



# New Roads and Street Works Act

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# New Roads & Street Works Courses

## STANDARD OPERATIVE COURSES

### 1 DAY UNIT 221

Cable Location & Detection can be provided as a stand alone course.

### 2 DAY UNIT 222

Signing, Lighting and Guarding can be provided as a stand alone course.

Streetworks Unit 222 is now a full qualification in its own right. With effect from the 6 April 2011 for those covered by the NRASWA it became mandatory to hold a Street Works Qualification Register (SWQR) card for Unit 222.

### 5 DAY UNITS 221-226 & 229

A five day course covering units 221-226 & 229 is intended for those staff with some experience in all the units being covered.

### UNIT 227

Unit 227 Reinstatement in hot lay bituminous materials can normally be included in the Standard five day Operative course, providing you are able to supply your own hot lay bituminous materials.

### OPERATIVE UNITS

- 221** Location and avoidance of underground apparatus
- 222** Signing, lighting and guarding
- 223** Excavation in the highway
- 224** Reinstatement and compaction of backfill materials
- 225** Reinstatement of sub-base and road base in non-bituminous materials
- 226** Reinstatement in cold-lay bituminous materials
- 227** Reinstatement in hot-lay bituminous materials
- 228** Reinstatement of concrete slabs
- 229** Reinstatement of modular surfaces and concrete footways

## STANDARD SUPERVISOR COURSES

### 2 DAY UNIT 230

Monitoring Signing, Lighting and Guarding courses can be provided as stand alone courses for those not required to be qualified in the other units.

Streetworks Unit 230 is now a full qualification in its own right. With effect from the 6 April 2011 for those covered by the NRASWA it became mandatory to hold a SWQR card for Unit 230.

### 3 DAY UNIT 235-236

Monitoring reinstatement of concrete slabs and monitoring reinstatement of modular surfaces and concrete footways can be provided as an additional course if required.

### 5 DAY UNITS 221 & 230-234

For those with experience in all modules. There is very limited time allowed for training within this programme, the emphasis being on validation and assessment of prior learning.

### SUPERVISOR UNITS

- 221** Location and avoidance of underground apparatus
- 230** Monitoring signing, lighting and guarding
- 231** Monitoring excavation in the highway
- 232** Monitoring reinstatement and compaction of backfill
- 233** Monitoring reinstatement of sub-base and road base in non-bituminous materials
- 234** Monitoring reinstatement in bituminous materials
- 235** Monitoring reinstatement of concrete slabs (reinforced rigid construction)
- 236** Monitoring reinstatement of modular surfaces (flags and block paving etc.) and concrete footways

## OTHER UNITS NOT COVERED IN STANDARD COURSES

All other units can be provided. Please call us to arrange additional dates.

### PLEASE NOTE

- ▶ Prices for unit accreditation and SCOTVEC registration are nationally set, any increases will be re-charged to customers at net cost.
- ▶ City and Guilds may from time to time issue clarification to centres on the degree of work based evidence required to support certain units. This may affect both the duration and price of our course programmes as well as requiring additional input from delegates own companies.



## OTHER OPTIONS

In addition to the NRSWA programme STC provide

- ▶ Training Only
- ▶ Tailored Courses
- ▶ Weekend Training

Prices and details for these options are available on request.

## NRSWA CHANGES AFFECTING LICENCE RENEWALS

From 6 April 2011 it became mandatory for anyone working in England renewing their Streetworks Licence (SWQR card) to be reassessed, either by passing a multiple choice test of each unit they want to requalify for or by retaking their original qualification. SWQR licence holders have 6 months either side of the expiry date on their current SWQR card to undertake their reassessment. If candidates do not undertake their reassessment within this time frame, or are not successful in achieving a pass in all necessary units, then the only way to requalify will be to retake their original Streetworks course

## NRSWA REASSESSMENT COURSE

This is a two day course covering all Units. The two day course consists of:

- Day 1 – Refresher training & preparation for the exams\*
- Day 2 – Multiple choice open book exams

\* In addition to attending refresher training candidates are strongly advised to spend time preparing for exams in advance by obtaining and familiarising themselves with the following documents:

- ▶ Specification for the Reinstatement Openings in Roads/Highways, Approved Code of Practice
- ▶ Safety at Street Works and Road Works, Approved Code of Practice (Department for Transport)
- ▶ An Introduction to Vehicle Actuated Portable Traffic Signals (Department for Transport)
- ▶ Avoiding Danger from Underground Services HSG 47 (Health and Safety Executive)
- ▶ Volume 1: NJUG Guidelines On The Positioning And Colour Coding Of Underground Utilities' Apparatus (National Joint Utilities Group)
- ▶ Roadworks Theory and Practice
- ▶ Specification for Highway Works, 'Series 1000'

As the exams are 'open book' candidates are allowed the above-mentioned documents for reference whilst completing their exams. We will provide reference materials for use during the refresher training and clean copies of these documents for the examination day, however we would strongly advise candidates to re-familiarise themselves with these documents prior to attending their course.

# New Roads & Street Works Act

The New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 places a duty on any person or organisation undertaking work involving the installation, renewal, maintenance or inspection of underground apparatus in any street or road to ensure that work is under the control of competent persons. To satisfy the requirements of the Act, work involving breaking up the street must be arranged under the supervision of a person having a prescribed qualification as a supervisor. In addition, whether or not the street is broken up, they must ensure that a person having a prescribed qualification as a trained operative is present on the site at all times when work is in progress.

Furthermore the local authority side of HAUC have strongly recommended that all highway authorities ensure that highway inspectors and others who are involved with the legislation should be qualified in the relevant activities.

A qualified supervisor is not required for supervising the opening of covers and chambers, or for the renewal or replacement of poles, lamps, columns and signs, pole testing and similar work involving minimal breaking up of the street or road. These types of work do, however, require the presence of a trained operative who has successfully completed a unit of competence in signing, lighting and guarding.

**From 6th April 2011, street works Units 222 & 230 became full qualifications. It is now mandatory that these units are registered with SWQR in order to be recognised by the NRASWA Legislation.**

Details of provisions of the qualification system are contained in the Street Works (Qualifications of Supervisors and Operatives) Regulations 1992 which came into force on the 5 August 1992. The new legislation, which came into effect on the 6th April 2011 can be found in the Street Works (Qualifications of Supervisors and Operatives) (England) Regulations 2009.

A person may only act as a supervisor or trained operative for the type of work for which he/she has the relevant qualification. It may, therefore, be necessary for a number of persons having different qualifications to be involved during the progress of the work through its various stages. There is, however, no limit to the number of qualifications that may be held by one person.

After the Awarding Body has issued certificates of competence to an operative or supervisor, the required certificates that make up a qualification will be registered with the SWQR. This registration is valid for five years only.

## REQUALIFICATION REQUIREMENT

**It is now compulsory for anyone renewing their Streetworks licence in England to pass a multiple choice exam for each of the units they wish to requalify for. Candidates can take their reassessment exams up to 6 months before or 6 months after the expiry date of their current SWQR card which is valid for 5 years only. Candidates that do not requalify in that time period will need to take a full Streetworks course in order to regain their qualification.**

