

Certificate in Accessibility Studies

2-day Course

The training programme is geared to members of the development team, designers and inspectors who are familiar with the content and use of Part M to develop an inclusive Built Environment. Accessibility and the need to provide an all-inclusive environment is nothing new. In fact, the Disability Discrimination Act, as we know it, dates back to 1995 when it was first introduced. The Building Regulations Approved Document M 2004 now requires buildings which are designed to be inclusive, but this may not be sufficient to ensure that clients are protected under the Act. Building Control staff often make decisions regarding dispensations or relaxations from the requirements of the Regulations or allow variations from the Approved Documents and this in itself can have a profound effect on the accessibility or otherwise of the Built Environment.

Programme Aims

To provide an up-to-date overview of the legislative controls that govern accessibility within the built environment and development of Access Audit and Consultancy skills.

Programme

Legal

- Disability Discrimination Act 1995, associated Regulations and Codes of Practice
- Building Regulations (England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland)
- Health and Safety Legislation
- Occupiers' Liability Acts
- Construction (Design and Management) Regulations
- Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order

Problem-Solving Skills

- Barriers and hazards to accessibility within an environment by physical inspection
- Barriers and hazards to accessibility within an environment from drawings and specifications and problem-solving skills required to deliver and advise on Accessibility Audits

Technical

- Construction processes and construction-related issues, drawings and specifications
- Current guidance and/or best practice in the access field including BS 8300:2001
- Means of escape requirements for disabled people including BS 5588 Part B

Access Audits and Assessment

- Access needs of users and potential users of an environment
- Consultation with users and/or potential users, non-physical issues which may impact upon the accessibility of an environment such as management issues
- Reasons for undertaking and preparing Access Audit reports

Reporting

- Reports to an appropriate technical and professional level

Individuals satisfactorily completing the whole programme, including the assessment, will be recognised by the award of the ABE Certificate in Accessibility. Candidates should bring with them the Building Regulations and any other supporting evidence they would use on a day-to-day basis.

DATES

24-25 May 2010	Preston
13-14 September 2010	HQ Northampton
01-02 December 2010	Exeter

PRICE

£400 + VAT Full Course
£50 Member Discount
10% Training Affiliate Discount