



## DEA Level 3 Training

It is now compulsory that any property which is marketed for sale in England & Wales has to produce a Home Information Pack (HIP).

The HIP is made up of the following components:

- **Energy Performance Certificate**
- **Sellers information & index**
- **Local authority searches**
- **Drainage & water searches**
- **Land registry title & plan**
- **Leasehold information if applicable**

The Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) can only be carried out by a Level 3 qualified Domestic Energy Assessor or Home Inspector. This qualification is achieved through Hipcert and our awarding body the ABBE.

## **How do you become qualified as a Domestic Energy Assessor (DEA)?**

You do not have to have any previous experience in surveying or energy consultancy to enrol on the DEA course. You will have to complete 3 days training at any of our training centre locations. During your 3 days we will demonstrate to you how to survey houses for energy calculations and also how to use the RDSAP (reduced data standard assessment procedure) software. This software is what all assessors use to produce the Energy Performance Certificate (EPC).

Hipcert will also take you out on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day to live properties for real hands on experience. By this time you will be energy assessing yourself.

Unfortunately, your qualification diploma is not obtained after 3 days with us. All candidates following their time with Hipcert are then required to produce a portfolio of work. This will essentially be made up of 5 EPC's which you have to produce yourself.

There will be a requirement for further work which will complete your portfolio and demonstrate to us that you are able to carry out the tasks involved in energy assessment.

Finally, all candidates have to sit a 20 question multiple choice exam. This is a paper based exam where you have to answer 14 or more questions correctly in order to pass.

On successful completion you will be awarded your level 3 DEA diploma. Using this diploma you can then apply for accreditation to become a fully licensed DEA and begin working.

## **Frequently asked questions.....**

### **How long does it take to become qualified?**

This greatly depends on you. Once you have completed the 3 days training you then have to complete your portfolio of work. Most candidates working on very part time hours in their own time will complete the course in approximately 10 to 12 weeks whereas someone spending much more time will complete the course dramatically sooner. There is no time limit and every person differs.

### **What happens if I fail my exam?**

Hipcert will register you for your next exam date as soon as possible and you can sit this exam free of charge. A very high proportion of our candidates pass their exam first time.

### **The Energy Performance Certificate is just 1 part of the HIP. How can I supply the whole pack?**

Hipcert can provide you with additional training. This training will show you fully how you can produce all the components of the HIP pack. Not many DEA's will provide a full HIP pack so this could prove valuable to your services. Providing the full pack should gain you additional work and

higher remuneration. Talk to us if you want more information about this training.

## **Can Hipcert provide me with work when I am qualified?**

Hipcert is a training provider **not** an employer. We are fully ABBE accredited and provide training in other fields in addition to domestic energy assessment. We do have inbound requests for energy certificates and will forward these onto qualified Hipcert assessors as and when. We do not promise or guarantee any level of work as it is completely down to you to generate surveys when you are qualified. Hipcert can advise you of various routes to take on completion of your diploma.

## **Where will I get my work from?**

You will need to market yourself with Estate agents, HIP pack providers, solicitors and soon letting agents as all rental properties will fall under the new EU legislation.

## **Can I progress further after level 3?**

Level 3 is a good starting point for people wanting to get into this industry. You may feel you want to progress further and upgrade to either of these qualifications:

## **Level 4 Home Inspector –**

The HI course is available and will allow you to produce Home Condition Reports (HCR). The HCR is not mandatory and it is debatable whether or not this will ever become part of legislation. Many argue it will not. You may want to think long and hard before committing to this training. If clients are not required to have a HCR produced it is highly unlikely you will get any work providing them. If the HCR in the future does become a required document then you would simply contact us and upgrade your level 3 diploma by studying further. (Approximately 4 months)

## **Level 3 & 4 Non domestic energy assessment**

Many candidates will find it a natural progression to upgrade to non domestic qualification. This will allow you to survey and assess commercial properties. The course however is much more demanding and intense than the domestic energy course learning and we will need to ask you some questions to evaluate your competence level before you enrol on this course.

**Why should I choose Hipcert as my training provider?**

Hipcert is without question one of the largest training providers in the UK. We have training centres in Belfast, Birmingham, Bristol, Brighton, Bournemouth, London, Northwest, North East, and Leeds and we hope you are located not too far away from one of these areas.

Once you attend your course you will instantly recognise the quality of training that is being delivered. All of our trainers have a vast amount of experience in the surveying and energy related industries.

You will have immediate access to our members area which hosts further training material, RDSAP software for you to use and technical support personnel should you require any assistance.

All Hipcert courses include:

- Exams including revision
- Assessment and feedback reports
- Course work material
- Members area access and passwords
- RDSAP software for training

- Registration with the ABBE on submission of your portfolio
- Live property assessments
- Technical support and assistance
- Lunch and refreshments throughout the 3 days
- Free registration on Hipcert directory when launched

## **How do I book my course with Hipcert?**

Booking your course is simple. Please call us on **0845 680 1082** so we can register your name and address details and send out your information and registration documents. We also require a 10% deposit to secure your booking with us. The remaining course fee's will become payable on the first day of your training course. We accept all credit and debit cards and also cheques and can cater for candidates who have obtained funding.

## **Dates and availability**

Hipcert has DEA courses in all areas of the UK. Please visit our website [www.hipcert.co.uk](http://www.hipcert.co.uk) or call us now on **0845 680 1082** to find out if there is a course convenient for you.

Hipcert can provide training in the following diplomas:



**HIP Training – Full distance learning course**

**Non domestic Level 3 & 4**

**HI Level 4**

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