



NHS Estates online National Decontamination Training Programme

We are pleased to announce that the NHS Estates online National Decontamination Training Programme is now available to independent sector decontamination services providers.

This training programme has been developed by NHS Estates as part of the overall National Decontamination Programme, responding to the identified need for high quality formalised training of staff to improve implementation of decontamination standards and safety.

The programme has been live in NHS Acute Trusts since December 2004, and in the first six months approximately 2,300 people have signed up for the programme undertaking over 11,000 tutorials to date. Feedback to date indicates a consistently high level of satisfaction with the programme with users finding it interesting, informative and indeed fun to do and managers reporting that it has allowed them to train their staff in a consistent fashion without disruption to decontamination services provision.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Two sets of tutorials have been developed:

- *Decontamination Practice* – aimed at staff directly involved in the decontamination of instruments. 15 tutorials, each approximately 60 minutes in duration.
- *Decontamination Principles* – aimed at staff who are not directly involved in the decontamination of instruments, but who require an appreciation of the Decontamination lifecycle. 15 tutorials, each approximately 45 minutes in duration.

TUTORIAL DESIGN AND TOPICS COVERED

A mix of informative graphics and interactivity, based on simulations, questions and exercises, makes learning enjoyable and encourages a high level of knowledge retention. There is also a searchable glossary of terms attached to the programme.

The tutorials cover a wide range of topics, including:

- Cleaning and disinfection principles
- Inspection, assembly and packaging of medical devices
- Sterilization
- Flexible endoscope processing

The programme is an invaluable resource, which features up to date knowledge, guidance and best practice. It can equally be used as a reference and refresher tool for existing staff or as an induction tool for new staff.



HOW IS THE PROGRAMME DELIVERED?

Professional education company Intuition has made the learning programme available over the Internet. Private sector organisations simply contact Intuition to register for the programme, and once a corporate account has been created your staff will be able to log in to the programme over the Internet.

MONITORING PROGRESS

A sophisticated web-based management reporting system is provided as part of the service. N.B. All company data is private to each organisation. Within corporate accounts managers are appointed as training administrators with ability to monitor system usage on a group or individual basis. All training and assessment data is fully exportable using Microsoft Excel or similar making it suitable for audit or reporting purposes and compatible with other training record systems.

REGISTRATION AND COSTS

12-month subscriptions will be offered on an individual or organisational basis. Renewal options will be available at 25% of year 1 cost, including access to programme updates. Users can register by completing the attached registration form and sending it the address below along with payment. The table below shows cost options – organisations registering more than 9 users should bulk register to avail of the discounts set out below.

No of users	12 Month Subscription
1 - 9 user licences	£250 per user
10 - 50 user licences	£225 per user
More than 50 licences	£200 per user

Technical Support

This fee includes technical support on a UK free phone number, available from 8am to 9pm Monday to Friday.

Please note that users will not be allowed to share usernames and passwords. This will prevent users from tracking individual progress, distort management reporting information and possibly result in revocation of licence.

Further information

If you would like more information on any aspect of the programme please do not hesitate to contact Intuition as per details below.

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