



MILKING EQUIPMENT ASSOCIATION

Dear Sir/Madam



PARLOUR SAFE TRAINING REGISTRATION

Thank you for registering your interest in the Parlour Safe Scheme. We are delighted that you wish to advance your professional career path as a dairy technician.

Parlour Safe offers you the full complement of training accreditation, relevant to all engineers and technicians who are installing, maintaining and repairing milking equipment. The courses progress from Parlour Safe category 2 through to Parlour Safe category 4 Professional Master Technician, covering all levels of skill, experience and required learning. The option for a professional body accreditation at EngTech level is optional at Category 3 and mandatory at Category 4. Parlour Safe training is now facilitated at two colleges, Reaseheath in Cheshire and Hartpury in Gloucestershire.

In order to enrol at college on category 2 or category 3 please contact Angela Barnatt at the MEA on ab@aea.uk.com, 01733 207602 or 08456 448748. Please give your full contact details and clearly state which category you wish to enrol on. The training dates and modules are listed overleaf. Please note that Category 2 technicians must have been at category 2 for 12 months as at September 2017, before enrolling on to category 3.

Training is run on a block release system spread over two years. Following valuable feedback from technicians and dealerships we have now reduced the amount of blocks of training whilst increasing the training time per block. There will now be 2 blocks of 3 day training days per academic year. This dramatically reduces the amount of time technicians are away from the dealership and also reduces the amount of travel and accommodation costs.

The cost to complete a training level is £2,200 payable in 2 instalments, £1,100 invoiced at the start of the first academic year and £1,100 invoiced at the start of the second academic year.

NOTE: Technicians must send a registration request by 25th August 2017.

Please take a few minutes to read the attached Parlour Safe brochure which offers further details about how to register on the Parlour Safe database and enrol on the accreditation scheme.

The MEA is the only independent organisation dedicated to representing the interests of milking equipment manufacturers, distributors and suppliers and has developed this professional career path to ensure standards and competencies are maintained throughout the industry.

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PARLOUR SAFE TRAINING DATES FOR 2017/2018

PARLOUR SAFE CATEGORY 2 FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

(Training will be held at Hartpury College in Gloucestershire)

BLOCK 1: 10th – 12th October 2017 (*See Note 1 for modules studied*)

BLOCK 2: 23rd – 25th January 2018 (*See Note 2 for modules studied*)

PARLOUR SAFE CATEGORY 2 SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

(Training will be held at Hartpury College in Gloucestershire)

BLOCK 1: 21st – 23rd November 2017 (*See Note 3 for modules studied*)

BLOCK 2: 20th – 22nd February 2018 (*See Note 4 for modules studied*)

PARLOUR SAFE CATEGORY 3 FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

(Training will be held at Reaseheath College in Nantwich)

BLOCK 1: Group A – 31st October – 2nd November 2017 (*See Note 5 for modules studied*)
Group B – 7th – 9th November 2017 (*See Note 5 for modules studied*)

BLOCK 2: Group A – 9th – 11th January 2018 (*See Note 6 for modules studied*)
Group B – 16th – 18th January 2018 (*See Note 6 for modules studied*)

PARLOUR SAFE CATEGORY 3 SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

(Training will be held at Reaseheath College in Nantwich)

BLOCK 1: Group A – 12th – 14th September 2017 (*See Note 5 for modules studied*)
Group B – 3rd – 5th October 2017 (*See Note 5 for modules studied*)

BLOCK 2: Group A – 12th – 14th December 2017 (*See Note 6 for modules studied*)
Group B – 19th – 21st December 2017 (*See Note 6 for modules studied*)

Note 1

Category 2 Year 1 – Block One

Modules to be studied:

Animal Physiology & Behaviour
Health Safety and Welfare
Legislation and Standards
Hydraulics
Electrical Installations
Parlour Design

Note 2

Category 2 Year 1 – Block Two

Modules to be studied:

Animal Health
Cleaning
Cooling
Pneumatics
Herd Management
Milk Quality

Note 3

Category 2 Year 2 – Block one

Modules to be studied:

Principles of Milking Machines
Plumbing
Best Practice and Daily Routines
Milking in a New System
Milking Related Problems
Parlour Ergonomics
Milk Transport
Milk Yield Recording

Note 4

Category 2 Year 2 – Block Two

Modules to be studied:

Biosecurity
Business Administration
Vacuum
Testing
Service and Maintenance
Electronics and Automation
Information and Communication Technology

Note 5

Category 3 Year 1 – Block One &

Category 3 Year 2 – Block One

Modules to be studied:

Best Practice & Daily Routines
Electronics & Automation
Parlour Design/Ergonomics
Principles of Milking Machines
Service & Maintenance
Business Admin
Health, safety and Welfare

Note 6

Category 3 Year 1 – Block Two &

Category 3 Year 2 – Block Two

Modules to be studied:

Diagnostics
Milking Time Testing
Testing
Milk Yield Recording
Customer Relations
Equipment Cleaning
Milking In a new system/ Handover

I do hope that you will take your Parlour Safe registration/qualification to the next category and I wish you the best of luck in your training.

Yours faithfully



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