtained a Basic Bossing and Welding Certificates from either the LTA or Lead Delegated Assessment at the Building Crafts College. Although there are no special entry requirements for C&G Module 1, some experience of working lead sheet would be an advantage, as this will give students the best opportunity of satisfactorily completing Modules 2, 3 and 4.

As alternative to attending college, those with some leadwork experience can gain the Certificate through the Accreditation of Prior Learning (APL), an assessment of past working experience and qualifications based upon on-site observations and verifying a portfolio of evidence.

The Lead Training Academy can be contacted directly at the address shown. The following training centres offer the City & Guilds 6055 Leadworkers Certificate training course.

Table of Colleges

Lead Training Academy

Hawkwell Business Centre, Maidstone Road, Pembury, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN2 4AH.

Tel: 01892 824283
Contact Mr N Johnston

Blackpool and the Flyde College

Division of Construction, Ashfield Road, Bispham, Blackpool FY2 0HB.

Tel: 01253 352352
Contact Mr F Kirkham

Canterbury College

New Dover Road, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 3AJ

Tel: 01227 811258
Contact: Ms J Wood

Castlereagh College

Montgomery Road, Belfast, NI, BT6 9JD

Tel: 028 9079 7144
Contact: Mr O'Brien

CITB Erith Training Centre

Manor Road, Erith, Kent DA8 2AD

Tel: 01322 349638,
Contact: Ms A Newton

Chichester College

Westgate Fields, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 1SB

Tel: 01243 786321
Contact: Mr S Cornell

Eastleigh College

Chestnut Avenue, Eastleigh, Hampshire SO50 5HT

Tel: 023 8032 6326
Contact Ms Jayne Lewis

Highbury College

Unicorn Road, Portsmouth, Hampshire, PO1 4AU

Tel: 01705 822571
Contact: Mr J Enticknap

Leicester South Fields College

Aylestone Road, Leicester, LE2 7LW

Tel: 0116 224 2000 ext 2418
Contact: Mr R Patel

North Down & Ards Institute

Newtownards Centre, Victoria Avenue, Newtownards, Co. Down, NI, BT23 7EH

Tel: 02891 276600
Contact: Mr J Ellesmere

North East Surrey College

Reigate Road, Ewell, Epsom, Surrey, KT17 3DS

Tel: 0208 394 1731
Contact: Mr A Harris

College of North West London

105 Brook Road, Dollis Hill, London NW2 7BZ

Tel: 0208 208 5000 ext. 5671
Contact: Mr B Wood

Plymouth College

Kings Road, Devonport, Plymouth, Devon, PL1 5QG

Tel: 01752 305835

Contact: Mr L Delve

Stourbridge College

Hagley Road, Stourbridge, West Midlands DY8 1QU

Tel: 01384 344344

Contact Mr B Athersmith