

Specific Subject Modules

The IWSc has recognised that individuals may wish to gain information about a specific aspect of timber and have accordingly produced a series of 11 educational work books which can be studied as stand alone subjects.

For candidates who successfully complete one of these specific subject modules, the Institute will issue a certificate naming the individual and the subject studied. This is especially relevant as evidence of CPD material having been studied by those working in the timber and allied industries or for other professionals working in the construction industry.

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MODULES	WORK BOOK SUBJECTS
Technology Modules (For those concerned with timber drying; conversion & machining – both primary & secondary ; durability; protection & preservation,)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Moisture in Wood and Timber Drying• Timber Processing• Timber Protection
Resource Modules (For those concerned specifically with softwoods, hardwoods and panel products or a combination of them)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Softwoods• Hardwoods• Panel Products
Use Modules	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carcassing and Strength Grading• Joinery and Appearance Grading
Commercial Modules (Timber Trade Practice will be especially relevant to timber agents & importers, while the yard & warehouse operations is appropriate for timber merchants or companies running their own stocks)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Timber Trade Practice• Yard and Warehouse Operations
Core Module	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wood Structures and Timber Properties

Distance Learning

To make this distance learning experience more enjoyable, each work book is divided into chapters and these in turn are broken down into smaller units. This enables the user to pick up and put down the book as their time permits. Throughout the text there are a series of Activities or tasks designed to help the individual with the learning process and for the most part these can be answered by reference to the book itself. If candidates wish to have their efforts assessed for possible official recognition by the Institute and have this count towards a future vocational qualification, then they will need to complete the Assessed Activities and the Assessed Projects sections and submit this to the Institute for marking.

If so desired, the candidate can register this course to count towards the full IWSc Certificate Course provided the required additional modules and a compulsory Core module (with examination) are completed within two years of having commenced the first module.

Duration of Course and Costs

Each module entails some 30 hours of study except for the Wood Structures module which takes some 60 hours of work. The cost of the individual subjects is £250 while the Wood Structures module is £500. These prices include work books, assessment and tutorial support. For those who successfully complete a work book and submit their work for marking, the IWSc will issue a certificate indicating the course material studied.

Further Information

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