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Instructor training dates announced

PASMA has announced the dates for its training instructor courses in 2015, for all those wishing to qualify as instructors. The dates are now available on the PASMA website. The training comprises of four separate modules delivered over the course of a single week and conducted from PASMA's five national instructor training centres. After the successful completion of the four modules, delegates must then run three training courses under the mentorship and tutelage of an existing PASMA lead instructor.

Module 1: Instructional techniques - A two-day module designed to conform to the requirements of Level 3 Award in Education and Training (previously PTLLS), preparing to teach in the lifelong learning sector.

Module 2: Safety at height - A one-day module intended to ensure that delegates are fully conversant with the latest legislation and regulations concerning the safe use of mobile access towers in the work at height sector.

Module 3: Mobile access towers (industry specific) - A one-day module, self-accredited by PASMA, designed to ensure that delegates are aware of, and fully understand, every aspect of safe working and best practice.

Module 4: PASMA training scheme - A half-day module intended to familiarise the candidate with the association's standards, protocols and procedures for the delivery of its national training scheme.

Candidates must meet specific criteria before being eligible to apply to become a novice instructor. For more details, including the course dates for 2015, please visit: www.pasma.co.uk

App advantages

Available to download for free, the PASMA mobile app provides a huge range of practical information about mobile access towers that can be used in the workplace on a day-to-day basis. Designed to support safety, encourage best practice and improve productivity, it speeds and simplifies the whole process of information gathering. The association says the app can be useful for anyone on the go, and using towers, no matter where they are located.

Benefits include:

- Access to manufacturers' instruction manuals.
- The opportunity to check for information on the PASMA Code of Practice.
- A quick and easy route to finding approved PASMA training centres and rental companies.
- The chance to keep on top of the latest news and developments relating to mobile towers.
- The ability to upload tower images.



PASMA's mobile app is free to download

Already in extensive use, the PASMA mobile app is a useful, practical tool employing the latest technology to deliver instant information and help when and where it's needed.

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Annual Members' Meeting 2015

PASMA's Annual Members' Meeting will once again take place at Coombe Abbey Hotel in Warwickshire on Friday 3rd July. Located a few miles from the M1 and M6, Coombe Abbey is a four star country house hotel with 119 rooms set in 500 acres of parkland.

Meanwhile the association is currently requesting images and short case studies for inclusion in the 2014/15 Annual Review. Details of complex or unusual applications are particularly welcome, including any showing towers in use at iconic locations. In the first instance please send them to: helen.paterson@asma.co.uk

Tips from the top

2015 promises to be a busy year for the Access Industry Forum (AIF), with dates in the diary already including:



- 22nd April: The Forum will present a paper at the 40th anniversary conference of the Birmingham Health, Safety & Environment Association (BHSEA) at the Barclaycard Arena, Birmingham.
- 16th-18th June: In addition to exhibiting at the Safety & Health Expo, the Forum will also deliver a mainstream conference paper at the official IOSH Conference at ExCeL in London's Docklands.
- 22nd-23rd September: The Forum will talk about the latest developments in work at height at Hire Association Europe's (HAE) 2015 Convention at Loughborough University.

Each of the nine organisations in the Access Industry Forum represents a different sector of the access industry and fosters and supports codes of good practice, equipment standards, training, education and knowledge.

Over 5,000 copies of it's PocketCard 'What to watch when working at height' have already been distributed by Working Well Together at its nationwide Safety, Health & Awareness Days.



AIF's PocketCard



Visit PASMA at the Safety & Health Expo 2015, 16th - 18th June, at ExCeL, London