

APPRENTICESHIPS IN 2009

The next In Situ Resin Flooring Apprenticeship will start on 29 and 30 April 2009. The schemes are delivered in modules by a mix of formal instruction off the job, followed by supervised on the job training at employer level, with a final end assessment by an industry approved Assessor. Leading to an NVQ Level 2, a Blue CSCS Skilled Card and the FeRFA ID Badge.

There are now two routes to funding for apprentices, dependent on previous qualifications. For the majority of candidates who have no other qualifications, this is now available at a higher rate through the Learning Skills Council (LSC). To qualify for this level of funding candidates will attend a 5-day residential course on Key and Learning Skills at ConstructionSkills in Bircham Newton.

Those candidates who already have higher qualifications can apply for A08 funding and do not attend the residential course on Key & Learning Skills.

The two levels – LSC and A08 - are shown below and full details on all apprenticeships, qualification and grants can be found on the FeRFA website.

To register candidates simply phone FeRFA on 01252 714250 or download the registration form from the website.

APPRENTICESHIPS FUNDING VIA	LSC	A08*
On Registration	£210	£200
Year 1 attendance (made in ¼ payments)	£1,680	£1550
Year 2 attendance (made in ¼ payments)	£1,470	££550
On achievement of NVQ Level 2	£500	£500
Award of Apprenticeship (framework) bonus	£1,840	£900
Total	£5,700	£3,700

Plus potential supplement of 25% if CITB levy paid on time (conditions apply)	£1,425	£925
Total Grant plus supplement	£7,125	£4,625

APPRENTICESHIP COSTS	LSC	A08
Initial payment per candidate payable prior to commencement of the course	£800	£800
7 quarterly instalments of approx. £600 made over 2 years	£4,200	£4,200
Maximum costs	£5,000	£5,000

* Candidates on A08 funding will receive an additional payment of £375 on successful completion of the NVQ apprenticeship and payment of all fees.

SITE SAFETY COURSES

From 2010 the Main Contractor Group (MCG) requires all site supervisors to have attended a 2 day Site Safety Plus course or equivalent (IOSH, NEBOSH, SSSTS).

You can obtain a £50 discount on the 2-day Site Supervisors Safety Training Scheme (SSSTS) courses from the following four training providers:

- National Construction College (NCC)...**0844 8440466
- Safety Services (UK) Ltd (SSUK).....**0845 402 5050
- SSG Training & Consultancy (SSG).....**0870 043 4743
- Training & Assessment Consultants (TAC)** 0115 985 2455

Courses take place at venues around the country throughout the year (see below for sample).

All places must be booked direct with the training provider - quote NSCC Site Safety Plus 2009 and that you are a member of FeRFA to obtain your discount.

Cost for the SSSTS are:

NCC	£445
SSUK	£310 + VAT
SSG	£375 + VAT
TAC	£375 + VAT

Less £50 NSCC discount and £170 grant*

* Employers in scope of CITB-ConstructionSkills can claim grant A29 which includes a £35 per day attendance grant and £100 achievement grant on passing the course.

- The course certificates are valid for 5 years and can be renewed.
- Places are offered on a first come first served basis

Sample dates for 2009 are:

23 March	Renfrew	NCC
23 March	Nottingham	TAC
25 March	Oxford	NCC
31 March	Hull	NCC
01 April	Birmingham	NCC
02 April	Swansea	NCC
07 April	Kings Lynn	NCC
08 April	Burton-Upon-Trent	NCC
14 April	Dartford	NCC
15 April	Oxford	SSUK
20 April	Bristol	NCC
21 April	Renfrew	NCC
21 April	Bristol	SSG
23 April	Haydock	NCC
23 April	Exeter	NCC
28 April	Edinburgh	NCC
30 April	Leeds	NCC

Contact FeRFA for more dates or call the providers direct.