

Constructive Timber Training Course



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BSW Timber

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Professional, accredited, free of charge, one day timber training course from BSW Timber



Suitable for all levels of employees, this one day course provides an introduction to wood science. Delivered by an independent trainer the course is designed to empower your employees with the knowledge to sell added value timber products that are fit for purpose. Suitable for Timber Specialists and Builders Merchant staff.

10 good reasons not to miss BSW's Constructive Timber Training Course

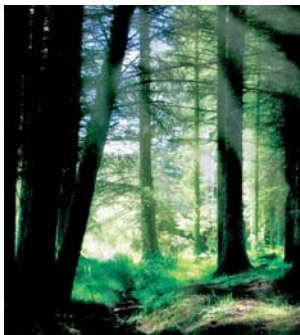
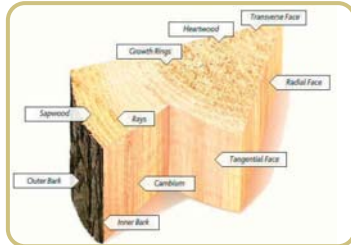


- 1** Quality, robust, independent training delivered by a professional trainer with over 30 years experience in the timber industry.
- 2** Accreditation by the Institute of Wood Science, Builder's Merchant Federation, Timber Trade Federation and Wood for Good.
- 3** It's free of charge to all BSW Timber customers.
- 4** One day format provides a solid introduction to wood science.
- 5** Flexibility of locations means that the course can be held at any one of our locations in the UK, or at a hotel near to your branch.
- 6** Employees are given the knowledge to enable them to sell more added value timber products that are fit for purpose.
- 7** Training materials including notebook, folder and handouts are provided free of charge.
- 8** The number of trainees is kept between 12-20 to ensure each trainee receives quality time with the trainer.
- 9** After a short test successful trainees receive a certificate to add to their CV.
- 10** We guarantee that all the attendees will learn something new - even if they've been in the industry for years. The feedback we've received from attendees states that even people who have been in the trade for years learn something new and valuable.

Course Content

Basic Essentials of Wood

Whenever timber is mentioned, one of the usual questions is *'Is it a Softwood or a Hardwood?'* And the answer to that is not as straightforward as it seems! This section of the course examines the key differences including cell structure, strength, grain, and figure etc.



Naming of Timbers

Most people involved with the timber industry, or who buy and sell, or specify wood products, think they know what they mean when they call a timber by its "usual" name. But all too often they don't realise that one common trade name (such as "Pine") can often refer to two or more

different, even completely unrelated, wood species. The same name may mean a completely different type of wood to different people, depending upon their experience and this can lead to confusion or misunderstanding, with the possibility of costly mistakes. So it is very important to establish which timber you mean, when you use any wood name.

Hardwoods

The range of possible colour, texture, figure, density and strength found in Temperate and Tropical Hardwoods is very varied. There are thousands of species of Hardwoods in the world, although only a few dozen are ever imported into the UK in any quantity. This section gives some of the Hardwoods which are more usually available in the UK.



Softwoods

This section covers the main characteristics of the Softwoods (conifers) which are most commonly used in the UK.

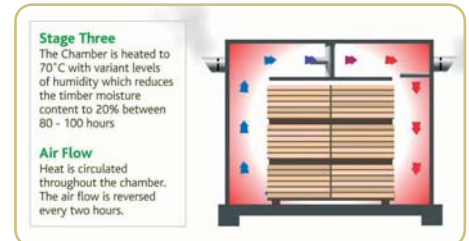
Certification

As environmental issues gain importance, the environmental credentials of timber sources have become almost as important as the fact that timber is an eco-friendly material. This part of the course gives trainees an introduction to certification schemes in the UK.



Drying and the Effects of Moisture

When a tree is growing, it is naturally full of "sap". Most of this excess liquid needs to be removed from the wood itself before the timber can be fit for normal uses. This part of the course examines how moisture is removed from wood.



Grades and Qualities of Softwoods



It is important to understand that the end use to which any timber is put, will have a great influence on which grade is best chosen for that purpose. And then that choice will show whether or not the grade selected is of suitable quality for the intended use.

Strength Graded Timber

This section explores how timber is graded and classified to ensure that it is supplied and used correctly.



Preservative Treatment

The purpose of preservative treatments is to enhance the durability of timbers and wood based sheet materials, so that under varying conditions in construction applications their useful service life can be significantly extended for periods of 15-60 years. This provides confidence to specifiers and end users in timber's performance.





Train To Retain

A recent City & Guilds report has conducted research into the need for employers to offer the right training to retain staff and boost productivity.

According to the 'Train to Retain' report one in four workers (25 per cent) say that they have left, or would leave, a job because of poor training and career prospects.

Exploring the extent to which UK organisations invest in their staff, the report concludes that the relatively high spend on recruitment and associated labour turnover costs makes it is far more cost-effective and beneficial for employers to redevelop existing staff.

Judith Norrington, Head of National Policy Development at City & Guilds said:

"If you take into account the overall costs of filling a vacancy and ensuring that new staff have sufficient knowledge and understanding of the organisation, it makes good business sense for employers to invest in their existing employees."

"Training and career development is one way that an organisation can instill loyalty into its staff and ensure that they are not losing valuable staff as this can have a detrimental impact on its brand and productivity. In fact, employees expect to receive training in return for their effort as it is considered to be a vital aspect of the psychological contract with their employer."

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