

Diploma in Packaging Technology

Course Details

The Diploma in Packaging Technology is internationally recognised as the premier degree level qualification for packaging professionals, acknowledging the high standards of knowledge and skill required in an extremely specialised industry.

The course is divided into five units, and students must satisfactorily complete all units to gain the Diploma. However students may choose to study individual units if preferred, to gain a Certificate of Achievement. The Diploma and other courses offered by the Institute of Packaging lead to qualifications awarded by the [Packaging Industry Awarding Body \(PIABC\)](#) which is recognised by the UK Government's Qualifications and Curriculum Authority for providing qualifications for the packaging industry.

Successful completion of this course prepares students for progression in the packaging industry to a position where they can assume responsibility for packaging in a company at any point in the supply chain. Success also provides students with an entry level qualification for the MSc in Packaging Technology at the University of Loughborough and Brunel University.

Candidates will normally be expected to have a minimum of 1 GCE A level and 5 GCSEs at grade A – C, or equivalent, including once science subject, in addition to the key skills of numeracy, communication and information technology, or, the Certificate in Packaging. Industrial experience can be used as an alternative to formal qualifications. Overall it is expected that courses will take approximately 120 hours. In addition, students will be expected to carry out additional reading and other work to complete each unit.

Students have a variety of study options from which to choose.

Diploma in Packaging Technology - Study Options

There are three routes to qualifying for the Diploma all of which utilise the same syllabus and study materials. After completing the course work, there are four examinations to be taken followed by the submission of a 5,000 word assignment.



Intensive Course - An intensive 15-day course split into three blocks of 5 days each plus essential self-directed study in your own time.

Regional Courses - Attend a course ran 3 days a month over 5 months based in a companies premises.

On-Line Learning Course - Study at work, at home or wherever, in your own time and at your own speed.

The Intensive 15-day Course

An intensive 15-day course split into three blocks of 5 days each, plus essential self directed study in your own time.

This popular residential course is held at IOP: The Packaging Society, Grantham. The course combines classroom activity and self-directed study, offering students the opportunity to cover the Diploma syllabus in a relatively short time. In addition many students benefit and learn from the interaction with those from other parts of the industry.

Each topic is taught via a series of lectures, practical and workshop sessions. Evening study is essential during the three blocks of 5 days. Delegates will also be required to conduct their own studies in the intervening period between the taught sessions and in the period leading up to the examinations.

The course will be held three times per year. Students may choose their preferred timetable to study from the following options: (subject to demand).

Dates for courses in 2008

Course 1

Week 1 14 - 18 Jan 2008
Week 2 11 - 15 Feb 2008
Week 3 10 - 14 Mar 2008

Course 2

Week 1 19 - 23 May 2008
Week 2 16 - 20 June 2008
Week 3 21 - 25 July 2008

Course 3

Week 1 15 - 19 September 2008
Week 2 13 - 17 October 2008
Week 3 10 - 14 November 2008

For further details of the intensive course, please contact Glennis Harwood on 01476 514590 or e-mail glennis.harwood@iom3.org.

Regional Courses

Study at a venue local to you - see below for details of venues and dates for 2008 (subject to demand).

This popular study option enables students to combine classroom lectures with private study in their own time between the taught sessions. Some sessions include visits to packaging factories and many students benefit from the interaction with students from other parts of the industry.

The lecture sessions cover the Diploma syllabus, and the course is an excellent method of preparing for the Diploma examinations.

Venues

Venues and dates for teaching programmes for 2008 (subject to demand):

Midlands: April - September 2008. Contact ian.morris@iom3.org

North of England: April - September 2008. Contact ian.morris@iom3.org

On Line Learning

Use the latest learning technology to access course materials and tutor support to complete the Diploma in Packaging Technology.

No matter where you live, studying for the Diploma in Packaging Technology has never been easier.

Access to the course is through www.moredle.com/institution/iop/ IOP: The Packaging Society's own on-line learning site. It allows you to study towards the qualification anywhere across the globe at the click of a mouse.

On-line learning is a convenient study option for individuals who require the flexibility to fit study around their existing personal and professional commitments, whilst at the same time offering on-line tutor support and discussion groups.

Fees

Intensive and Regional courses

The fees are: £2,200 ex VAT.
(The VAT element of the course fee is £336.88.00. Total course fee £2536.88 inc VAT.)

This fee includes:

- Course materials, plus:
- The Fundamentals of Packaging Technology textbook
- A folder with extensive supplementary notes and presentation materials
- Magnifying glass
- Associated administration documents
- Lectures as per the course programme
- PIABC Examination fees
- Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining Affiliate Membership for one year from the date of registration

Not included:

- Travel, accommodation and subsistence costs associated with the course lectures
- Any postage and communication costs incurred
- Examination resit fees

On-Line Learning

The fees are: £1,600 + VAT
(The VAT Element of the course fee is £231.88. Total course fee £1831.88 inc VAT.)

This fee includes:

- Access to the on-line course materials, plus:
- The Fundamentals of Packaging Technology textbook
- Magnifying glass
- Hard copy Welcome Pack
- On-line tutor support
- PIABC Examination fees
- Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining Affiliate Membership for one years from the date of registration.

Not included:

- Any internet charges that may be incurred
- Examination resit fees

Click here for a [registration](#) form

What Next?

For your no obligation diploma registration pack, which includes course details, dates, costs and registration please contact Glennis Harwood on 01476 514590 or e-mail glennis.harwood@iom3.org.