

UPDATED HONEYWELL INSTALLER TRAINING COURSE INCLUDES ALL LATEST ASPECTS OF HEATING CONTROLS AND ENERGY CONSERVATION

Honeywell has completely updated its popular one-day Installer Training Course to include all the latest aspects of heating controls, installations, energy conservation and updates to Building Regulations. The intensive course is held at many locations throughout the UK. It combines theory with practical wiring and fault finding exercises.

At just £30 – which includes a new comprehensive training manual, lunch and refreshments – it represents excellent value for installers.

Each course is presented and guided by Honeywell experts.

They begin by explaining the heating control fundamentals: how they work, their practical and energy efficiency benefits, and which are best for



particular installations.

There are special sections on wireless controls which make installation faster and easier, Smartfit low voltage controls which feature "plug in" connections, and controls for underfloor heating.

There is advice on upgrading existing systems to the standards now

required by Building Regulations.

The course explains how to create independent heating zones either using zone valves or a wireless CM Zone system which has the benefit that there is no need to change existing pipe work.

The Honeywell course also includes guidance on good piping practices including pipe and valve sizing, radiator balancing, automatic air vents, automatic boiler bypass valves, pressure regulating valves to reduce water consumption, and the installation of thermostatic mixing valves in domestic hot water systems to prevent scalding.

For course details, locations and bookings visit www.honeywelluk.com or call 01344 656352.

MAXIMISING YOUR PROPERTY IN DIFFICULT ECONOMIC TIMES - BY MICHAEL DEWAR FROM CCW BUSINESS LAWYERS

What can a business do to lower occupancy costs or derive more income from their premises?

1. strategic use and funding of property

Do you need all of your property or can you dispose of it/part of it? If an owner-occupied property is financed by a bank loan, consider reducing the size of that loan by entering into a sale and leaseback with the owners'/directors' pension scheme, thereby using assets in the scheme to reduce the loan size. Consider alternative uses of your property - as an advertising hoarding, mobile phone base station or site for residential development for which a developer might pay to take an option.

2. capital allowances

A former owner may have installed plant and equipment but never claimed capital allowances. Call your accountant and double check whether you can now claim these allowances.

3. grants and allowances

Before starting building works, check if you can claim grants from Scottish Enterprise, enhanced capital allowances (permitting 100% first year write-downs for environmentally friendly plant and machinery) and business premises renovation allowances (applying to premises unused for at least 12 months in disadvantaged areas).

4. rates for empty properties

Properties empty for the first 3 months attract 100% relief and 50% thereafter. For some properties such as industrial and listed buildings and properties with rateable values of less than £1,700 there are no rates to pay even after the first 3 months.

5. Stamp Duty Land Tax

Take specialist tax advice before starting any property transaction. Check to see if you may be entitled to any refund of SDLT. A tenant may sometimes be able to reclaim SDLT on leases which started on or after 1 December 2003.

If you would like any further information, please contact Michael Dewar at ccwlegal.co.uk