

NEW FUNDING FOR NVQ ACHIEVEMENT

Register now for the NVQ L2 in Insitu Resin Flooring to receive additional funding!

For candidates registering with FeRFA approved assessors, we can now offer funding via Learning Skills Council of £475 per candidate upon achievement of the NVQ. This funding is in addition to the CITB grant of £450 (+25% supplement if levy paid on time) and applies for candidates who are:

- Aged over 23 years
- Possess no other formal qualification (e.g. NVQ/SVQ)

As a FeRFA member, all candidates achieving the NVQ (within the 12 month period) will also be eligible for an additional £100 award via NSCC (National Specialist Contractor Council).

How much does it cost?

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| 1- 5 candidates | £1,250 per candidate plus travelling expenses £0.50/mile |
| 6+ candidates | £1,000 per candidate plus travelling expenses £0.50/mile |

How to apply?

Contact FeRFA now (01252 714250) to register your candidates and we will put you in contact with your local Assessor.

A BADGE OF QUALITY



All candidates achieving the NVQ L2 will receive a CSCS Blue Skilled Card (shown left) as well as the FeRFA ID Badge and certificate.



WORK BASED RECORDER COURSE

Having a qualified Work Based Recorder (WBR) within your company can considerably simplify and speed up the NVQ process, whether by onsite assessment or via the apprentice route. A WBR will support your candidates by gathering suitable evidence for the portfolio.

FeRFA is running a number of courses, based in the North and South, at a cost of £50 – this is fully grant funded by CITB and therefore refundable. Please contact FeRFA for further information.

PREPARE AND PROFILE SUBSTRATES – NEW NVQ

This new NVQ level 2 for sub floor preparation will be introduced in mid-2007 (See chart for routes available). For the first time, experienced operatives involved in this sector will be able to register for the NVQ through onsite assessment and achieve a Blue CSCS Skilled Card/FeRFA ID Badge. Two assessors with extensive experience in this field will be available via FeRFA to register candidates interested in this qualification.

If you wish to pre-register for this course and receive more information please contact FeRFA.

NEXT APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME – LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE

Resin Flooring is now one of only seven trades with their own specialist apprentice training scheme in conjunction with the National Specialist Accredited Centre (NSAC). The two year programme is open to all newcomers to the industry, aged over 18 years, and involves both on and off the job training, supported by employer supervision to build competence. All candidates registered receive a CSCS Red Trainee Card which is converted to the CSCS Blue Skilled Card upon successful completion of the scheme.

Grant Funding & Scheme Costs

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| On signing training agreement (Employer/FerFA/CITB) | £200.00 |
| Quarterly payments of £387.50 to the employer during Year 1 attendance | £1,550.00 |
| Quarterly payments of £137.50 to the employer during Year 2 attendance | £550.00 |
| Payment to the employer on achievement of the NVQ L2 | £350.00 |
| Payment to the employer on achievement of the NVQ L2 | £900.00 |
| Total Grant Payment | £3,550.00 |
| Plus potential supplement of 25% if CITB levy paid on time | £887.50 |
| Total Grant plus supplement | £4,437.50 |
| Scheme Costs | £4,500.00 |

Scheme Summary

The next Apprenticeship Programme begins on 15th May 2007, with limited places now available. An outline of the scheme is given below. Some modules are run in blocks of 2 to 3 days at the start of the programme (such as modules 2, 3 and 4; and modules 5 and 9) for continuity and to assist trainees with their understanding.

| Module No. | Course Modules | Duration | Module No. | Course Modules | Duration |
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| 1 | Generic Health & Safety | 2 Days | 9 | Work practice & project planning | 1 Day |
| 2 | Core sector introduction | 1 Day | 10 | Prepare Background Surfaces | 2 Days |
| 3 | First Aid "Appointed Person" | 1 Day | 11 | Coatings | 2 Days |
| 4 | CSCS & NVQ Registration & Induction, test preparation & touch screen test | 1 Day | 12 | Self Smoothing | 2 Days |
| 5 | Introduction to Insitu Resin Flooring | 1 Day | 13 | Screeds | 3 Days |
| 6 | Manual Handling & Vehicle offloading | ½ Day | 14 | Coving & Joints | 2 Days |
| 7 | Fire Extinguisher | ½ Day | 15 | Flowable Screeds | 2 Days |
| 8 | Abrasive & Diamond Wheels | ½ Day | 16 | On-site training, unit assessments and final sign off | |

Terry Foxley is the FeRFA Trainer for the Apprenticeship Scheme. Terry has 20 years experience in the industrial flooring industry, the last 12 of these running the Altro resin technical department. Prior to his career in the flooring industry he started his working life in the motor industry as a production planning and design engineer, setting up his own manufacturing business for the next 14 years.



ROUTES TO OBTAINING THE NVQ LEVEL 2

There are three mandatory units for all routes



VR 01
Conform to general
workplace safety

VR 02
Conform to efficient
work practices

VR 03
Move and handle
resources

Then a choice of routes from the following:

RESIN ROUTE

**SUB FLOOR
PREPARATION ROUTE**

SCREED ROUTE



VR 360
Establish work area
protection and safety

VR 359
Prepare and profile
substrates

VR 360
Establish work area
protection and safety



VR 313
Prepare background

VR 400
Operate specialised
powered tools and
equipment

VR 313
Prepare background



VR 315
Resin Floors
↓
Coating
Self Smoothing
Screeds

VR 314
Screed Floors
↓
Hand applied
Flowable

INTRODUCING LEVY/GRANT REGISTRATIONS

ConstructionSkills now has a levy registration questionnaire available on their website. Any firm that wishes to become registered can print this form, complete and return via either fax or post. Forms are processed within one working day. If you need any advice, you can contact Jean Kenny on 01485 577562 (jean.kenny@citb.co.uk) or any member of the team on 01485 577848 (levyregistratointeam@citb.co.uk)

CHANGE OF NAME FOR CITB Construction Skills

CITB Construction Skills has changed its name to **ConstructionSkills**. Tony Seddon continues to be the FeRFA contact for ConstructionSkills and is available to give advice on all aspects of training and grants. Tony can be contacted on mobile no: 07793 369499 or email: tony.seddon@cskills.co.uk

PROTEC SPONSORS FERFA APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME



FeRFA partner, Protec, have kindly provided all the PPE necessary for our apprentices to safely undertake their In situ resin flooring training. They are pictured here wearing some of the equipment prior to starting their two-days of training in surface preparation at the Lincoln-based premises of FeRFA members' The Preparation Group who are hosting this module of the training.

FeRFA's contact at Protec is Steven Gregory mobile no 07740 738839.

An information leaflet on their products and services will be sent to all members shortly or you can go to the website at www.protecdirect.co.uk



TRAIN TO GAIN – support and advice on training

Train to Gain has been set up to offer free impartial and independent advice to businesses to help identify their training needs and source the most appropriate training. It has a network of Skills Brokers throughout the UK to help you match your needs to training providers. Their services are available to ALL businesses including manufacturers.

The scheme aims to provide training that is flexible, at a convenient time and tailored to suit the needs of your business. Your Skills Broker can recommend the best ways of funding your training, explaining all the funding options available to you. Train to Gain can also provide some funding itself.

Train to Gain is part of the Learning and Skills Council (LSC) which is the organisation responsible for planning and funding high-quality vocational education and training.

More information is available from www.traintogain.gov.uk (where there is also an interactive map to find a local Skills Broker) and from www.lsc.gov.uk.

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