

# Driving obstacles in the way of business

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Oh unless of course you find the gaping flaw in the legislation that leaves 100 watt bulbs used for rough service or inspection lamps exempt.

Now assuming you don't exploit the loophole you'll know that low energy bulbs cost considerably more than the tungsten filament variety and if you're really unlucky and need a dimmable version then expect to pay somewhere near £15.

Of course these higher prices are all subject to VAT and it's not hard to see the economic benefit to the government.

But really, it's also hard to get green buy-in to schemes like ditching tungsten light bulbs when China is building coal-fired power stations at a reported rate of two per week.

I'm sure I've touched on this before, but to get people to buy in to any environmental policy and to have any kind of success of

achieving reduced carbon emissions targets then incentive is the only way forward. Make being green a benefit to my pocket now – and I don't mean some convoluted 'lasts longer - savings over 20 years' type difference, I am saying real incentive that I can see on my bottom line and I can spend.

If it's more tax the government wants then allow businesses the freedom to grow and incentivise them to become greener – a

successful business pays more tax whereas a business gone bust pays none and will probably claim benefit!

Particularly in a recession we don't need daft initiatives like the 10:10 challenge and the 2p fuel duty levy as additional obstacles to doing business. What we need is clear, well thought-out policies that make us competitive and which make saving the environment a financially beneficial goal for us all.



## FITA courses

**Basic carpet fitting** (5 days) Nov 2; Jan 11; Mar 1; Apr 19; Jun 7; **Intermediate carpet fitting** (4 days) Nov 9; Jan 18; Mar 8; Apr 26; **Advanced carpet fitting** (4 days) Nov 30; Mar 29; **Essential wood fitting** (3 days) Nov 25; Feb 3; Mar 24; May 12; June 30; **Intermediate wood fitting** (3 days) Dec 7; Feb 15; Apr 7; May 24; **Solid wood sanding & finishing** (2 days) Nov 17; Jan 28; Mar 18; May 6; Jun 24; **Laminate & floating wood** (2 days) Nov 23; Feb 1; Mar 22; May 10; **Domestic vinyl fitting** (2 days) Nov 4; Jan 13; Mar 3; Apr 21; Jun 9; **Safety & smooth vinyl (commercial) fitting** (4 days) Nov 16, Dec 14; Feb 22, Apr 12; Jun 1; Courses also in Manchester on Dec 14; Jan 25; Mar 15; May 4; Jun 21; **Luxury vinyl tile fitting** (4 days) Feb 8; May 17; **Estimating and planning** (2 days) Nov 2; Jan 11; Apr 19; Jun 7; **Damp testing floors** (1 day) Dec 1; Feb 9; Mar 30; May 18; **Subfloor preparation** (2 days) Nov 9.

All courses are at Loughborough unless otherwise stated. Please enquire about course fees when booking. Check out the FITA website for the latest course information.

**FITA also offers NVQ training via EWPA and OSAT.**

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## NVQ COURSES



maintaining standards in flooring installations

Floortrain (GB) is a registered City & Guilds assessment centre for NVQs in textile, impervious and wood flooring. Full funding is available in 95% of cases. Training packages are offered to intermediate or advanced levels. Contact Dominic for details:

■ T: 01709 780505

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St Helens College offers training in floorcovering NVQ Levels 1, 2 and 3 and construction diplomas for two years on a day release basis, plus On Site Assessment and Training (OSAT) for experienced workers and the Experienced Workers Practical Assessments (EWPA) for CSCS cards. ■ T: 01744 623640

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Steve Davies ■ T: 07984 002632

### Acton & West London :

Jim Gallagher ■ T: 07768 745787

### National Construction College, Erith.

Malcolm Harrison

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## Fitting courses



The Academy of Flooring Skills

### THE ACADEMY OF FLOORING SKILLS

(TAOFS) established by John Roberts has a training centre in Pentlow near Sudbury, Suffolk.

Upcoming courses: Essential carpet skills **Nov 2-6**; Essential Wood skills **Nov 16-18**; Sanding & finishing skills **Nov 19-20**; Luxury vinyl tile skills **Oct 5-8**; Safety vinyl skills **Oct 12-15**; Moisture survey skills **Oct 9**. Check web site for other dates in locations around the country; sales & other related staff overview courses: Carpet: **Dec 7**; Safety vinyl: **Dec 8**; Lot tiles: **Dec 9**; Wood: **Dec 10**.

Courses on moisture surveying skills are being planned. The scheduled dates can be changed to suit five or more people and one-to-one tuition can be arranged on request.

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Instructor is Paul Pearce

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**PREMIER PRODUCTS**

Cleaning, floor preparation and

maintenance courses. Contact

Maureen Scott. ■ T: 01242 537174

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**PROCHEM** Carpet cleaning courses: (2-day) **Nov 24-25**. (1-day) **Nov 3, Dec 8**. Hard floor cleaning: **Nov 11**  
 ■ T: 020 8974 1515

■ [www.prochem.co.uk/training.htm](http://www.prochem.co.uk/training.htm)

**PROCLEAN** David Jenkins  
 ■ T: 02380 660977

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■ T: 01827 872244

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# Tarkett updates CPD presentation on wood

**TARKETT** has updated and enhanced its RIBA-approved CPD presentation on engineered wood flooring, entitled 'your flooring questions answered – hardwood'.

This presentation follows the manufacturing process of hardwood flooring from the harvesting and drying of the raw timber, through the grading and hardness of different species, to the finished product. It also examines the effects of UV light and natural minerals, alongside surface treatments that can change the colour of the wood. The benefits of lacquer protection are also explained in detail.

The different types of solid and

engineered wood flooring constructions and formats are clarified and key considerations on installation and maintenance are covered.

The main issues surrounding protection of the environment, including FSC accreditation, are discussed in addition to significant factors for specifying wood, such as suitability of species and finish for an area.

Tarkett also offers two other RIBA-approved CPD presentations: creative flooring design & sustainability, and recycling and the environment.

Any of these presentations can be given at your premises.

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