# TRAINING COURSES FROM ECS

The Trainer with the personal touch



Fully equipped Gas Training Centres located in

# BARNSLEY, BRADFORD GRIMSBY & DARLINGTON

Delivering Gas Training of the highest standard to

## **GAS ENGINEERS & PLUMBERS**

And to

#### COMPLETE NEW ENTRANTS TO THE GAS INDUSTRY





#### **GRAHAM HAWKES**

(Founder and MD of ECS Gas Training Limited)



"I formed ECS after working in a large training organisation for over twelve years. I designed the original fourteen weeks Gas Training Course which was approved by CORGI and successfully delivered by my former company for many years. This training course enabled over 1000 people to enter the Gas Industry, and find suitable employment.

In 2008 designed a course which meant that the candidate spent less time in Centre but longer on-the-job to gain the valuable practical experience that they needed to sustain a position within the industry. This was the NE4 Course, and through this, course, over 400 people gained employment within the Gas Industry.

On the 1st October 2017 the Gas Industry Regulations for Managed Learning Programmes changed, and it is now compulsory for a New Entrant to spend a minimum of six months gathering evidence for their on-the-job portfolio.

The actual Training Course, however, remains the same, but has been renamed **Pathway To Gas (PG1)** 

To deliver this course successfully, we insist on no more than six candidates in any class, which ensures a quality of training that can't be matched by any other training organisation."

The course is very flexible and is suitable for complete new entrants, or for people who are currently working in the Gas Industry, but without the necessary qualifications. A candidate can usually complete the course whilst continuing their current employment or day to day duties. It is intended that less time is spent in centre than on many other similar courses, with a great deal of the training being carried out by means of a structured on-the-job training programme. The PG1 Course is in high demand as we deliver no more than four courses per year, so it is advisable to book early. This course can also be adapted for people who already have considerable experience within the industry, but have no formal qualifications (PG2). The duration of this course depends on the knowledge of the learner, and an in depth discussion with the Centre can determine this.

For Plumbers who hold a valid NVQ Level 2 Certificate, we have the Plumber To Gas Course"

"At ECS we work with no more than six candidates at any one time. You can give me a call any time of day for friendly impartial advice. My mobile number is available for you to call"

Graham 07775 506124



# **ACCREDITED CERTIFICATION SCHEME (ACS)**

To work in the Gas Industry legally, a person must prove their competence by completing the necessary ACS Assessments. The initial assessment being the Core Domestic Gas Safety (CCN1). After this, a person can move on to complete ACS Assessments on the Gas Appliances that they wish to work on.

For a person to be eligible to complete ACS Assessments he or she must fit into one of the following categories.

Category 1

A person who has previously undertaken ACS or ACOPS, and can produce a certificate of proof. This person can complete ACS with or without training.

Category 2

A person who holds an associated qualification such as a C&G or NVQ in Plumbing, Pipe Fitting, Mechanical Engineering etc. We can check your Qualification to see if it is suitable. This person would require the

## **PLUMBER TO GAS COURSE**

Category 3

A person with little or no experience within the Gas Industry, and who holds no formal qualifications.

This person would require the **PG1 COURSE** 



# **Ken from Barnsley says**

"Since completing the NE4 course in early 2008, I have never looked back. I am now a self employed Gas Safe Registered Engineer with plenty of work"

# **PG1 COURSE (New Entrants)**

The PG1 Course is designed by Blue Flame Certification to enable people with no formal Gas or Plumbing qualifications to enter the Gas Industry. The training is flexible, to allow the learner to carry it out around their current employment or day to day duties. The course covers training on all of the 15 Core Competencies required for ACS Core Domestic Gas Safety (CCN1) and the Flue Gas Analyser element (CPA1). The successful candidate will then complete an Appliance element of their choice, in relation to their future work plans. For example, a person who is intending to work on a Gas Meter Exchange Programme would carry out MET1 (Meters). A person wishing to work on Cookers (kitchen fitter) would carry out CKR1, to work on Central Heating (CEN1) etc.

A person wishing to carry out all of the appliance elements may be able to do so after completing the PG1 Course, providing they have gained sufficient experience whilst completing their on-the-job training, and can prove this by means of a portfolio of evidence.

The Course is split into four sections, which can be carried out at different times.

- GET YOUR GAS QUALIFICATIONS IN AS LITTLE AS SIX MONTHS
- SPLIT INTO FOUR SECTIONS SO THAT YOU CAN COMPLETE IT WHILST
- CONTINUING TO WORK
- PAY AS YOU GO YOU CAN SPREAD THE COST

#### **CCN1 CORE COMPETENCIES**

CC1	Gas Safety legislation
CC2	Gas Emergency Actions & Procedures
CC3	Combustion
CC4	Ventilation
CC5	Installation of Pipe-work & Fittings
CC6	Testing for Tightness
CC7	Checking Meter Regulators
CC8	Identification of unsafe situations, Emergency Notices & Labels
CC9	The operation & positioning of Emergency Controls & Valves
CC10	Checking & Setting of appliance Gas Safety Devices & Controls
CC11	The operation of appliance Gas Safety Controls
CC12	Fluing Standards
CC13	Flue Testing

CC14 Installation of Open, Balanced & Fan Assisted Flue Assemblies

CC15 Re-establish gas supply and re-light appliances

#### **PART A (Theory & Practical)**

Three weeks intensive training relating to subjects listed below. Some home study may be required during this section, depending on the learners existing knowledge and ability to learn. Includes ongoing assessments.

Gas Pipe-work Tightness Testing

Working Pressures Gas Safety Regulations

Characteristics of Combustion Gas rating

Unsafe Situations Burner Pressures

Flue Testing Spillage Testing

## PART B (Portfolio Building)

ECS provide the learner with a portfolio, along with full instruction of how to complete it. The candidate gathers the evidence whilst under the supervision of a Gas Safe Registered Engineer.

If the learner finds his own engineer, ECS will monitor his portfolio building

#### **FREE OF CHARGE**

However, if the learner is unable to find an engineer who is willing to help, then ECS can provide a list of engineers for the learner to contact themselves. Most engineers will require a fee to provide this service, this can be negotiated individually.

There is minimum time limit of six months to building a portfolio, and a minimum number of tasks to be completed. Some candidates may already have completed some of these tasks, and can then enter the evidence into their portfolio, (at the discretion of the Centre) The portfolio must be complete before a candidate can be accepted onto Part D of the course.

#### **PART C (Theory & Practical)**

Two weeks intensive training relating to subjects listed below. Some home study may be required during this section, depending on the learners existing knowledge and ability to learn. Includes ongoing assessments.

Ventilation Gas Appliances

#### PART D (ACS Assessments)

On successful completion of the PG1 or PG2 the learner will be awarded a Certificate for their achievement.

They will then be confident and competent to attempt ACS Assessments.

Usually completed in four days.



#### **Paul from London says**

"I couldn't find a course as flexible in my area, so I travelled to Barnsley and stayed over a few times. The training was excellent, ECS even arranged some on-the-job training to complete my portfolio. No regrets, would highly recommend the ECS. I am now a Gas Safe Registered Engineer.

#### **PLUMBER TO GAS COURSE**

#### (Suitable for Category 2 Applicants)

The Plumber To Gas Course is designed for people who already work in the Gas or Plumbing Industry and have some experience. The candidate must hold a valid NVQ Level II in Plumbing or an associated trade. We can check your qualifications to find out if they are suitable. Prior to starting the course, the candidate must also prove that they have worked in the Industry under the supervision of a Registered Gas Engineer. This can be by means of a portfolio of evidence, or a confirmation letter from the engineer or company with whom they have gained their experience. The course is flexible and can be worked around your current day to day employment or duties. The length of the course depends on how much knowledge and experience that you already have.

We start by holding an initial interview, which is an informal chat, that can be carried out at your place of work, your home, here at ECS, or via email. It takes about 20 minutes to complete, and it will tell us how much you already know, and how much you have forgotten!

The average length of a course for a Category two candidate is normally Two to Four days Training followed by Four days Assessment. Some candidates have completed the whole Training and Assessment in as little as <u>Five Days!</u>

#### PG2 COURSE (Suitable for some Category 3 Applicants)

The PG2 Course is an abridged version of the PG1 Course followed by a structured on-the-job Training Programme (Portfolio of Evidence) to be carried out with a Gas Safe Registered Engineer. The course is ideal for people with no qualifications but who are currently working with a Gas Engineer, and have Gas Industry experience.

### **COURSE CONTENT PLUMBER TO GAS COURSE**

Includes Theory & Practical Training on;

Flues & Ventilation, Combustion, Testing Procedures, Gas Rating and

Burner Pressures, Familiarisation with Industry reference material,

Unsafe Situations Procedure and Safe Use of the Flue Gas Analyser.

## **PRICES 2017/18**

## PG1 COURSE PARTS A, C, & D £4000.00 + vat

PG1 Courses are delivered four times per year with maximum six learners per class. Payment is required as follows:

£200 + vat deposit to secure your place

£2000.00 + vat 7 days prior to starting (Part A)

£1000 + vat prior to starting (Part C)

£800 + vat at start of ACS Assessments.

Please book early to avoid disappointment!

#### **PG2 COURSE £2000.00 + vat**

The PG2 Course is an abridged version of the PG1

A discussion with the Centre is required to determine the duration of the training .

A portfolio of evidence is required.

#### PLUMBER TO GAS COURSE £1800.00 + vat

Price includes up to eight days training, CCN1, CPA1, & Appliances

Candidates must prove evidence of experience prior to start of ACS.

This is an abridged version of the PG1 Course and is aimed at plumbers who hold a valid NVQ Level 2 Certificate, have some experience, and are currently working alongside a Registered Gas Engineer

The Course can be tailored to suit the individual, and after assessing their current knowledge and experience, we will advise on the number of Training days required. Usually completed with four days training plus

**ACS Assessments** 

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