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## Message from the Chairman



Peter Robinson

*Welcome to the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the UKATA Newsletter.*

*A year ago we were trying to work out where we were and how we were going to deal with the List of Asbestos Licensed Training Providers that we had "inherited" from HSE.*

*A year on, with hard work from our Executive Committee, including great support from ACAD, ARCA and the National Demolition Training Group (NDTG), we have made good progress.*

*This Newsletter will illustrate the scope of development so far.*

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## Annual General Meeting (AGM)

*UKATA's first Annual General Meeting will take place on Friday 20th February 2009 and will be held at Villa Park, Birmingham.*

*The meeting will take place in the morning, followed by lunch for those that choose to join us.*

*An important part of the meeting will be the election of the Executive Committee.*

*In line with the association's mandate all of the existing Executive Committee members resign each year with the exception of the Chairman who serves for two years.*

*There are thirteen places for Category 1 members, as this is still the primary focus of the association. We have also created two additional places for Category 2 and 3 members, to be elected by those members.*

*As a reminder the categories of membership are as follows:-*

<i>Category 1 Membership:</i>	<i>Asbestos Licensed Training</i>
<i>Category 2 Membership:</i>	<i>Asbestos Non Licensed Training</i>
<i>Category 3 Membership:</i>	<i>Asbestos Awareness Training</i>

*There is a lot of work for the Committee to do in 2009 and we hope to see healthy competition for those places to do the work and assist the association in moving forward.*

*Formal notice of the AGM has been sent to members and the return date is particularly important for numbers for lunch.*



## NVQ's For Asbestos Industry

*UKATA has spent a long time talking about NVQs this year.*

*As you are probably aware the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have for some time championed the industry to offer a recognised qualification to the asbestos removal industry. An NVQ level 2 was the best route.*

*The NVQ in Hazardous Waste has been around for some time, however in December the first batch of 15 candidates achieved NVQ level 2 in 'Licensed Asbestos Removal'. These are the first of many.*

*There is currently one Awarding Body: WAMITAB. As of the 1st March 2009 there will be another: CONSTRUCTION SKILLS.*

*In order to clarify the issue, companies wishing to put their employees through the NVQ route will need to register their interest with an Assessment Centre.*

*To date some of our UKATA members already operate Assessment Centres in other disciplines such as insulation etc. However current UKATA members including ACAD, ARCA, Northern Safety and the National Demolition Training Group are looking to be up and running within in a very short period with this new qualification.*

*There is no barrier to any of our UKATA members applying to an Awarding Body to be an Assessment Centre, however we do not envisage too many wanting to do so.*

*Obviously UKATA members will still continue to carry out the training for the individuals pre NVQ and continue once the individual has gained their level 2.*

*On-going training, irrespective of the NVQ route still remains a requirement under Statutory Legislation, annually or sooner.*

*What will be needed to support these Assessment Centres will be experienced, asbestos industry knowledgeable, AI Assessors in order to provide the Assessment Centres with the site assessment of the candidates nationwide.*

*Currently we have an offer from Construction Skills to train AI Assessors to the required standards. No doubt other schemes will arise. For those wanting details, please contact the UKATA office.*

*It is envisaged that there will be rapid take up of the NVQ for asbestos removal contractors as they will be keen to market their 'Advantage' to prospective clients.*

*It is expected that major clients will want to use contractors who are seen to be working with the HSE's desired improved skills and may even insist on the selection of contractors having NVQs as a requirement for procurement.*

### UKATA Workload 2009

*Details of this will depend upon the decisions of the new Executive Committee elected at the AGM in February. However, there are certain issues that clearly need urgent attention:*

- *Continuing Professional Development*
- *Asbestos Awareness standardisation: a lot of work has been done on this and it needs implementing*
- *Non-licensed training, which needs serious consideration*
- *And...*



## UKATA Members Question Bank

*UKATA Technical and Training Committee, Chaired by Steve Watkins of Hertel, has worked extremely hard on this during the year. Many people have contributed, both from the Executive Committee and outside of it. We would list those contributors but fear we may omit someone. For those that have helped THANKS!*

*The Question Bank will remain UKATA's Intellectual Property, but will be made available to all members to use in assessing candidates, and will be distributed shortly.*

*There will be rules governing its use, including questions covering every aspect of the required Syllabus for you to choose from.*



## Audits 2009

*UKATA's auditors are at work doing annual audits upon our members, as well as auditing new applicants.*

*We are very concerned about confidentiality and protection of members' intellectual property rights.*

*All Auditors and Committee Members who examine training materials have signed a confidentiality agreement. UKATA will only keep submitted training material for as long as needed to carry out the assessment. It will then be safely destroyed or if required returned to that member.*

*We are very pleased with the auditors we have recruited, and to date can advise that they include asbestos industry professionals including retired HSE Inspectors.*

*We would like to assure all our members that none of our auditors are themselves Training Providers / Registered Training Companies, therefore demonstrating our commitment to you of impartiality, independence and integrity.*

*Member companies should note that the auditor is there to observe and ask questions and should not leave your premises with any of your training materials or other documents.*



## REVISED LOGO'S

*UKATA has made revisions to its logo to indicate the Category of Membership of each of its Members. These will start to appear in the near future.*

- *Category 1 Members undertake all types of asbestos training including Licensed Training.*
- *Category 2 Members undertake Non-Licensed Training and Asbestos Awareness.*
- *Category 3 Members only undertake Asbestos Awareness Training.*

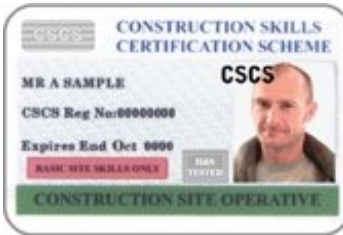
*We have introduced the Category of Associate Member. Our auditors are Associate members by right, whilst they are on the auditors list. Other organisations who may wish to be associated with UKATA may apply to join as Associates for an appropriate fee.*

*We will be taking careful note of any improper use of our logos. Any information about improper use of the UKATA logo will be gratefully received!*





## CSCS Cards



*Now that there is an NVQ scheme for Asbestos Removal that is active, the current path in applying for a CSCS card will close in July 2009.*

*From this time all new CSCS cards will only be issued to those candidates who have registered for the NVQ level 2. In addition all cards issued will state that the card is only valid when accompanied with a valid certificate issued by a UKATA Registered Member.*



## Continual Professional Development (CPD)

*During 2009 UKATA will be presenting a series of CPD days for Members.*

*This will initially take the form of a full day, made up of two half day sessions presented by equipment manufacturers and suppliers.*

*These will take place at UKATA's premises near Chesterfield but may be repeated in other areas of the country depending upon demand.*

*It is anticipated that there will be no charge to Members to attend these events.*

*In due course we will expect to see all trainers from UKATA Registered Members demonstrate CPD on an annual basis.*

*Any manufacturer or supplier that we have not approached yet, who may like to take part should contact the UKATA office.*



## UKATA Members

### Category 1

AAA	CIRCA Consultants	Life Environmental Limited
AASH Training Ltd	Connaught Compliance Plc	Manestream Ltd
ABP Associates Limited	CNM Training Solutions limited	NATAS Group
ACE PSI Group Training	DMW Environmental Safety Ltd	Nichol Associates Limited
ACAD	DS Environmental Ltd	Noble
ACS Physical Risk Control Ltd	EMS Group	Northern Safety
Allied West Environmental	Environmental Essentials Ltd	OHS Ltd
ARCA	Ferncroft Environmental	Prime Safety (Europe) Ltd
ARL Training Services Ltd	FJN Environmental Consultants	Safety Advisory Services Ltd
Asbestos Management & Consultancy Ltd	Forest Environmental Training Academy	Shield Environmental Services
Bradley Environmental Consultants	G & L Consultancy	TASC
Cape Industrial Services Ltd	Hertel	UK Asbestos Specialists Limited

### Category 2

Airborne Environmental Consultants Ltd	City Environmental Services Limited	Morris and Spottiswood Ltd
Asbestos Training & Surveying Ltd	CWE Training Ltd	Safety and Access Ltd
Aspect Contracts Ltd	Enquin Environmental Limited	Silverdell Academy for Excellence (SAFE)
CBES Ltd	Independent Asbestos Surveys & Services	

### Category 3

Asbestos Training Providers	Crossways Environmental Services Ltd	MDS Environmental Services Ltd
Building Research Establishment Group (BRE Group)	Encompassed Limited	Morgan Est Plc
Coal Consultants Limited	Gully Howard Technical	The Health and Safety People
	J B Monitor Ltd	The Wrekin Housing Trust

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