

## **SCHOOL FOR CONSTRUCTION**

### **PLUMBING STUDIES BASIC CERTIFICATE LEVEL 2**

#### ***Is this the right course for me?***

Yes - if you enjoy working with your hands and mind

Yes - if you want to gain a qualification that plumbing and heating companies will recognise

Yes - if you want to enter plumbing but are not necessarily employed in the plumbing industry

#### ***What will I need to join the course?***

There are no specific entry requirements, but we are looking for a good general educational level as the course involves some numeracy skills. The course is open to all age groups, male and female. You should also enjoy doing practical tasks.

#### ***What will I be doing?***

Following the City and Guilds 6129 Level 2 Technical Certificate in Basic Plumbing Skills. You will develop practical and theory skills in the following areas:

- Processes and Principles
- Health and Safety
- Hot and Cold Water Supply
- Heating Pipework
- Above and Below Ground Drainage
- Lead Work
- Maintenance Processes and Procedures

#### ***How long will the course last and what patterns of attendance are available?***

There is a one year full-time course for which attendance is required 2 ½ days per week for approximately 34 weeks. There is also a two year part-time course for which attendance is 2 evenings per week (6.00 – 9.00pm) and 1 week of full time attendance at college in the second year to be arranged with the tutor.

#### ***How will my progress on the course be assessed?***

Practical work is assessed by completing set assessments. These are noted in a task manual and this is internally and externally verified. There are also 13 theory assessments to be sat which are computer based.

#### **Functional Skills**

These can be offered to those that are identified as needing it.

#### ***What will I achieve?***

You will gain the City & Guilds 6129 Technical Certificate in Basic Plumbing Skills.

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***What will it cost?***

To be discussed at interview

Students under 19 do not pay tuition or exam fees.

Students claiming income-based benefits may receive a discount on tuition fees, but will be liable for full registration/examination fees.

***And the future?***

You will have the knowledge and skills to seek employment in the UK Plumbing Industry.

***What should I do now?***

If you wish to be interviewed for a place on this course please complete an application form and return it to the **Reception or The Advice Centre**.

If you have any queries please ring **The Advice Centre** on freephone 0800 854 695

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### PLUMBING STUDIES LEVEL 3

#### ***Is this the right course for me?***

- Yes- if you want to develop your plumbing skills and knowledge.
- Yes- if you intend to undertake gas safety assessments.
- Yes- if you want a plumbing qualification at an advanced level.
- Yes- if you intend to be registered to work on unvented appliances.
- Yes- If you intend to work at a supervisory level within the plumbing industry.

#### ***What will I need to join the course?***

You must have a level 2 qualification in Plumbing or Heating & Ventilation Services, i.e. City & Guilds or NVQ. The college will need proof of this before you can join the course. You should be generally competent in Maths & English; ideally you should be at GCSE level. You do not necessarily have to be employed within the plumbing industry, but you should have some experience of it. In case of doubt please contact the college.

#### ***What will I be doing?***

You will be working towards the City & Guilds 6129 level 3 course in plumbing studies. You will further develop your plumbing skills as you learn how to install, maintain, commission and decommission a variety of:

- Unvented appliances
- Gas appliances
- Heating systems
- Water supply systems
- Sanitation Systems

You will also further develop your theory knowledge.

For Students on NVQ programmes, there will be work based assessments as well as completion of a portfolio of work based evidence.

#### ***How long will the course last and what patterns of attendance are available?***

This course is a full time course. Attendance will be 2.5 days a week for approx 30 weeks. Hours of attendance will be 0900 to 1700.

Plus evening course part time for 2 evenings per week over 2 years.

The course is split 50% practical work and 50% theory work. It is hoped that during the course, students will have the opportunity to undertake their certificates in Unvented Installations and Water Regulations.

***How will my progress on the course be assessed?***

After practical training exercises, work is assessed by assessments. These are noted in a task manual. Satisfactory completion of the task manual will lead to a pass on the practical section. There are also 6 theory assessments. These assessments require a written answer and calculations. Satisfactory completion of this will lead to pass in the whole qualification. You must pass both sections!

***Key Skills?***

Not required at this level. However for students who feel that they need to develop their skills in numeracy and literacy, this can be arranged. The college reserves the right to insist that students attend this if it is felt to be beneficial.

***What will I achieve?***

You will achieve the City & Guilds 6129 Technical Certificate in Plumbing Studies. Students on NVQ programmes will achieve the 6089 NVQ in advanced plumbing.

***What will it cost?***

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Students under 19 do not pay tuition or exam fees.

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***And the future?***

You should be working at an advanced level within the Plumbing, Heating or Heating & Ventilation industry.

***What should I do now?***

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