

WaterSafe experienced worker qualification



BPEC Level 3 Award in Safe Systems of Hot & Cold Water Sanitation (WaterSafe Experienced Worker Qualification) (QCF)

Introducing WaterSafe

WaterSafe is a new nationwide hub and online search facility for all suitably qualified approved plumbers working in the UK and provides customers with a free online directory of trusted, professional plumbers.

WaterSafe essentially links eligible recognised plumbers from the seven existing Approved Contractors' Schemes:

- Association of Plumbing and Heating Contractors (APHC)
- Chartered Institute of Plumbing & Heating Engineering (CIPHE)
- Scottish and Northern Ireland Plumbing Employers' Federation (SNIPEF)
- Water Industry Approved Plumbers' Scheme (WIAPS)
- Anglian Water's A Plus
- Severn Trent's WaterMark
- Thames Water's TAPS

Conditions apply, please contact the above bodies for further information, visit www.watersafe.org.uk or call 0333 207 9030.

Who can join?

All members of WaterSafe must have passed an NVQ level 2, 3 or Craft Certificate in plumbing and have an accompanying endorsed Water Regulations certificate. Alternatively, **experienced plumbers can opt to take the new course** BPEC have developed – the Level 3 Award in Safe Systems of Hot & Cold Water Sanitation. The purpose of this qualification is to provide a vehicle by which experienced workers within the plumbing sector can demonstrate the practical skills and theoretical knowledge required for registration with the WaterSafe scheme. The qualification is designed solely for experienced workers with at least 5 years' industry experience on the job. Each prospective student must successfully complete an initial assessment as stipulated by WaterSafe. This new qualification also incorporates the BPEC Water Regulations qualification.

Once qualified, every prospective WaterSafe member must then join one of the seven Approved Contractors' Schemes listed above. Fees and coverage areas vary.

How long does the course take?

The course is 69 taught hours, this assumes that the applicant holds sufficient and relevant experience. Suitability will be established through proof of five years' working in the trade followed by an initial assessment.

What does the course cover?

- A/504/6557* Apply Safe Health and Safety and Working Practices
D/504/1545* The installation, commissioning and safety aspects of hot water systems for domestic use in accordance with UK building regulations.
F/504/6561* Safe Installation and Commissioning of Cold Water Systems
J/504/6559* Customer Care and Site Preparation
J/504/6562* Safe Installation and Commissioning of Sanitation Systems
T/504/1602* UK Water Supply 'Water Fittings' Regulations and Water Byelaws

*The **Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF)** is the national credit transfer system for education qualification in England, Northern Ireland and Wales

Where can I take the course?

The following centres currently offer the course:

South West Construction Academy

Unit 7 Whitby Road
Bristol, BS4 3QF
James Touhig 0117 971 1770
Email:
james@swconstructionacademy.co.uk

Blackburn College

Saturn Centre,
Challenge Way
Blackburn
BB1 5QB
Jane Barton 01254 292451
jane.barton@blackburn.ac.uk

Oxford Energy Academy

Avenue One, Witney,
Oxfordshire
OX28 4XZ
Chris Foley 01993 771155
info@oxford-energy-academy.co.uk

Walsall Training Centre Ltd.

Unit C, Fenchurch Close
Birchalls House Industrial Estate, Walsall
WS2 8LJ
Steve Edis 01922 612121
walsalltraining@btconnect.com

TQ Education and Training

Pearson Academy of Vocational Training
Bangrave Road, Corby
NN17 1NN
John Fazakarley
0845 168 6600 or 01536 351 343
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Colchester Institute

Sheepen Road
Colchester
Essex
CO3 3LL
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