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EngTech is finally here!

After much work and discussion we are thrilled to announce that Royal Engineers Soldiers from the rank of Lance Corporal upwards can apply for Engineering Technician Status. So what does this mean?

Engineering Technician (its full name) is a valuable, portable and internationally recognised award that can be carried throughout your career. It demonstrates your competence and commitment to professionalism in the engineering workplace. Working with the RE CPD Team, the Institution of Royal Engineers gained a licence from the Engineering Council to offer EngTech status to eligible Junior NCOs and above.

Engineering Technicians are entitled to use the post-nominal letters Eng Tech, having proved their professionalism against criteria set by Engineering Council UK (ECUK).

Under its Royal Charter, ECUK regulates the engineering profession in the UK and formally represents the interests of UK engineers abroad. It is a Designated Authority under the current General Systems Directives.

Why you should register.....

Having Eng Tech status proves to you and everyone else, not least your colleagues and future employers, that you have a considerable level of knowledge and understanding of engi-



Lt Col (Retd) Baz Bassett
Registrar of the Eng Tech Scheme

neering and are committed to high professional standards.

To apply you need to be a member of the Institution of Royal Engineers and at minimum a JNCO who has completed their Class 1 at ME Cbt and Artisan, completed their JCC and had a recommendation for promotion by their OC. You also have to prove your commitment towards actively seeking progress with your own personal development. The cost of joining the Institution is £40 per annum and the Eng Tech is £15 per annum, however, we will pay the first year's EngTech subscription for you!!

All the forms can be found via our website, so what are you waiting for?



Learning successes at Minley



On a recent visit to Minley I was pleased to meet SSgt Andy Harvey, Cpl Dave Arkless, LCpl Micky Dawber and Mr John Hausley who all work in the Gym at Gibraltar barracks. After speaking to their line manager, SSgt Harvey, Cpl Arkless, LCpl Dawber and Mr Hausley decided to take charge of their own career prospects. There is an ethos for personal development in the gym not only of a physical kind: SSgt Harvey is currently studying a Degree in Coaching with Preston University and Cpl Arkless, LCpl Dawber and Mr Hausley have gained Level 2 Adult Numeracy and Literacy, which is a level above the Army's requirements for all soldiers.



LCpl Micky Dawber Mr John Hausley Cpl Dave Arkless

All three gym staff were passionate about continuing their education as they have done very few, if any, qualifications since leaving school — "we have to do paperwork for the recruits and it's important to have excellent computer skills, good communication and accurate numeracy skills to present our work in a professional manner" said Mr Hausley. All three were helped by our team at Minley headed by Dave Wallis. Joanne Jones was thrilled with the gym

staff's successes and stated: "the PTIs worked really hard in their own time to complete these qualifications. I was delighted to help them through the course and look forward to seeing more permanent staff from Minley taking their lead".

There you go, pop, down and see Joanne to get your Adult Literacy and Numeracy qualifications!

Ofsted think we're good!!!



Our work and the teaching of soldiers in the departments delivering apprenticeships was put under scrutiny from the 2-5 July 07 by Ofsted (Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills).

The inspection was conducted in accordance with the Common Inspection Framework by three inspectors. In terms of occupational competence, the focus was on the Engineering Apprenticeship, with the other three programmes (Telecommunications, Logistics and Construction) being viewed only from a Leadership and Management perspective. The gradings and comments contained in the Ofsted report can be summarised as follows:

Key Strengths

Very good leadership

Outstanding success rates

Particularly good resources to support training

Very good staff development and training

Very good teaching and training

All in all a fantastic result for the RE CPD Team and the Instructors in the Apprenticeship Departments. Well done everyone!!

Gradings

Achievement and standards - Grade 1 (Outstanding)

Equality of opportunity - Grade 3 (Satisfactory)

Effectiveness of provision - Grade 2 (Good)

Capacity to improve - Grade 2 (Good)

Quality of provision - Grade 2 (Good)

Leadership and Management - Grade 2 (Good)

Engineering and manufacturing technologies - Grade 1 (Outstanding)

New Course! - PTLLS



PTLLS or Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector is a new course nationwide that we are offering at 1 RSME and 3 RSME through LearnInvicta who run several courses for the RE CPD Team.

The PTLLS award is the compulsory entry level award in the new qualifications framework for teachers and trainers in the Lifelong Learning Sector. The purpose of the new qualifications framework is to ensure ongoing development and professionalism of Teaching and Training staff in the sector. This is a highly interactive and participative course with assignment modules related to day to day teaching or training activities.

To complete the PTLLS course, you need to attend a six day training programme, which may be intensive or spread over several weeks, and you need to complete an assignment consisting of seven parts and a practical assessment. We are offering two levels on this course: Level 3 and Level 4. Don't worry if you're not sure which PTLLS level you want to go for, as this can be left to the last minute when the Award is applied for. Obviously, you will be advised



as to which level the work you have done has reached. You will also be asked to submit six lesson plans but these can be the subject that you teach at the moment, so shouldn't be much extra work. The micro teaching session is to last for thirty minutes and can be on anything you want from fishing to aircraft carriers! Overall, a worthwhile course that you will need to enable you to teach in any adult education environment from now on. Final bit—we're paying for it: can't be much better than that!!

Meet the team



The brave victim this edition is the one and only.....

Dave Wallis, Key Skills Manager.



Working from Minley, Dave oversees the delivery of Key Skills to sappers requiring these as part

of their Apprenticeship award.

Dave lives in Cornwall with his wife, Judith, and travels up to Minley every other Sunday, via Bournemouth, where he carries out his duties as Reader in the Antiochian Orthodox Church.

He spent a number of years down South Crofty Tin Mine in Cornwall, prior to pursuing his own personal development, which included gaining relevant teaching/training qualifications needed to deliver Basic Skills. Dave has a great deal of experience in delivering Basic and Key Skills gained from running training centres across the South, finally ending up with us where he has been instrumental in facilitat-

ing Key Skill requirements, along with ensuring that all sappers not holding level 1 qualifications in Literacy and/or Numeracy gain them.

Following the collapse of Communism, Dave went out to Romania, to help out at an orphanage. This experience has resulted in his opening an office in Cornwall for a Romanian based charity called Christiana.

If anyone would like information about Christiana or would like to help with their work you can contact Dave at our Minley office.



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New recruits to the RE CPD Team



Debbie Penrice

Debbie joined us in September as an Administration Officer at Minley. Lately she has been heavily involved in Key Skills.



Vicki Holmes

Vicki started work in our Chatham office at the beginning of August. She is commencing an Apprenticeship in business Administration very soon.



John Coulson

John joined us at the beginning of September as the RE CPD Team's Personal Development Manager based at Minley.

STOP PRESS



The RE CPD Team is working with staff of the Construction Engineering School's Professional Engineering Wing and the University of Greenwich at Medway to develop Foundation Degrees for Clerk of Works and Military Plant Foreman courses. Initial development will be funded by the RE Vocational Education & Training Trust. Detailed work will commence shortly and will involve Major (Retd) Nigel Capel, Chief Executive RE CPD, Major Peter Helme RE, the Wing's Senior Instructor Technical Training, and Dr Stuart Ashenden, the Director of Resources and Recruitment at the University. This exciting development follows on from the successful introduction of Foundation Degrees for Geo Techs training at the Royal School of Military Survey.

Work your brain



Think you're way out of this one.....it could save your life one day! You've been sentenced to death in an obscure foreign country which has a strange law. Before the sentence is carried out, two papers -- one with "LIFE" written on it and one with "DEATH" written on it -- are folded up and placed in a hat. You are permitted to pick out one of the papers (without looking), and if you choose the one with "LIFE" written on it, you are set free. Otherwise, the death sentence is carried out. On this occasion, a mean-spirited acquaintance of yours, bent on your demise, has substituted the paper with "LIFE" written on it with another one with "DEATH" written on it. This person gleefully informs you of what he has done and that you are doomed to die. You are not permitted to speak to anyone about this misdeed, nor will you have a chance to switch the papers in the hat yourself in time. How will you avoid certain death?

Yeah!! We got some entries last time— for all you budding Sudoko stars here's the answer you got right but didn't send off:



3	1	7	4	8	2	6	5	9
6	9	4	5	1	3	2	7	8
2	8	5	9	6	7	3	1	4
1	2	6	3	7	9	8	4	5
5	4	8	6	2	1	9	3	7
7	3	9	8	4	5	1	2	6
4	7	3	1	9	6	5	8	2
9	5	2	7	3	8	4	6	1
8	6	1	2	5	4	7	9	3

Thought we'd do something a bit different this time. There is a logic puzzle to your left—read it and tell me the answer by the 2nd December 2007 and you will get a prize for your trouble!

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