

# Training course fact sheet

Defect Prevention - Hot Topics  
1 day

## Brief outline / aims

Driven by NHBC insights, this one day course covers the most common on-site issues found by NHBC. Through the exploration and debate of real-life examples, you will leave this course better equipped to mitigate the most common defects found in house building.

## Suitability

Site Management Personnel, Clerks of Works,  
Sub Contractors Supervisors.

## Delegate pre-requisites

Basic understanding of the house building  
construction process.

## Numbers

It is recommended that there is a **maximum of 16** delegates.

## Outline programme:

- To understand the NHBC Standards and how they work
- Appreciate the costs associated with common defects
- Recognise the value in suitable quality control inspections which should help reduce the number of defects in new build homes.

The NHBC Standards and how they work.

- Current common defects/reportable items (RIs)
- Foundations
- Superstructure
- Masonry - cavities, trays, wall ties and insulation
- Timber - setting out, fire stopping, vapour control layers and differential movement
- Roof structures
- External works.

## Timing

09:00 to 16:30 with two, 15 minute tea/coffee breaks and 30 minutes for lunch.

## Refreshments

(Timings shown are flexible and should be agreed with the trainer on the day)

- 08:30 Tea/coffee available on arrival
- 10:30 Tea/coffee, biscuits
- 12:30 Buffet lunch
- 14:30 Tea/coffee, biscuits

## Training room

Large enough to accommodate 18 people, sufficient space for delegates to move around to work in groups on flip charts.

## AV equipment

Projector screen (or blank wall) and flip chart (the trainer will provide a data projector).

