

About the Radiation Protection Division

The Radiation Protection Division carries out the Health Protection Agency's work on ionising and non-ionising radiations. It undertakes research into protection from the risks of these radiations; provides laboratory and technical services; runs training courses; provides expert information and has a significant advisory role in the UK.

Training from the Radiation Protection Division

A key requirement of radiation safety legislation is that employees are provided with appropriate training. We have developed a range of courses specifically aimed at meeting these training needs. For further information visit the training pages of the HPA Radiation Protection Division website at www.hpa.org.uk.

Courses for RPSs

A range of courses is available for those taking on the role of Radiation Protection Supervisor under the Ionising Radiations Regulations 1999. The objective is to provide new or existing RPSs with the knowledge and skills required for effective execution of the role, this being achieved by a lively combination of presentations and practical exercises.

Radiation Awareness Courses

A choice of awareness level courses is offered for those who work with radiation on a regular basis but who do not have a supervisory role. The emphasis is on providing a better understanding of radiation hazards and encouraging safe working practice.

Further Courses

A number of specific courses have been developed in response to demand. Brief descriptions are provided. To register your interest please contact your nearest office.

For Course Booking

Please refer to the enclosed list of course dates, fees and venues. An application form is also enclosed together with booking terms and conditions.

Contact your nearest HPA Radiation Protection Division office to enquire about current availability of places. Please note that bookings will only be confirmed upon receipt of the full course fee.

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Scheduled Courses 2008 - 2009

Radiation
Safety
at
Work

HPA locations at
Chilton Leeds Glasgow

Radiation Protection Supervisors

RPS - General (4 days)

This is a course suitable for RPSs and others with responsibility for the supervision of radiation safety in industry, research and teaching. Topics covered include the nature of radiation, terminology, health effects, requirements of legislation (including RSA93) and measurement. An optional written assessment is offered at the end of the course.

RPS - Gauging and Analytical (3 days)

As above, but restricted to RPSs whose area of responsibility is limited to the use of gauging systems, X-ray optics and laboratory analytical equipment.

RPS - Refresher (2 days)

A course for those who have previously received RPS training but feel they need to refresh or update their knowledge and skills.

RPS - Nuclear Density Gauges (2 days)

Specifically aimed at the RPS with responsibility for use and transport of nuclear density gauges/moisture probes in, for example, road construction or agriculture.

Radiation Awareness

RA - X-ray, Sealed Sources or Unsealed Sources (1 day)

These courses offer awareness training appropriate for most common applications. Select the course most appropriate for your needs.

RA - Industrial Radiography (2 days)

Training aimed at industrial radiographers undertaking gamma or X-radiography, either in enclosures or on site (open-shop). The course reflects the basic level PCN and ASNT requirements for radiation safety.

RA - Contractors, Nuclear Sites (1 day)

This is an awareness course for those required to work in clients' radiation areas but who do not use radiation themselves. Emphasis is on providing an understanding of radiation hazards and terminology, and on the management of personal dosimetry

RA - Nuclear Density Gauges (1 day)

Aimed at operators of nuclear density gauges/moisture probes. The course includes coverage of radiation safety during transport.

Further Courses

Radiation Safety for Managers (1 day)

For those who have some responsibility for radiation safety but little background knowledge of the subject. Emphasis is on regulatory requirements and the management of radiation safety in the workplace. This course is ideally suited to employers, managers and health and safety personnel.

Auditing Contract Radiographers (1 day)

A course for those charged with the coordination and auditing of contracted site radiography. Emphasis is on safe working practice and procedural requirements.

Radiation Safety, Security X-ray (1 day)

This course addresses the radiation safety issues associated with X-ray inspection systems used as part of security measures.

Customised Training

We are able to provide specific training tailored to the needs of an individual company or group of companies. This approach is particularly effective where training is required for a large number or perhaps where discussion on company specific issues is required.

For further information contact your nearest office (details overleaf).