



# Code of Practice



The SSPC Train the painter programme is an internationally recognised coatings applicator course used to train and qualify:

- Protective coatings applicators
- Abrasive blast cleaning operatives
- Spray painters

A coating supervisor's course is also available within the training programme.

The training programme is endorsed by SSPC the Society for Protective Coating and Lloyds Register.

The training programme has also been independently assessed against the contents of the NACE / SSPC Standard Practice for Industrial Coatings and Lining application specialist Qualification Certification (SSPC-ACS-1/NACE No 13).

The training is delivered by coating specialists who are experienced and have successfully completed the Train the Trainer course.

## CODE OF PRACTICE

This code of practice relates to Registered Companies and Affiliate organisations who participate in SSPC Train the painter which is under the administration of the MPI Group.

Global Affiliates may train worldwide to registered and non-registered companies. Country Affiliates may train registered contractors or individual students in specific countries. Registered organisations train their own personnel only.

Registration to the programme is conducted on an annual basis and companies or organisations are encouraged to display the certificate clearly within their premises.

Registered companies and Affiliates may use the programme logo on letterhead, website and promotional literature.

The Owner, Chief Executive and Managing Director must agree to comply with the rules and recommendations laid out in this Code of Practice establishing standards for the conduct of work undertaken by such registered companies and organisations to maintain high standards in the protective coatings industry.

The Code of Practice should be made available to staff, customers and communicated to trainers, management and personnel involved with the programme.

## INSURANCES

Affiliates and Registered companies shall arrange and maintain at all times, appropriate insurance cover which includes employers liability, public liability and in some cases professional indemnity or other liability risks as may be deemed necessary by the type of work undertaken.

## INTEGRITY AND HONESTY

Affiliates and Registered companies shall at all times uphold their integrity and to carry out work in accordance with good practice and recognised standards used in the protective coatings industry.

Affiliates and Registered companies must be honest about the products and services provided and agree to represent truthfully in advertising to avoid misleading or exaggerated statements about their position in the industry.

Affiliates and Registered companies will compete fairly and honestly and refrain from false or derogatory references about other members of the programme.

## COLLUSION

Affiliate and Registered companies must comply with the competition laws and not deceive, mislead or defraud customers or clients by the establishment of other company co-operation for mutual benefit during the tendering process.

Product and Application Data Sheets and Material Safety Data Sheets

Affiliates and Registered companies shall ensure that the product and application data sheets and material safety data sheets are available for all products that are due to be applied during practical assessments.

Affiliates and Registered companies will ensure that information supplied by material manufacturer is the latest revision and available to personnel during practical assessments.

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## QUALITY SYSTEM

Affiliate and Registered companies will have a Quality Policy Statements available, signed by the appropriate personnel.

Affiliate and Registered companies shall ensure that all work is conducted in accordance with a recognised Quality System such as ISO 9000.

Where applicable the Affiliate and Registered companies will also obtain accreditation to any relevant sector programmes that may be necessary.

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## SUPERVISION

Affiliate and Registered companies shall ensure that qualified and experienced supervisors or foreman are available for all surface preparation and coating activities during the training.

Affiliates and Registered companies shall ensure that the Supervisor or Foreman has the appropriate training and qualifications to deliver the training and assessments in a safe manner.

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## PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Affiliate and Registered companies shall ensure that the appropriate equipment is made available to the coatings applicator during the practical assessments.

The plant and equipment used in surface preparation and coating application including, but not limited to small hand tools, abrasive blast equipment, spray equipment, dust and fume extraction, grit removal equipment and associated items will be maintained, safe and have any relevant insurance as necessary.

The Paint or Coating application equipment will meet the requirements of the product or application data sheets and suitable for the practical assessments.

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## ENVIRONMENT

Affiliate and Registered companies will have an Environmental Policy Statement available, signed by the appropriate personnel.

Affiliate and Registered companies will have full knowledge of Environmental Legislation which has an impact on the business.

Affiliate and Registered companies shall ensure that procedures are available and used for the safe use and disposal of liquids, spent abrasives and other hazardous materials that are used in the practical assessments.

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## HEALTH & SAFETY

Affiliate and Registered companies shall comply with the Regulations laid down in respect of its work by the Health and Safety Executive or organisation (variable globally).

Affiliate and Registered companies shall ensure all practical assessments undertaken are conducted in a safe manner, all personnel are trained in the tasks to be conducted, have the appropriate personal protective equipment and respiratory equipment and all activities have been assessed prior to conducting the task.

Affiliate and Registered companies has a legal requirement to conduct or have available COSHH assessments (or global equivalent) on the products and specific risk assessments on the tasks to be performed.

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## TRAINERS

Affiliate and Registered companies shall only use qualified trainers to conduct the training for the coating applicator, abrasive, abrasive blast cleaning operative, spray painter and coating supervisor.

The trainer shall ensure that all the relevant documentation is completed correctly and stored for audit purposes.

The trainer shall only sign off the final documentation for the student following the successful completion of the theoretical and practical assessments.

All training must be conducted in line with the SSPC Trainthepainter QA document TT/QA01.

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## TRAINING FACILITIES

Affiliate and Registered companies shall ensure if training is conducted on their premises (or contractor premises), that the appropriate facilities are available for both practical and theoretical assessments.

The theoretical training should be conducted in a comfortable environment with the use of screen or wall programme or via the computer.

The practical training should be conducted in either a simulated workshop or on a live contract taking all the necessary health & safety precautions.

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