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Timber-based fire doors: Inspection 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 those that offer fire door inspection services to building operators and other clients that require such services.

The point about timber-based fire doors is that requirements for compliant installation and maintenance can vary depending on the construction of the door. Therefore, in order to provide an accurate and comprehensive fire door inspection report it is necessary to identify the door to the manufacturers evidence of fire resistance performance.

Our training provides the necessary clarity on this subject and recognises that the process begins with suitable verification work to identify the door and components of the door assembly or door-set, so as to check suitability and compatibility. Of course, there will be occasions where no such evidence is available in which case the inspector must make a judgement about whether or not the door is suitable. Our training covers this difficult subject so that the inspector can be confident about the decisions they make and in turn the reports they provide to their clients. By beginning with the verification and inspection requirements and guiding the trainee inspector through the best practice processes our training provides a clear understanding of how timber-based fire doors should be inspected to meet the relevant standards and regulations.

Delivery.

This training package is a combination of home-study followed by two days at our training centre. It has been designed and produced to provide initially for remote-based study so that the delegate can reach a level of learning and submit themselves for examination before progressing to the practical element of the fire door inspection training at our training centre.

Learning materials comprise a textbook with around 100 pages containing images in colour and text to describe fire door inspection requirements, as well as the same information on USB stick including voiced commentary and interactive 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 first stage examination.

To access the content from the USB stick the delegate will require access to a suitable device running either Windows or Mac software.

Having passed the first examination, the delegate would attend the two-day practical fire door inspection training. There, they would carry out practical fire door inspections, record the inspection data and produce the fire door inspection report. Finally on day two they will submit themselves for

the final examination which is a live inspection at our training centre and at which the delegate is required to carry out the inspection, record the data and issue a completed fire door inspection report for the doors inspected. The examiner will judge and assess the delegate by observing the inspection work and inspecting the completed fire door inspection report for completeness and accuracy.

Content.

The content of the Timber-based fire doors: Inspection 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, inspectors & 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 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, how to deal with fire doors without evidence of performance, how to carry out the inspection, how to record the inspection data and how to produce a suitable fire door inspection report.
- Record keeping. This part covers records such as inspection data, inspection reports and other relevant information about the fire doors.
- 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 exams.
- Testing your knowledge. This includes a self-test facility so that the delegates can test themselves before booking the first stage 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 learner	Two	Three	Four	Five +
Timber fire doors: Installation 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*	£ 1200 each	£ 1100 each	-	-	-

* This course includes the practical training and the final assessment.

NB. The theory element for all courses can be studied at home.

How to book.

Contact us by telephone on 07599 425388 or by email at robin@firedoorscomplete.com alternatively there is a contact page at our website www.firedoorscomplete.com where you can make an enquiry or send a message.

Trainer's credentials

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

- Management of services under a UKAS accredited fire door inspection scheme
- Certificated 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
- Membership of the Institute of Materials, Minerals & Mining
- NOCN approval for delivery of SiteRight assured courses (contact us for details)
- Courses have FireQual recognised training programme approvals.
- ISO 9001: 2015 certification for the international standard of Quality Management Systems, provided by UKAS accredited audit & certification company.

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'. Regulation 7 of the Building Regulations covers workmanship and materials. Subsequent to the Hackitt Report there are industry led working groups looking at what competence should look like in the future and you may find the report 'A Higher Bar' interesting at <https://www.cic.org.uk/shop/a-higher-bar-achieving-a-competence-led-built-environment> It is expected that in future regulated qualifications may become either a mandatory requirement or at least a strong recommendation.

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 install or maintain 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 me with any questions.

Yours faithfully,

Neil Ashdown

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For and on behalf of Fire Doors Complete Ltd