



**Advanced Course in Sterilization Technology
and
Qualifying Course for Authorising Engineer (Decontamination) Registration
Year 2010**

Course Dates

Week One	6 th September	to	10 th September	2010
Week Two	4 th October	to	8 th October	2010
Week Three	8 th November	to	12 th November	2010
Revision Seminar / Examinations	13 th December	to	15 th December	2010

Location

**The Node Conference Centre, Hitchin Road,
Codicote, Herts SG4 8TL**

The residential conference centre is located on the outskirts of the village of Codicote, near Hitchin in Hertfordshire, conveniently located for the M1 (Junction 10) and A1(M) in the UK. The nearest airports are Luton (15 miles) and Stansted (40 miles). The centre is a 10 minute taxi ride from Stevenage train station, which has direct rail links to London Kings Cross (20 minutes) and Cambridge. From Luton Station the journey takes around 25 minutes by road.

Facilities

The Node Conference Centre is set in a quiet rural location and provides study bedroom accommodation, all with en-suite facilities, television and telephone. Wireless internet access is available and there is also a small business centre with computer and printing access for own use.

Course Summary

Training will be a combination of classroom and project work; each classroom week is separated by four weeks to minimise disruption to employers and attendees and also to provide time for private study and project work. Training will be undertaken by recognised experts in the field, chosen for their ability to teach and train. They represent a cross-section of the industry drawn from AE(D)s and specialist consultants. Trainees will be assessed by their course work and by examination. There will be an examination held on each of the final two days of the course.

Healthcare Science Ltd, on behalf of IHEEM (Institute of Healthcare Engineering and Estate Management) are the sole providers of the qualifying course for Authorising Engineer (Decontamination [AE(D)]) as defined in HTM 0101.

Note: The AE(D) register was formed on the 1st July 2008. This replaced the AP(S) register. The AE(D) qualification was revised to reflect the broadened scope of the role, as stated in HTM 01-01 Part A. More information can be found on the IHEEM website, www.iheem.org.uk

Timetable

The course syllabus and provisional timetable will be supplied to registered applicants. The subjects covered include: legal requirements, regulations and standards (national, EN and ISO), environmental control, microbiology, auditing, cleaning and disinfection, as well as in-depth studies of different sterilization processes.

Professional Responsibility/Qualification

Successful completion of this course and the examination provides prospective AE(D) with only one of the requirements for Registration as defined in HTM 0101 part A clause 5.34, which states.

“The AE(D) should:

a. be qualified to graduate level in an appropriate discipline with demonstrable experience in the subject of decontamination. Exceptionally, those personnel with extensive relevant experience and a lower level of qualification should also be considered; each case should be considered on its merits, especially during the transitional arrangements from the present system;

b. be a member of an appropriate professional institute with demonstrable experience in the subject of decontamination;

and (i) have passed a course such as the revised ACIST (“Advanced Course In Sterilizer Training”) or an equivalent alternative;

or (ii) be an existing AP(S) who has passed the qualifying examination for AP(S) and undertaken any necessary gap training within a period not exceeding three years from implementation of the recommendations within this document;

or (iii) following a review, have met the requirement of the registration panel within a three-year period.”

The wording of the above reflects the intention to enable applicants from a variety of industry wide sterilization related disciplines to obtain registration as an AE(D). For ACIST attendees, further information and advice notes will be provided with the course information pack. Formal registration after application to IHEEM is confirmed by interview on attainment of the three requirements.

Who Should Apply?

The course is suitable for those whose background includes engineering or microbiology or quality assurance or sterile services. Applications are invited from these personnel within the healthcare sector and private industry, as well as all other individuals that have an interest in sterilization technology.

Course fees* : £7,195 plus VAT

***includes full residential package for 17 nights, tuition fees, course material and examination fees.
VAT charged at rate prevailing at date of invoice – currently 17.5% (April/May 2010)**

The full residential package comprises full board and accommodation for 5 nights in weeks one, two and three (arriving Sunday evening, departing Friday late afternoon) inclusive of bed, breakfast, lunch, dinner (except Sunday and Friday night). The package also include two nights’ accommodation for the revision seminar and examinations (arriving Tuesday afternoon and departing Thursday afternoon) inclusive of bed, breakfast, lunch and dinner (from Tuesday dinner to Thursday lunch). Refreshments including coffee and tea are provided each morning and afternoon.

For further details, please contact Dr Rosemary Simpson or Peter Bradshaw
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