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Timber-based fire doors: Maintenance & repairs training module.

Thank you for your enquiry about our training package, here's a little bit more information about the training we provide.

Aims and objectives.

We have designed and produced this training package to meet the needs of carpenters that maintain timber-based doors and that already have the necessary experience and practical skills, but that wish to improve their knowledge about maintenance requirements for fire resisting doors.

Our work also includes fire door inspections and I and many of my colleagues have become increasingly aware that many fire doors have been (and still are being) installed or maintained non-compliant to the requirements of the relevant standard.

The point about fire doors is that installation and maintenance should be in strict accordance with the door manufacturer's requirements based on the fire performance test for that particular door type. Those requirements vary from door type to door type, sometimes a little and sometimes a lot, there is little in the way in standardisation.

Our training provides the necessary clarity and recognises that the process begins with suitable inspection work and then maintenance and repairs for the door assembly. Many of the common non-compliance issues stem from insufficient survey and installation work, not just incorrect fitting of the door. By beginning with the inspection requirements and guiding the delegate through the processes of maintenance and repairs our training provides a clear understanding of how timber-based fire doors should be maintained to meet the Standard.

Delivery.

This training package has been designed and produced to provide equally for remote study or for traditional classroom based delivery.

Learning materials comprise a booklet with around 100 pages containing images in colour and text to describe fire door installation requirements, as well as the same information on USB stick including voiced commentary and self-test facility comprising 100 questions. This provides the delegate with an opportunity to test their knowledge and review their answers before submitting themselves for the final examination. To access the content from USB stick the delegate will require access to a suitable device running either Windows or Mac software.

Content.

The content of the Timber-based fire doors: Maintenance & repairs training module is summarised briefly below:

The role of the fire door.

This describes the function of a fire door in terms of safety and compartmentation of the building to help keep occupiers and users safe by providing protection to escape routes and sleeping accommodation. It also covers fire door testing standards in terms of the fire ratings and requirements for restricted

spread of cold smoke.

What the law says about fire doors.

In this section we look at what obligations are placed upon building operators and fire door installers and maintainers in terms of fire safety law in England & Wales.

Certification, regulations & standards.

Here we look at what building regulations apply in England & Wales to fire doors, what British Standards apply as well as related guidance and product certification.

Inspection and maintenance requirements.

This part is the main section of the training module. Here we look at inspection requirements in detail, including identifying the door as a fire door, fire doors without evidence of performance, how maintenance and repair work should be carried out and where to find details about maintenance requirements for particular door types. We also look at the individual components (ironmongery and seals etc.) that come together to make up the complete fire door assembly or door-set.

· Record Keeping.

This part covers records such as the door register, maintenance schedule, inspection forms and maintenance & repair forms.

• Further reading and resources.

There is already guidance available that deals with many of the components of the fire door assembly. Some is free to access and others, such as the relevant British Standard, have to be purchased so here we provide links to relevant guidance documents.

The examinations.

Here we describe what will be expected in the final exam.

Testing your knowledge.

This includes a self-test facility so that the delegates can test themselves before booking the exam at our training centre.

And finally.

Here we sum up the training content and the importance of working to the required standards.

Prices.

Prices below are quoted excluding VAT. There is a sliding scale so that applications for multiple delegates receive a useful discount.

Training Course	One person	Two persons	Three persons	Four persons	Five persons
BWF Fire Door Installation Awareness two-day course	£700 each	£500 each	£400 each	£350 each	£300 each
Timber fire doors: Installations course	£400 each	£350 each	£300 each	£275 each	£250 each
Timber fire doors: Maintenance course	£400 each	£350 each	£300 each	£275 each	£250 each
Timber fire doors: Inspection course*	£1000 each	£900 each	N/A	N/A	N/A
Practical assessment (for installation/maintenance courses)	£1000 each	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

^{*}This course includes the practical training element and the final assessment as standard.

NB: The theory element for all courses, except for the BWF course, can be studied remotely at home or at our training centre.

How to book.

Contact us by telephone on 07970 201231 or by email at neil@firedoorscomplete.com alternatively there is a contact page at our website www.firedoorscomplete.com where you can make an enquiry or send a message

Trainers credentials

The training course has been designed by myself and is based upon my forty plus years of industry experience as well holding the following qualifications:

- Certification to a UKAS accredited fire door inspection scheme
- Professional fire door inspector
- Chairman of the Affiliation of Fire Door Inspectors
- Fire door inspector certification by BRE Global and Doorcheck
- Fire door installation & maintenance certification by BRE Global
- FDIS Diploma in fire doors
- Fire stopping inspector certification by Independent Fire Inspections
- Membership of the Institute of Fire Engineers

- NOCN approval for delivery of SiteRight assured courses (contact us for details)
- Courses have FireQual recognised training programme approvals.

Training certificates and further assessment option.

Delegates that successfully complete the course and pass the final examination will receive a certificate of achievement valid for five years.

They may also apply to submit themselves for a practical assessment comprising the inspection and maintenance work to a timber-based fire door assembly at our training centre. The finished work would be subject to inspection by a certificated fire door inspector and where found to be compliant a further certificate would be issued. This option is priced at £ 1000.00 + vat per delegate and includes all materials but not the tools.

Note.

Whilst there is currently no legal requirement for fire door inspectors to possess a dedicated qualification, competence is necessary. The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 requires those that provide fire safety related services to be 'Competent Persons'. Approved Document 7 of the Building Regulations covers workmanship and materials. Many clients such as housing associations, healthcare organisations and education providers now require that those that inspect fire doors have a qualification or certification as proof of competence to perform that work.

Subsequent to the Hackitt Report there are industry led working groups looking at what competence should look like and you may find the report 'Setting the Bar' interesting at https://cic.org.uk/setting-the-bar-annexes.php

However, there is currently no mandatory requirement for fire door inspector training but many clients such as housing associations, healthcare organisations and education providers now require that those that inspect fire doors have a qualification or certification as proof of competence to perform those works. In terms of third party approval for our training courses, we have attained FIREQUAL 'Recognised Programme Approval'. More information is available at https://www.firequal.com/qualifications/fire-doors-complete-ltd

We hope you have found the above interesting and please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Yours faithfully,

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For and on behalf of Fire Doors Complete Ltd

