

IOM3 TRAINING ACADEMY

EVALUATORS' QUALIFICATION IN PACKAGING TECHNOLOGY (EQIPT)

The EQIPT course has been specially designed to meet the needs of auditors working with the BRC/IOP Global Standard for Packaging and Packaging Materials. Issue 5.

The Standard, developed jointly between The Packaging Society and the BRC, sets out hygiene and quality requirements for packaging manufacturers.

The Evaluators' Qualification in Packaging Technology (EQIPT) was originally developed in 2001 to meet the needs of auditors who did not have a primary packaging qualification but who wished to audit companies for the BRC/IOP's Standard for Packaging Materials.

This is the latest revision of the course developed by the IOM3 Training Academy and endorsed by The Packaging Society and the BRC. The qualification is quality assured by PIABC which is recognised as an awarding body in the UK by the qualifications regulators of England, Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland – Ofqual (Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation), Qualification Wales and SQA Accreditation.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

The EQIPT course is designed to provide auditors, who do not hold a recognised primary packaging qualification, with sufficient knowledge of packaging and related processes, to enable them to apply the appropriate rigour to the packaging-manufacturing environment whilst performing an audit.

WHO IS THE COURSE AIMED AT?

Individuals who wish to audit against the BRC/IOP Global Packaging Standard and who do not currently hold the PIABC Diploma in Packaging Technology or other approved qualification. NB: Auditors also require qualifications in food technology/ environmental health/hygiene and quality assessment (Lead Assessor). It will also be of use for individuals who work in the packaging sector with responsibility of audits.

BENEFITS TO THE BUSINESS

- Competent staff
- Provide confidence to packaging companies under evaluation
- Best practice to maximise efficiency and profit
- Access the experience of the industry

BENEFITS TO THE INDIVIDUAL

- A recognised, professional qualification
- Enhance your career path
- Great networking opportunities
- Broaden and deepen your knowledge and skills
- Membership of a Chartered professional organisation

 **The Packaging Society**

A Division of the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining

The IOM3 Training Academy is a service of IOM Communications Ltd, offering a range of industry-recognised training courses suitable for accredited qualifications and continuing professional development. Packaging courses are developed in conjunction with and endorsed by The Packaging Society, a division of the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining.

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COURSE CONTENT

To provide a brief background and overview to packaging standards and give a thorough understanding of the manufacturing and converting of packaging materials, methods, processes and practices which will inform the work of packaging auditors. In particular, to provide an understanding of the possible problems inherent in manufacturing and converting packaging materials and their implications for the quality, hygiene and safety of the packed product in the market place.

SYLLABUS

The course is in two parts: a mandatory core unit and elective units where students need to choose a minimum of two material areas.

CORE UNIT SUBJECTS

- Overview of packaging standards and an introduction to the role and functions of packaging including an overview of the packaging industry
- Quality standards, specifications and legislation
- Packaging materials and packaging material conversion processes
- Printing and other decoration of packaging

ELECTIVE UNITS

1. Glass Packaging
2. Rigid Plastic Packaging
3. Flexible Plastic Packaging
4. Paper, Paperboard, Corrugated and Wood Packaging
5. Metal Packaging

The core unit is assessed by a written examination, followed by written assignments based on the chosen material areas.

The exam can be taken at The Boilerhouse, Grantham or at nominated and approved locations overseas.

STUDY OPTIONS

The course is offered in two ways:

1. Online learning course - Access the course materials via the on line learning site. Study in your own time and at your own speed with the support of the on line tutor.
2. Blended learning course - A three day taught course for the core unit and then access the online learning site for the course materials and tutor support to complete the elective units.

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Details of other courses delivered by IOM3 Training Academy can be found at www.iom3training.org



EQIPT has been recognised by the World Packaging Organisation as appropriate for packaging auditors.



The BRC Global Standards are a leading global safety and quality certification programme. Further details at www.brcglobalstandards.com



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