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Message from the Chairman

Welcome to the 7th edition of the UKATA Newsletter.

UKATA Executive Committee has been working hard on projects through the summer. Some of these have been produced, others are on the way.

In August I went with David Stanley - Deputy Chairman, to visit Greg Haywood the Head of the Asbestos Licensing Unit (ALU) in Edinburgh.

We gave Greg a thorough outline of what we have been doing and intend to do so that he could pass it on to the Asbestos Licensing Principal Inspectors (ALPI) at their annual conference.

We were keen to 'test the water' with Greg on increased practical elements in operative training - more of that to come in the future.

Greg outlined three areas that he was working on that have relevance to our members.

- Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2007 (CDM); putting pressure on construction clients to ensure that the asbestos part of refurbishments was within the scope of CDM for the project - something often avoided. This then requires that CSCS cards are held by the asbestos team.
- Consolidation of skills and knowledge in Supervisors, Managers and Directors
- Competence of those providing training - This of course is what UKATA is trying to do.



HSE Asbestos Awareness Campaign 2009

HSE New Asbestos Campaign - Ready for the rush ??

The HSE's latest asbestos campaign is due to be launched on 2nd November 2009. This will hopefully deliver a run on asbestos awareness courses – not only a benefit to the delegates, but also of course to members.

UKATA will have quantities of campaign packs available for distribution at our regional meetings.

Through UKATA involvement on the campaign committee, this campaign will better inform the targeted audience about the scope of asbestos awareness training and the need for specific training before work with asbestos is undertaken.





Regional Meetings - Autumn 2009

- 28th October 2009 - Markham Vale (Over 30 delegates already booked)
- 4th November 2009 - Hemel Hempstead
- 11th November 2009 - Stockton on Tees
- 19th November 2009 - Glasgow

All meetings - Lunch 13.00 hours for a 13.30 start

UKATA is keen to listen to our members. We have arranged this series of regional meetings to show you what we have done, but mainly listen to what you want.

Whilst UKATA started with an aspiration to change the face of asbestos training overnight, sooner or later we had to learn what we were up against.

What were we up against?

- *Everybody is an expert.*
- *Legislation that was carefully drafted but which needs to be interpreted into meaningful training.*
- *Lack of continuity of approach throughout the industry.*

Changes we have learned do not happen overnight.

We think we have started to address the basics that are necessary. We need to find out more from you the members - what you want us to do in the future.



NVQ2 - Where is it now?

The impetus of the NVQ campaign took a severe knock with the reduction of Train to Gain funding. However the whole thing is not lost and there is still interest.

The requirements for an NVQ in asbestos removal remains for CSCS cards and as reported elsewhere in the newsletter, more asbestos sites in the future will come in scope of the CDM Regulations.

Organisations continue to develop AI assessors for asbestos and the interest is still there amongst asbestos removal contractors.

If you are interested in NVQ funding then talk to your local Business Link – You never know what you will find – but it will vary across the country.





Category 2 Syllabus - Non Licensable Training



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CATEGORY 2

UKATA has been working on syllabuses suitable for the different categories of training. Whilst the Approved Code of Practice (ACoP) that supports the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2006 - L143 outlines the core content, a properly constructed syllabus is necessary to guide our members and to enable us to audit what we see.

The Asbestos Awareness (category 3) syllabus has been in place for several months now.

We are trying to build on this for non - licensed training: do the awareness first and then teach them how to do the work with asbestos, including practical skills that are seen to be done by the delegates.

This is proving a lot more difficult than we expected. If you thought non - licensed training was remove a garage roof and scrape off 10cm² of textured coating then think again!

What about three football pitches of asbestos cement roof sheets?

Effectively we see low risk non - licensed work and high risk non - licensed work where even decontamination units and full decontamination procedures may be required.

All this while the HSE are preparing their own 'Asbestos - The Non -licensed contractors' guide'. This publication though promised, has no publication date announced. UKATA will be pleased to work with HSE on this and as soon as we have formalised our ideas we will be talking to HSE about it.

You might wonder where 'Asbestos Essentials' falls into this, as do we! There is a lot of good work in Asbestos Essentials, which we are keen to develop upon.

When we are finished we will have a full syllabus and descriptions of practical work that we would expect delegates to actually be seen to undertake as part of training.

The largest part of the industry that undertakes non - licensed work is demolition and we will be keen to seek the opinions of our members from the National Demolition Training Group (NTDG).



E-learning

UKATA are aware that some of our members are keen on delivering e-learning systems for asbestos awareness. Whilst we realise that this is a commercially sensitive area to the majority of members, we are unable to ignore it and must ensure that proper guidelines are adhered to.

Professor Roger Willey, a UKATA Executive Committee Member, who has experience in this area has been tasked with addressing this matter on UKATA's behalf and we will report further when we know more.

UKATA New Web Site



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Category One

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Non-Licensed Asbestos Work

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Asbestos Awareness

Category Three

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Welcome to the UKATA website

Welcome to the web-site of the UK Asbestos Training Association.

UKATA sets standards in asbestos training and ensures that its members meet those standards.

It is legal requirement that all who may come across asbestos in their day to day work have been provided with asbestos awareness training. If they will intentionally work on asbestos they must have had appropriate training specific to the tasks they will undertake.

List of UKATA Registered Members

Enter a company name to find if they are a UKATA Registered Member.

Leave blank if a full alphabetic list is required.

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Want to read more on UKATA?

The UKATA website is key to what we do. The current version was never good enough for our purpose but was created in a hurry because without one we 'did not exist'

After much debate the new one is nearly ready to go live.

It will be available in the usual place in the next week or so.

NEWS

Asbestos: The Surveyors Guide

The Latest news we have is that this will be published in January 2010.

Whilst this is not of direct interest to UKATA members in their UKATA training, a lot of clients will be keen to know.

Membership

Membership has been going from strength to strength, we are pleased to advise you all that we now have 77 full members and 13 pending members.

These are made up of members in all the different categories from category 1 through to category 3.



Process Review

We are in the process of conducting a review of all our procedures. This will impact upon the membership.

UKATA started by inheriting the HSE list of licensed training providers. We added new members and in 2009 set about dealing with renewals.

Although we had others' model procedures to draw upon, nobody else does exactly what we do! Our procedures evolved trying to accommodate the situations that we found ourselves in.

Now in preparation for 2010 renewals we are embarking on a major review of what we do. There will be no major changes to membership requirements, however, our renewal procedures will be tightened up.

The first impact of this would be upon our majority of members who renew on 1st February 2010. Please bear with us; we have a lot of members to deal with. We need to ensure that everyone is dealt with fairly with a consistent approach.



UKATA Question Bank

A reminder that the question bank has been circulated to all members. Category 1 members will be expected to use these in training courses that are audited after 1st February 2010.

We are also working on a question bank specifically for non – licensable training, which will be finalised once the syllabus is complete.



Annual General Meeting - Advance Notice

A date for your diary:

The 2010 AGM will take place at Villa Park, (Home of Aston Villa Football Club) Birmingham on Friday 26th February 2010.

Keynote speaker for the event will be Michael Lees.

If you have not heard Michael speak before he really is not to be missed! The impact of his campaign on 'Asbestos in Schools' has caused waves at the highest levels of Government.



UKATA - Situations Vacant

Vacancy: Part- Time Association Development Director

The UK Asbestos Training Association (UKATA) seeks to employ a person with asbestos industry experience to develop the Association's profile and membership.

The post will be part-time, 1 or 2 days a week, dependent upon salary expectations of the successful candidate. Salary is negotiable. The post will be permanent, subject to a 3 month trial and will have pro-rata holidays equivalent to 20 days paid holiday plus 8 Bank Holidays.

The successful candidate will need to use his / her own car for which mileage will be paid for travel on business. Anticipated start date 1st January 2010

Duties

This is intended to be indicative of the type of duty expected but is not exhaustive.

- *Contacting / Visiting members*
- *Recruiting new members*
- *Promoting the benefits of using UKATA Members for asbestos training*
- *Advising the UKATA Executive Committee about Members' opinions*
- *Assisting in the production of marketing materials for the Association*
- *Development of revenue-earning opportunities for UKATA*

Candidate Profile

The successful candidate is likely to fit the following criteria:

- *To have worked in the asbestos industry (removal or analytical) thus being able to communicate with members at a technical level. (Enforcement experience would also be appropriate).*
- *To have up to date knowledge of asbestos legislation.*
- *Smart appearance.*
- *Sociable manner.*

Additional qualities that might recommend a candidate would be:

- *Experience of training.*
- *Sales or marketing background.*
- *Evidence or organisational skills.*

Please apply in writing with detailed curriculum vitae to:

UKATA, Markham Vale Environment Centre, Markham Vale, Markham Lane, Chesterfield, S44 5HY

Closing date 30th November 2009



Member Involvement

Congratulations are clearly in order, UKATA Member Circa Consultants based up in Scotland have now qualified Sean Emberton as the first Asbestos Operative to receive the NVQ level 2 Removal of Hazardous and Non-Hazardous Waste through the Construction Awards Alliance (CAA)

Gordon Bogie - the NVQ Assessor was pleased to present Sean with his certificate.

CAA joins WAMITAB as an awarding body for this qualification.

