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Extension of CE Marking

Following calls from the CLC, the Government has [delayed changes to product marking rules](#) by 12 months, allowing CE marked products to continue to be sold in Great Britain until 1 January 2023. Construction and other sectors had raised concerns about the availability and capacity of testing for products under the new UK Conformity Assessed (UKCA) marking regime introduced post-Brexit.

From 1 January 2023, products will be required to carry the new UKCA mark if they are to be sold in England, Scotland and Wales. For products to be sold in Northern Ireland, CE marking will continue to be recognised due to the [Northern Ireland protocol](#). Companies exporting to the EU market will still need a CE mark on their products as the UKCA mark is not recognised by the EU. The CLC has updated its [guidance on product markings](#) to reflect the delay.

Materials Update

The CLC Product Availability Group has issued its latest **statement** on the availability of construction products, confirming that *'although product and material price inflation has slowed, most predict it will be 2022 before prices stabilise'*. The products that are most affected include timber, cement, roofing products, bricks and steel.

Build UK Votes 'Yes' to CITB Levy

Following an extensive consultation process with members, Build UK has submitted its response to CITB Consensus confirming support for the continuation of the CITB Levy. However, the level of support during this Consensus process was significantly lower than in previous years, and there remains widespread frustration with the performance of CITB. Build UK is clear that construction needs an Industry Training Board that is fit for purpose, responsive and effective at delivering the services and support required to meet the industry's skills needs, and that members are not prepared to wait another three years to see fundamental changes in CITB's delivery in order to fulfil this role.

We received an excellent response rate, including from 100% of our Contractor members, and thank you to all those who shared their views. The outcome of the Consensus process is expected to be communicated by CITB to the industry by October 2021.

TRAINING NEWS



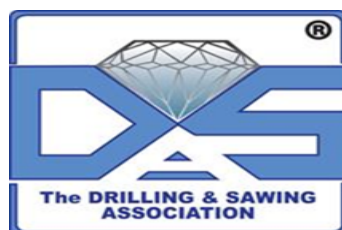
FREE* TO CITB LEVY PAYING FeRFA MEMBERS

The Drilling & Sawing Association are offering CITB levy paying FeRFA members **free** entry onto their Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Occupational Work Supervision (Construction) training course.

Hurry! Spaces are limited

(*excludes accommodation)

Click **here** to find out more



We are currently inviting applications for our 27th Group which is due to start in October

Hurry! Spaces are limited so don't delay!

The course is **heavily grant funded** for eligible employers and leads to an NVQ Level 2 qualification and the blue CSCS Skilled Worker card.

The course runs for 18 months covering a mix of formal off-site instruction alongside supervised on-the-job training at employer level with a final assessment by a CITB approved assessor.

Contact the **FeRFA office** for more information.

MEMBER NEWS



The first woman to achieve a highly specialised industry NVQ qualification



The Preparation Group is committed to improving standards and producing high quality products, solutions and services and is proud to announce that “Jessica Wells is the first female to achieve NVQ level2 in “Specialist Concrete occupations (Construction) – Substrate Preparation and Profiling”.

The Company recognises that investment in our team is the key factor to drive the business forward, to learn through accredited training provides a recognised career path for our employees. Jess started her employment with The Preparation Group in October 2018, moving from the Care Industry.

Jess said: "I enjoy journeying around the country with the people I work with, there is never a dull moment. I am onsite with guys using high tech machinery, I thought working on site might be intimidating, but if you are interested in learning, people will show you how to do things right, help and support you. Go for it, it is entirely down to you." "My goal is to be a site manager to mentor and train more females. It doesn't matter if you are male or female you need to love what you do to deliver results." However, Jess has run up against issues faced by women working in a sector dominated by men, such as a lack of suitable personal protective equipment (PPE) and work clothing, and even a recent site not having women's welfare facilities or female toilets.

Jess was assessed by Ferfa (The Resin Flooring Association) Appointed Assessor Mr Jack Longdon, with over 49 years of industry expertise, appointed by Ferfa in 2018.

Jack confirmed that Jess was the first female to be assessed and that she handled the largest equipment with ease and expertise, demonstrating ability and determination to get the job done right.

With the UK having one of the lowest percentages of female professionals in the Construction Industry, Jess is an inspiration, and we hope to encourage more females to train and benefit from the carer opportunities that the Surface Preparation, Polishing and Resin Flooring industry offers. There is no difference between male and female in terms of skills, expertise and added value to the industry and respective companies".

Tracey Glew – "Jess has worked extremely hard to achieve her goals, we are proud of her achievement and will support her to achieve her future ambitions". The industry has changed a lot since The Preparation Group started 30 years ago, there is considerably more awareness in the importance of investment in training, recognition of achievements and rewarding for achieving qualifications.





Instarmac a world leader in health and safety practice

Instarmac Group plc are celebrating after landing an internationally recognised award for demonstrating high health and safety standards for the ninth consecutive year.

Organisations receiving a RoSPA Gold Medal Award are recognised as being world-leaders in health and safety practice, ensuring their colleagues, customers, clients and contractors all get home safely to their families at the end of every working day. Every year, nearly 2,000 entrants vie to achieve the highest possible accolade in what is the UK's longest-running health and safety standard industry awards, and Instarmac are delighted to have been recognised by RoSPA for the ninth year in a row.

On winning this prestigious industry award, Emma Kavanagh, QHSE Compliance Manager for Instarmac commented: "The health and safety of our colleagues, customers and visitors has always been of the utmost importance to everyone at Instarmac, but never more so than in the last 12-18 months. We have introduced a number of additional safety measures throughout the building to ensure we keep everyone as safe as possible during the COVID-19 pandemic. We are particularly proud of the automatic temperature screening and sanitising dispensing system we have installed at every entrance which has helped minimise infection as much as possible.

We are delighted to have been awarded with the RoSPA Gold Medal for the ninth year and are now one step closer towards our goal of winning a President's Award for 10 consecutive Gold Awards."

For more information on Instarmac Group plc, their product offering and career opportunities, please call 01827 254402 or visit [Instarmac.co.uk](https://www.instarmac.co.uk). You can keep up-to-date with all the latest news from Instarmac by following them on Twitter @InstarmacGroup or connecting with them on LinkedIn.

Mandatory training for industrial and professional users of diisocyanates in the EU

Be ready for compliance on 24 August 2023

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Training is becoming mandatory for industrial and professional users of diisocyanates in the EU from 24 August 2023. ISOPA and ALIPA are developing a comprehensive training programme.

You can sign up for updates to make sure that your organization is ready using this [form](#).

For further information on training requirements, please visit: safeusediisocyanates.eu and watch the latest ISOPA/ALIPA [YouTube](#) video.

ASSOCIATE SPOTLIGHT

This month, FeRFA are highlighting two more of our Associate members. Associate members are companies who are involved indirectly with the manufacture, application and maintenance of resin flooring such as Surface Preparation Plant Suppliers, Chemical Suppliers to Manufacturer members, floor cleaning machinery suppliers, test houses etc.



Manufacturer and supplier of professional paint rollers & associated products, factory located in Amsterdam, Holland and established for over 50 years supplying customers worldwide from Holland & warehouses located in Hull, UK & Dubai, U.A.E.

Policy of continuous product development and improvement to meet the needs of constantly changing developments in coating technology.

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We specialise in stocking products for the application of liquid coating systems for the flooring and roofing industries along with consumables and tools required by concrete repair contractors and other associated industries. We also stock a vast range of industrial supplies including PPE, Hand Tools, Workwear, Janitorial Products and Power Tools. This makes us the single supply solution for all your consumable needs. Reducing your overall carriage charges, administration costs and time when dealing with multiple suppliers.

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CITB Appoints Chief Executive

CITB has **announced** the appointment of Tim Balcon as its new Chief Executive from 1 September, replacing Sarah Beale who leaves at the end of September. Having begun his career as an apprentice service engineer, Tim has led a number of professional and membership bodies, including the Energy and Utility Sector Skills Council (EU Skills), and served on the board of Ofqual. At this critical time for the industry skills system, Build UK is looking forward to working with Tim and has invited him to present to Build UK members once he is in post.

CITB e-COURSES

SITE SAFETY PLUS: COVID-19 - SETTING UP AND OPERATING A SAFE CONSTRUCTION SITE

Version 2: January 2021 update is now available online.

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Make sure you know your COSHH essentials

Do you know how to control hazardous substances in your workplace?

If you work with hazardous substances, our [Control of Substances Hazardous to Health \(COSHH\) website](#) can help you understand the actions you should take to stay healthy.



From information on the law to advice on completing COSHH assessments, there is plenty of guidance on what you need to do.

You can also download our publication [Working with substances hazardous to health: A brief guide to COSHH \(INDG136\)](#), which explains how to control exposure and comply with the Regulations.

Our training course [COSHH Training - Practical Assessment and Control](#) is available to book live online and takes place from 22 to 24 September 2021.



CPA Publishes Results of Industry Consultation on New Code

The results from our recent industry-wide Consultation on a new Code for Construction Product Information are now available. The 65-page report details extensive and constructive feedback from trade associations and individual provider and user organisations on the Code and its 11 Clauses, enabling the CPA's Marketing Integrity Group to review the Code in line with this detail. Read more & download the report [here](#).

LEXiCON – Public Consultation

Views are being sought on this critical project to streamline information that the CPA has been developing in partnership with the Construction Innovation Hub (the Hub). The LEXiCON project is set to revolutionise data management in the construction industry to deliver increased productivity, sustainability and safety. It will standardise construction product data sharing on projects, allowing construction professionals to better use product information to optimise designs and improve digital records. You can read the [full press release here](#). Information on solutions proposed in the industry report and the process for consultation were explored in a recent CPA webinar, with presentations from the authors of the report, Matt Crunden (Chair, LEXiCON WG / Training and BIM Manager, Legrand Electric) and Carl Collins (Head of Digital Engineering, CIBSE). [Watch the webinar again](#). The consultation on the proposed LEXiCON methods for 'Relevant Authorities' and building consensus, can be found [here](#). Please note that the deadline for the consultation is 30th September 2021.



CTRS remains free to use until 2022

The Construction Leadership Council (CLC) has confirmed its continued commitment to supporting the Construction Talent Retention Scheme.

The CTRS will remain completely free to use for all construction businesses and candidates until at least April 2022. In the meantime, the CLC is working with the CITB and others to support its on-going development, which includes developing a new 'Talentview Construction' early careers offering.

[Learn more about the future plans](#)

Help us to retain great talent in the UK construction industry

MEMBER CASE STUDIES



Applied Stem Cell Research Laboratory

Our client, a world leader in stem cell and regenerative medicines, tools, technologies and services required a suitable floor for an APPLIED STEM CELL RESEARCH LABORATORY that provided hygienic, durable and chemically resistant conditions which could be easily cleaned and maintained.

A 2mm elastomeric polyurethane floor was chosen to provide a jointless surface which was aesthetically pleasing for a laboratory environment and provided a comfortable underfoot surface.

Future maintenance is low cost and can be completed in a single day by light vacuum sanding the surface, carry out any local repairs and apply a new top coat.



Heavy Duty PU Screed selected for state of the art manufacturing facility

Established in 2017, and based out of a brand new state of the art 50,000 square foot allergen free manufacturing facility, producing a diverse range of plant based private label food products for the retail and foodservice sectors. Our client required a slip, chemical, temperature and impact resistant solution, that was also durable and cleanable.

FeRFA Type 8 - BASF MasterTop 1317 heavy duty PU screed was selected for its hardwearing properties; providing a lightly textured protective floor finish suitable for applications in wet and dry process environments, such as food production.

Ucrete RG was used to protect vertical surfaces including coving, kerbs and the drainage system, also installed by TPS360.



MEMBER BENEFITS



H&S Advice and Business Shield from Stallard Kane Associates

FerFA are keen to provide additional benefits to our members and we work hard to secure partners who offer simple solutions that could help you and your business.

For a number of years, our partner **Stallard Kane Associates Ltd** have provided FerFA Business Shield as part of the FerFA membership package and as we approach the anniversary of this long term relationship we are delighted to confirm the expansion of the offering moving forward.

With immediate effect you will receive the following services for **FREE**:

- **Unlimited** HR & employment law telephone support via the FerFA Business Shield helpline on 0345 076 6485
- **Unlimited** health & safety telephone support via the FerFA Business Shield helpline on 0345 076 6485
- Access to the FerFA Business Shield exclusive members area with many downloadable templates and guidance such as risk assessments.
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- Complimentary training needs analysis

The above are **ALL** included as part of your annual FerFA membership and there is no charge to set up additional access.

Your dedicated Account Manager is **Barry Nicol** who will be more than happy to discuss the above in greater detail should you have any queries, wish to arrange a meeting, or if you indeed require additional consultancy support on top of the above complimentary

benefits such as the creation of documentation including policies, contracts of employment or indeed workplace and site audits. Barry's contact details are:

Barry Nicol

Email: barry@skaltd.co.uk

Mobile: 07854 938693

In addition, should you be unable to find your login details, or if you wish to set up additional users from your company to the service at no extra charge, please email Barry (barry@skaltd.co.uk) and he will arrange accordingly.

Read more about Stallard Kane [here](#).

PIB Insurance Brokers

PIB Insurance Brokers will continue to have access to a wider range of experts across many different industry sectors and insurance types. They'll also be able to draw on the skills of colleagues in PIB Risk Management and PIB Employee Benefits to provide you with important services beyond your insurance needs, should you need them. If you would like to speak to Howard about your company insurance needs and organize a **free insurance health check** please don't hesitate to contact him at howard.collins@pib-insurance.com or call him on 07775 888933.

FeRFA and PIB Insurance Brokers are excited to offer a facility which gives all your resin floor protection with an **INSURANCE BACKED WARRANTY**. The scheme has been set up so that **all your customers** benefit from the **security** of an **Insurance backed warranty** once you are signed up. You pay an upfront premium based on your annual turnover and then simply register each resin contract online when completed.

	The same professional and friendly service	A new name PIB Insurance Brokers	
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CONTRACT REVIEW SERVICE



CONTRACT AND LEGAL SERVICES

FeRFA have partnered with BEB Contract & Legal Services so that as a member of FeRFA, you will get 10% off their Bronze, Silver and Gold packages for bespoke, robust contracts.

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- Is clear and unambiguous
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS



Surfex moved to June 2022

Following review of the major considerations, the Board of Surfex Ltd - unanimously supported by OCCA - has taken the decision to reschedule the dates in the interests of allowing Surfex to take place in a period that offers a high degree of confidence in a successful outcome.

Accordingly the dates of Surfex are 7 – 8 June 2022.



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