



Plumbing and Electrical Training Courses



Your Future in
Plumbing



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Welcome

Why choose to train with us?

We offer a range of intensive plumbing and electrical courses. With so much to learn we structure your learning to make it as clear and hassle free as possible. This means you can be qualified and “out there earning” as quickly as possible.

Our small and friendly groups mean:-

- * **There are always enough training bays to go around**
- * **No sharing of workspace or tools**
- * **No waiting around, so no time wasted**
- * **Expert advice always on hand**

We actively encourage you to come and visit our centre to meet the current trainees. They can do a much better job of recommending the course than we can!

A quote about us from Craig, a former trainee who is now well established with his own business:-

“It does exactly what it promises on the tin!”

Want to be a competent and confident domestic plumber?

It has been well documented that there is a shortage of plumbers in the UK. If you are looking to change your career or enhance your existing skills, **let us help you**. We can tailor your learning to suit your needs.

City & Guilds and BPEC

We are an Approved Centre for City and Guilds and BPEC, offering recognised qualifications for the plumbing industry. These include the 6089 NVQ level 2, 6129 level 2, 6032, 6022, Unvented Hot Water, Water Regs, Part L, Part P Electrical defined and full scope. Coming soon - 17th Edition Electrical and ACS Gas.

Become a CORGI approved Plumber and Electrician

Unvented Hot Water, Water Regulations and Part P are all Level 3 equivalent qualifications. Holders of these certificates qualify to register with CORGI's Competent Person's Scheme for their red or the blue badge schemes as approved Plumbers or Electricians. See www.trustcorgi.com/register/joincorgi.htm

Quality training by professional trainers

We are committed to the word quality - whether that be the training, the practical exercises, the tools or even the accommodation we put you in touch with. We believe that if we give you quality, then you have the best opportunity to become a quality plumber who will be welcomed into the homes of the paying public. Our expert trainers have the skills to put information across clearly and concisely in a friendly and approachable manner.

100% pass rate

All of our candidates have successfully passed the exams they have trained for. This is a great testament to the abilities and methods of our trainers as well as the way we structure your learning to mix theory and practical.

Class sizes never more than 10

Two trainers are always available, irrespective of the course, to ensure a ratio of no more than 1:5

Free tools - your own personal choice

We offer a unique service allowing you to choose your own selection of free tools. These tools are in addition to the free safety equipment and initial plumbers toolkit we provide (see page 5).

Post course support

You have access to our free post course help-line giving you guidance, support and advice on any problems or concerns you may come across. We are only a phone call or an email away.



OUR COURSES

Weekend Taster Course

A two day introduction to plumbing. An enjoyable mixture of practical tasks and theory. Brush up your skills or discover new talents!

4 Week Professional Plumbing Course

This course is aimed at the person who is looking for a change of career into the plumbing field as a self-employed plumber. You do not need any previous experience although you will benefit from being of a practical nature. We will provide all the tools and safety equipment required.

6129 Technical Certificate Level 2 & 6089 NVQ Level 2

This course is designed for beginners who wish to become employed or self-employed within the plumbing industry. You do not need any previous experience. We will provide all the tools and safety equipment required.

Water Regulations

This course gives you the qualification allowing you to register with your local water provider as an approved installer and shortcutting the need to inform them of certain aspects of the work you propose to do.

Copper Pipe Installer

As a stand alone course this gives you the confidence and ability to remove, modify and install water pipe runs using copper pipe to pass throughout the house and to terminal appliances.

Sanitary Ware Installer

With this stand alone course you will leave with the ability and confidence to assemble and install a range of domestic sanitary ware, connected using your copper pipe installer skills.

Part P Electrical (Full and Defined Scope)

The opportunity to learn about the electrical installation requirements to ensure you are qualified to meet Part P of the building regulations, allowing you to self certify your electrical work.

Unvented Hot Water

This one day course allows you to study the intricacies of storing unvented hot water, the controls and safety devices required. Until you are qualified in this field it is illegal to work on unvented hot water systems holding more than 15 litres of stored water.

Energy Efficiency

This course will enable you to advise customers on how to save energy and cut costs in their homes.

All our courses offer post course telephone support to help you solve any problems you may come across in the workplace.





YOUR ROUTE INTO PLUMBING

The route you choose into plumbing will depend entirely on what you want as your final outcome - do you want to be self employed, employed, working in the domestic or commercial field?

As a self employed plumber intending to work solely in the domestic sphere you would be well suited to our 4 week course.

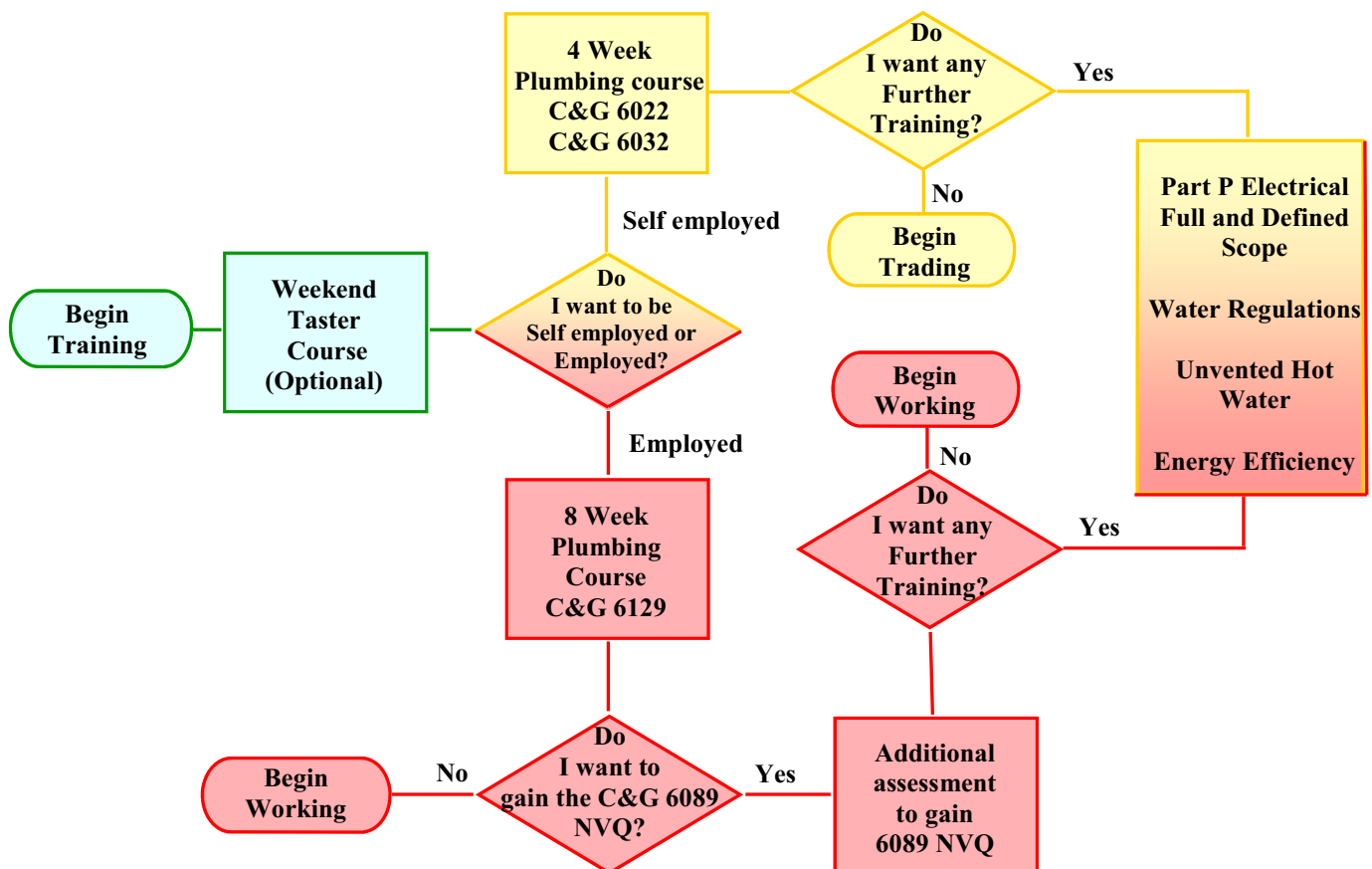
If you wish to work as an employee in either the domestic or commercial sphere, then you would be better suited to our City & Guilds 6129 course, perhaps following on to the full City & Guilds 6089 NVQ.

We also offer additional stand alone courses to enhance your breadth of experience:-

Part P Electrical, Water Regulations, Unvented Hot Water, Energy Efficiency

With these certificates added to your plumbing qualifications you will be well equipped to work competently and confidently in your chosen field.

Should you need a confidence boost or a trial at plumbing before you commit to any of our full time courses then you can always try our weekend taster course.





FREE TOOLS & SAFETY EQUIPMENT



Take control

Many training centres offer you a 'comprehensive and professional' toolkit with their career change courses. We at Panda believe that you should have control of the tools you need and the quality you want. After all, you may already have a toolkit containing the basics and would like the opportunity to expand your kit with a few higher priced items, or you may be a complete beginner and need to furnish yourself with the essentials first.

Free tools - your own personal choice

To satisfy this ideal we will provide everyone on both our 4 week and 8 week courses with a spark ignition blowlamp, flux and solder (on the assumption that you are new to plumbing) and the rest of the tools will be down to you to choose, using our buying power to get you the best value for money. During your training you will use the tools we provide - which are of high quality to sustain regular training use and at the end of week two you can place your order for the tools you want.

Free safety equipment

We will provide you with the safety items needed to work safely, as we believe your safety comes first. These safety items will be yours to keep at the end of the course and include:

Eye protection Safety gloves Knee protection

We provide a comprehensive list of tools and equipment that you may consider adding to your toolkit. We offer help and guidance as to which would be the most useful for your specific circumstances.

ACCOMMODATION

We have students from all over the country that come to train with us. If you should need accommodation, we can recommend several hotels and guest houses - ranging from £19 + VAT per night for B&B.

Wentworth Castle (approx 1 mile)
Stainborough, Barnsley, S75 3ET
Tel: 01226 776000

The Travellers Inn (approx 2 miles)
23 Green Rd, Dodworth, Barnsley, S75 3RR
Tel: 01226 284173

Wortley Hall (approx 4 miles)
Wortley, Sheffield, S35 7DB
Tel: 0114 2882100

Old Vicarage Guest House (approx 7 m)
Shrewsbury Road, Penistone, S36 6DY
Tel: 01226 370607

Please see our website or contact us for our complete list of accommodation.



4-WEEK PROFESSIONAL PLUMBING COURSE



City & Guilds
Approved Centre



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Cost: £2,850 + VAT at 15% = £3,277.50 - this cost includes all training, course handouts, examination entry fees, safety equipment, free tools, drinks and telephone help when you begin working. The only extra you will need to find is your food and your accommodation if required - which we can help you find.

Aim: Our course is aimed at people wishing to start a new career in plumbing - no previous knowledge or qualifications are needed - just enthusiasm to learn. At the end of our 4 week course, successful candidates will have the skills and certificates to become *self-employed domestic plumbers*. If you are unsure if this is the right course for you, then please give us a call for advice.

Free tools: Everyone on the 4 week course receives a blowlamp and free safety equipment items (safety glasses, safety gloves and knee protection) and free tools of your choice.

Certificates:

- City & Guilds 6022 Domestic Copper Pipe Installation Certificate
- City & Guilds 6032 Sanitary Ware Installation Certificate
- * BPEC Water Regulations Certificate
- * BPEC Unvented Hot Water Certificate
- Panda Plumbing Training Certificate

* These two certificates are not included in the cost of the course if the course is funded - in that case they need to be purchased separately.

Option: This 4 week course can be upgraded at a later date into the 6129 level 2 certificate, subject to paying for 6129 registration and the remaining 4 weeks of training - call us for more details.

Join CORGI's Competent Person's Scheme: The Unvented Hot Water and Water Regulations certificates enable holders to register for the blue badge in CORGI's Competent Person's Scheme as Approved Plumbers. See www.trustcorgi.com/register/joincorgi.htm for full entry requirements.

Theory and practice: The course runs Monday - Friday 9am till 4pm (10am start on the first Monday). The days are normally split between theory in the mornings in our dedicated classroom and practical tasks in the afternoons. Our large, modern and purpose built workshop has 25 training bays, each with a different range of sanitary ware. These variations enable you to maximise your experience in assembly/installation/de-commissioning. Our experienced and friendly trainers present the information in small, understandable chunks, allowing you to absorb the theory and then turn your new found knowledge into a practical skill.

Quality presentation: All installations are undertaken using live water and waste runs. Your work will be expected to be done in accordance to building and water regulations and to the quality of presentation you would expect in your own home. This will ensure positive comments from your customers - vital for repeat work and recommendations....

2009 start dates: 8th June, 20th July, 31st August, 28th September, 26th October, 23rd November



CITY & GUILDS 6129 LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE IN BASIC PLUMBING



Who is this course for?

This level 2 course is designed for beginners who wish to become *employed* within the plumbing industry - it covers key areas of the plumbing profession. It gives candidates the underpinning knowledge and some portfolio evidence for the 6089 NVQ level 2. It covers both practical and theoretical aspects, but don't worry, you won't be stuck behind a desk all day taking notes- plumbing is a hands-on course.

Theory modules:-

Health and Safety - the legal requirements that must be met by you and your employer.

Key Plumbing Principles - covers the science of plumbing, introducing the basic materials, theories and concepts.

Common Plumbing Processes - teaches basic skills such as bending, jointing and fixing copper pipe and low carbon steel pipe.

Cold Water Systems - collection, storage, treatment, supply and distribution of cold water.

Hot Water Systems - instantaneous and storage systems.

Central Heating Systems - level 2 covers pipework only.

Electrical Supply - level 2 is restricted to basic practical skills on non-live components.

Sanitation Systems - sanitary appliances, pipework and fittings and rainwater systems.

Sheet Lead Work - basic principles, fabrication techniques, weathering and flashing.

Environmental Awareness - energy conservation, disposal of waste and prevention of wastage.

Working With Others - as well as excellent technical skills, you will need to know how to deal with other people by developing your personal skills.

Basic Plumbing Studies - with a GOLA end test.

Practical tests:-

After initial training, students will be assessed through a wide range of practical tasks and multiple-choice test papers set by City & Guilds.

Bathroom installation

Maintenance

Commissioning and de-commissioning

Fault finding

Heating systems/copper/plastic/low carbon steel

Drainage

Leadwork

Electrical



CITY & GUILDS 6129 LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

Duration of course

This is an 8 week course which can be taken as a whole block or if more convenient, it can be split into weekly/ fortnightly/monthly chunks. We are flexible with the times, so please call us with your requirements.

Cost

£3,995 (inc VAT at 15%) This all inclusive price includes all the training, safety equipment, course handouts, examination entry fees, free tools, drinks and a post-course telephone help-line. The only extra you will need to find is your food and your accommodation if required - which we can help you find.

Certificates

Successful candidates will gain the following certificates:-

- City & Guilds 6129 level 2 Technical Certificate in Basic Plumbing**
- *BPEC Water Regulations**
- *BPEC Unvented Hot Water**

* These two certificates are not included in the cost of the course if the course is funded - in that case they need to be purchased separately.

Additional optional examination

BPEC Part P Electrical Course (Full and Defined Scope)

This 5/6 day course can be taken after completion of the 6129 - see page 10 for costs and full details.

FREE tools and safety equipment

Everyone on the 4 week and the 6129 course will receive free safety equipment and free tools of their choice.

Course Materials

We will provide all your safety equipment, course handouts and tools, but for Health & Safety purposes, you will need to provide your own steel-capped footwear.

Entry Requirements

This course is open to both men and women of all ages. Please call us now if you would like any advice on the suitability of this course for your needs.

6129 course start dates for 2009

8th June, 20th July, 31st August, 28th September, 26th October, 23rd November

Achieving an NVQ Level 2

After completion of the 6129, the next step is the 6089 NVQ level 2 . This is a work based qualification which means you will need to demonstrate that you can carry out a broad range of plumbing skills in the workplace. Assessors will carry out a number of on-site visits (around 6) to gather evidence for your portfolio. Please contact us for further details.



STAND ALONE CERTIFICATES



CITY & GUILDS 6022 DOMESTIC COPPER PIPE INSTALLATION CITY & GUILDS 6032 SANITARY WARE INSTALLATION

These assessment only stand alone courses are aimed at experienced plumbers and heating engineers who can demonstrate their experience and expertise, needing only the qualification to further their career. Some time is allocated for workshop practice.

Cost and duration:

2 days City & Guilds 6022 - £350 + VAT at 15% = £402.50

2 days City & Guilds 6032 - £350 + VAT at 15% = £402.50

Price includes workshop practice, examination/registration fees and certificate costs.

Experience: Your experience must include the use of a pipe bender, ability to make capillary soldered joints and the capability to assemble appliances.

Certification: For certification you will need to demonstrate your ability both theoretically and practically. There is an open book multiple choice examination (you can have reference material to hand) and for the practical you will be expected to install appliances connected together using copper pipe runs.

BPEC WATER REGULATIONS

Cost: £195 + VAT at 15% = £224.25 - price includes the manual, the examination fee and the registration fee.

Duration: 1 day, 9am till 4pm

Self study: We will provide you with a self study manual 4 weeks before your assessment. The examination day comprises of a half day presentation outlining the main principles of the water regulations followed by an open book multiple choice examination (you can have reference material to hand).

BPEC UNVENTED HOT WATER

Cost: £150 + VAT at 15% = £172.50 - price includes the manual, training exercises, exam and certification costs

Duration: 1 day, 9am till 4pm

Course: This one-day course allows you to study the intricacies of storing unvented hot water, the controls and safety devices required. Until you are qualified in this field it is illegal to work on unvented hot water systems holding more than 15 litres of stored water.

BPEC PART L ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Cost: £160 + VAT at 15% = £184 - all inclusive price

Duration: 1 day, 9am till 4pm

Course: This course will enable you to advise customers on how to save energy and cut costs in their homes.

Join CORGI's Competent Person's Scheme: Holders of the BPEC Water Regulations certificate and/or the City & Guilds 6032 certificate and/or the Part P Electrical certificate qualify to register for the blue badge scheme as a CORGI Approved Plumber.

Availability: These assessment only courses are available throughout the year at mutually convenient times.



BPEC PART P ELECTRICAL (Defined and Full Scope)



Defined Scope

Cost: £643 + VAT at 15% = £739.45 - includes the training and the certification costs.

2009 Courses: Regular dates throughout the year - please call us with your requirements.

Duration: 5 days including training and assessment

Content:

- Basic principles
- Legislation and regulations
- Electrical safety
- Installation theory
- Installation practice
- Testing and documentation

Valid for: 5 years from issue

Who is this course for?:

This course has been designed for those such as plumbers and central heating or kitchen installers -who may want to carry out limited scope electrical work as part of their own overall business in domestic premises.

Building Regulations:

Recent changes to Part P of the Building Regulations now mean that it is illegal for an unqualified installer to carry out certain types of electrical work in domestic dwellings.

Join a Competent Person's Scheme:

Being a member of a Competent Persons Scheme allows the installer to self-certify their electrical work and the scheme provider will notify the Building Control Department on the installers behalf - no further visits or costs are incurred. For example see www.trustcorgi.com/register/joincorgi.htm for full details.

Previous experience:

We recommend that candidates have some previous electrical experience before undertaking this course. The safety of both the installer and the customer is of utmost importance. This course is designed to ensure that simple and safe installation practices are established from the start and that they are followed throughout the duration.

Full Scope

After successful completion of the defined scope course, you can then upgrade to Full Scope. This is an extra 1 day at a cost of £190 + VAT at 15% = £218.50



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why is your course cheaper than other courses I have seen?

We strive to keep our overheads to a minimum and to continually offer great value for money to our trainees.

How can I possibly become a qualified plumber within such a short time when it takes years at college?

College is aimed at school leavers who are young and inexperienced and the course is usually on a day release basis, as a result much of the work covered there needs to be repeated. At our centre the course is designed for adults who, by their very nature, are more worldly wise and ready to learn in a more condensed manner. When you leave us you will be qualified and equipped to undertake most domestic plumbing work.

Do I need any plumbing experience or qualifications?

No - all you need is a willingness to learn and to be of a practical nature.

Do I need any tools or safety equipment?

No - on the 4 and 8 week courses we provide you with everything you will need. At the end of the course you will choose your own selection of new tools - these and the safety equipment items are yours to keep.

Do your courses lead to recognised qualifications?

Yes, we are an Approved Centre for BPEC (0177) and City & Guilds (006385). See the course pages for complete details.

I want to be a plumber, but I'm not sure which course would be best for me. How can you help?

We offer three main options:-

- a) if you intend to be self-employed, then the 4 week course gives you the relevant skills and certificates
- b) if you intend to be employed, then the 6129 may be a better option
- c) if you are unsure at this stage, then why not take the 4 week course with an option of extending it with us to a 6129 at a later date.

Do you provide any support after the course?

Yes - our teachers and trainers are only a phone call away. They are at hand to help with problems of a business or practical nature.

I haven't been in a classroom situation for many years - is this a problem?

No - we keep our groups small enough to give individual attention and our friendly and experienced trainers present the information in small, understandable chunks. Only the mornings are spent in the classroom - afternoons are spent putting your theory into practise in the training bays.

Do you provide all the classroom materials?

Yes, we supply you with all the relevant books, papers and handouts.

I want to come on your course, but finances are a little tight, can you help?

Try www.direct.gov.uk or phone 0800 585 505 for funding advice. If you live in Yorkshire or The Humber, you could get 60% funding, call us for information.

Do you train service leavers?

Yes of course. We welcome people from all walks of life.

I live too far away to travel - can you recommend any accommodation?

Yes, we have several hotels and guest houses in the local area with a range of charges to suit all pockets. In fact, if you add the cost of our course to the cost of our accommodation, it is slightly less than the course cost alone of many other training centres.

I may be investing a considerable amount of time and money on training, could I call in to meet you and see your facilities?

Yes, we encourage visitors, the kettle is always on for a warm welcome. Come and meet our current trainees, we find they are our best recommendation.

Can I become CORGI registered?

Unvented Hot Water, Water Regs and Part P are all Level 3 equivalents. Holders of these certificates qualify to register with CORGI's Competent Person's Scheme for the blue or red badges as approved Plumbers or Electricians.

DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION?

Then call us now.....



TESTIMONIALS



Totally professional and effective service. I came onto the course with no plumbing experience and I now feel confident and competent. Peter, George, Les and Val run a tight ship and give you every chance to pass and get through the course with sanity intact! I am delighted with the course, the content is plentiful and is easy to follow. A top class course run by really knowledgeable and nice people. Thanks a million. Robbie – Liverpool

Helpful and friendly, providing a great knowledge of plumbing applications to be used in the 'real' world. George – Scotland

I found the instructors very helpful and easy to get on with and they were able to answer any questions and nothing was too much trouble for them. A very pleasant atmosphere and a pleasure to come in every day. Really enjoyed the course. Chris – Rotherham



I've had an excellent four weeks and feel George, Pete & Les were superb instructors who have provided me with the knowledge and very importantly the confidence to immediately begin a new career within the plumbing industry. Zac from Barnsley

I have had a lot of fun and learned a lot from this course and thank everyone for their help and support. Barry - Manchester

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here. It has been informative, challenging and at times frustrating. Ultimately it is deeply satisfying to have gained the knowledge, experience and qualifications that I have done. I am looking forward to the challenge of using my knowledge to (a) help me make a living and (b) do a professional job on the installations in my own home. Julie from Hampton-on-the-Hill



I've had an excellent time training at Panda and everything I've learnt has been relevant to what I need to achieve as a self employed plumber. Being 42 years old and having no previous plumbing experience I was really concerned about spending a large amount of money on a training course I knew nothing about, but I'm glad I did! Peter and his team are really professional people and have good facilities in which to train you. Cheers. Peter from Buckley



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We are situated in the heart of England in Barnsley, South Yorkshire - just a couple of miles from Junction 37 of the M1 Motorway.
The centre is set in a pleasant semi-rural location on the doorstep of the award winning Trans-Pennine Trail.



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