



NSAI

National Metrology Laboratory

2011 Programme of Training Courses in Measurement & Calibration

CT001

FOUNDATION COURSE IN MEASUREMENT & CALIBRATION

DATES:

31st March 2011 /
29th September 2011

DURATION:

1 day

VENUE:

NML or in-company
by arrangement

FEE:

€480 (including
documentation,
lunch and
refreshments)

This training course is intended for professionals who are new to the field of calibration or who are responsible for the management and administration of an in-house calibration system.

COURSE CONTENT

- Measurement Standards and Traceability
- Measurement Uncertainty
- Test Uncertainty Ratio
- Instrument Accuracy Specification
- Calibration Certificates
- Recalibration Intervals
- Laboratory Accreditation
- Tour of NML facilities

Tuition will consist of classroom work, exercises and practical demonstrations.

CT002

EVALUATING MEASUREMENT UNCERTAINTY

This training course is intended for professionals who perform or manage critical measurement/calibration tasks and who need to evaluate the measurement uncertainties associated with their measurement results. The course is based on the internationally accepted method given in the ISO Guide to the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurement.

COURSE CONTENT

- The importance of measurement uncertainty
- Understanding and modelling the measurement process
- Statistical tools for uncertainty evaluation
- Identifying and assessing measurement input quantities
- Using Excel© to formulate an uncertainty budget
- Combining standard uncertainties
- Reporting the measurement uncertainty
- Worked examples and exercises on uncertainty evaluation

Tuition will consist of classroom work, exercises and practical sessions.

*Note: Extra half day option available to discuss user specific uncertainty evaluations.
(price on request)*

DATES:
8th December 2011

DURATION:
1 day (with an additional half day option available)

VENUE:
NML or in-company by arrangement

FEE:
€480 (including documentation, lunch and refreshments)

CT003 PRACTICAL DIMENSIONAL CALIBRATION

DATES:

14th April 2011 /
13th October 2011

DURATION:

1 day

VENUE:

NML or in-company
by arrangement

FEE:

€480 (including
documentation,
lunch and
refreshments)

This training course is intended for professionals who make dimensional measurements on components and for people who are responsible for the calibration of dimensional measuring instruments. The emphasis of this training course is on the practical aspects of dimensional measurement and calibration.

This course provides the knowledge and expertise for people who use measurement tools or require an appreciation of the importance of measurement, calibration and the use of dimensional measurement techniques to complete their daily tasks.

COURSE CONTENT

- Principles of Measurement and Calibration
- Dimensional units, traceability, and standards
- Uncertainty of Measurement
- Specifications and tolerances - interpretation of BS/ISO Specifications
- Usage, storage and handling of dimensional standards and artefacts
- Calibration of calipers, micrometers and dial gauges
- Use of gauge blocks in dimensional calibration
- Recording calibration results and reviewing calibration certificates
- Error avoidance tactics for dimensional measurements

Tuition will consist of classroom work, exercises and practical demonstrations.

CT004

PRACTICAL TEMPERATURE MEASUREMENT & CALIBRATION

The training course is intended for professionals who are responsible for the calibration of temperature measuring instruments and standards. The emphasis is on the practical aspects of temperature measurement and calibration.

The course provides the knowledge and expertise for those who use temperature measuring devices or require an appreciation of the importance of measurement, calibration and the use of temperature instruments and standards in the performance of their daily tasks.

COURSE CONTENT

- Principles of Temperature Measurement and Calibration
- Temperature Units, terminology, traceability and standards
- Thermometer Types: Thermocouples, Liquid in Glass thermometers, Platinum Resistance Thermometers and Thermistors
- Accuracy of Thermometers
- Temperature Mediums: Liquid Baths, Dry Blocks, Ovens
- Thermometer usage, selection and application - Sources of errors
- In-house calibration methods i.e. profiles in ovens

Tuition will consist of classroom work, exercises and practical sessions.

DATES:

18th May 2011 /
20th October 2011

DURATION:

1 day

VENUE:

NML or in-company
by arrangement

FEE:

€480 (including
documentation,
lunch and
refreshments)

CT005

WEIGHTS & BALANCE CALIBRATION

DATES:

28th April 2011 /
8th September 2011

DURATION:

1 day

VENUE:

NML or in-company
by arrangement

FEE:

€480 (including
documentation,
lunch and
refreshments)

This training course is intended for those professionals who are responsible for the calibration of weighing machines and the maintenance of associated mass standards. The emphasis of this one day training course is on the practical aspects of mass measurement.

The course is designed to provide participants with an understanding of weighing machines and mass standards and covers topics such as mass classification, mass standards, calibration procedures and environmental influences.

COURSE CONTENT

- Review of general calibration principles
- Mass units, traceability, and standards
- Mass classification - construction, material, tolerances
- Mass standards - usage, storage and handling
- Selection of mass standards for in-house balance calibration
- Calibration of weighing machines and balances
- Minimum weight requirements
- Brief introduction to uncertainty of measurement
- Error avoidance tactics for mass measurements

Tuition will consist of classroom work, exercises and practical demonstrations.

CT006

ELECTRICAL MEASUREMENT & CALIBRATION

The training course is intended for calibration professionals who are responsible for the calibration of electrical measuring instruments (DC and low frequency). The emphasis is on the practical aspects of electrical calibration.

COURSE CONTENT

- Review of general calibration principles
- Electrical units, traceability, and standards
- Calibration of hand-held digital multimeters
- Calibration of current and voltage sources
- Calibration of decade resistance boxes
- Error avoidance tactics for electrical measurements
- Further topics *

*As far as is possible, the course content is tailored to meet the specific needs of participants. This is done by means of a questionnaire which is sent to intending participants prior to the course.

Tuition will consist of classroom work, exercises and practical sessions.

DATES:
10th November 2011

DURATION:
1 day

VENUE:
NML or in-company
by arrangement

FEE:
€480 (including
documentation,
lunch and
refreshments)

CT008

PRACTICAL PRESSURE CALIBRATION

DATES:

7th April 2011 /
6th October 2011

DURATION:

1 day

VENUE:

NML or in-company
by arrangement

FEE:

€480 (including
documentation,
lunch and

The training course is intended for those who are responsible for the calibration of pressure measuring instruments and standards. The emphasis is on the practical aspects of pressure measurement and calibration.

The course provides the knowledge and expertise for professionals who use pressure measuring devices or require an appreciation of the importance of measurement, calibration and the use of pressure measuring instruments and standards in performing their daily tasks.

COURSE CONTENT

- Principles of Pressure Measurement and Calibration
- Pressure Units, terminology, traceability and standards
- Types of Pressure instruments and standards
- Accuracy of pressure measuring instruments and standards
- Pressure calibration – good practice and principles
- Uncertainty in pressure calibration
- Error avoidance tactics for pressure measurements

Tuition will consist of classroom work, exercises and practical demonstrations.

CT009

PRACTICAL SOUND LEVEL MEASUREMENT

This training course is intended for technical personnel who have responsibility for making sound level measurements relating to noise control and who maintain sound level meters and associated equipment. The emphasis of the course is on the instrumentation used in sound level measurements. It would provide a useful introduction to those intending to progress to the Diploma in Acoustics and Noise Control offered by the Institute of Acoustics.

COURSE CONTENT

- The measurement of sound
- Measuring microphones
- Sound level meters – principles of operation
- International Standards (IEC 60651/60804; IEC 61672)
- Sound level calibrators (IEC 60942)
- Traceability
- Real world sound level measurements
- Legal aspects of noise measurement
- Practical demonstrations

Tuition will consist of classroom work, exercises and practical demonstrations.

DATES:
24th November 2011

DURATION:
1 day

VENUE:
NML or in-company
by arrangement

FEE:
€550 (including
documentation,
lunch and
refreshments)

CT010

TAILORED METROLOGY COURSES

NML offers the possibility of taking a tailored course containing short training modules on specific topics, at a foundation and intermediate level. Such modules are ideal as refresher courses, for those already working in the field who wish to extend their knowledge to other measurement areas, or for those requiring training on a specific measurement topic.

Intending participants may tailor the course to their requirements by indicating the training modules of interest to them. NML will then arrange the course for a suitable date, normally within one month of the request. Training can be provided at the NML or in-company. In the latter case, the practically based modules will require access to the company's own laboratories facilities. Participants will receive a documentation pack for each training module. The courses are normally restricted to six persons or less. It is intended to add further modules in the near future.

CT010 TAILORED METROLOGY COURSES CONT.

FOUNDATION LEVEL

Appropriate for beginners or as a refresher for those working in the field.

MODULE	SUMMARY	DURATION
1	Introduction to the concepts of measurement, measurement uncertainty and test uncertainty ratio	1 hr
2	Calibration and traceability	1 hr
3	Interpreting Instrument Accuracy Specifications	1 hr
4	Calibration Certificates and Re-calibration Intervals	1 hr

CT010 TAILORED METROLOGY COURSES CONT.

INTERMEDIATE LEVEL – INTRODUCTORY MODULES

Participants should be familiar with the foundation level material. These modules are recommended as an introduction for each measurement field.

MODULE	FIELD	SUMMARY	DURATION
5	Mass	Units, traceability and standards in the field of mass measurement	.5 hr
6	Temp	Units, traceability and temperature scales	1 hr
7	Length	Units, traceability and standards in the field of length measurement	2 hr
8	Elect	Electrical quantities, their ranges, units and traceability	1 hr

CT010 TAILORED METROLOGY COURSES CONT.

INTERMEDIATE LEVEL – PRACTICAL MODULES

Participants should be familiar with the foundation level material. These modules are practically based modules and include laboratory work.

MODULE	FIELD	SUMMARY	DURATION
9	Mass	Specification, use and care of mass standards (standard weights)	1.5 hr
10	Mass	Calibration of Balances	1.5 hr
11	Temp	Specification, use and calibration of thermocouples	1.5 hr
12	Temp	Specification, use and calibration of Platinum Resistance Thermometers	1.5 hr
13	Temp	Specification, use and calibration of Liquid-in-glass thermometers	1.5 hr
14	Temp	Media for temperature calibration (Liquid baths, Dry Block Calibrators, Ovens)	1.5 hr
15	Length	Calibration of mechanical hand tools (micrometers, vernier callipers, dial gauges)	2 hr
16	Length	Specification, use and calibration of gauge blocks (end standards)	2 hr

CT010 TAILORED METROLOGY COURSES CONT.

DATES:

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DURATION:

1 day

VENUE:

NML or in-company
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FEE:

Costs are calculated
on an hourly rate.
Please contact
NML for further
details. In the case
of in-company
training, travel
and subsistence
costs will also be
incurred.

MODULE	FIELD	SUMMARY	DURATION
17	Elect	Calibration of handheld digital multimeters	1.5 hr
18	Elect	Resistance - the calibration of ohmmeters and decade resistance boxes	1.5 hr
19	Elect	DC voltage and current - the calibration of voltage and current sources	1.5 hr
20	Elect	AC Current and Voltage - definitions, sources and measuring equipment	1.5 hr
21	Elect	Use and calibration of high voltage probes and current clamp meters	1.5 hr
22	Elect / Temp	Calibration of temperature indicators by electrical simulation	1.5 hr

CT011

PRACTICAL HUMIDITY MEASUREMENT & CALIBRATION

The training course is intended for those who are responsible for the calibration of humidity measuring instruments and standards. The emphasis is on the practical aspects of humidity measurement and calibration.

The course provides the knowledge and expertise for professionals who use humidity measuring devices or require an appreciation of the importance of measurement, calibration and the use of humidity instruments and standards in the performance of their daily tasks.

COURSE CONTENT

- Principles of Humidity measurement
- Hygrometric definitions, units, terminology, traceability
- How hygrometers work
- Types of hygrometers used in industry: Dew point instruments, Psychrometer, RH Instruments and Salt solutions
- Measurement uncertainty with particular reference to Climatic chambers, rooms
- Practical advice on applications

Tuition will consist of classroom work, exercises and practical demonstrations.

DATES:
16th November 2011

DURATION:
1 day

VENUE:
NML or in-company
by arrangement

FEE:
€590 (including
documentation,
lunch and
refreshments)

CT012 PIPETTE CALIBRATION

DATES:
21st April 2011

DURATION:
1 day

VENUE:
NML or in-company
by arrangement

FEE:
€480 (including
documentation,
lunch and
refreshments)

The training course is intended for those professionals involved in the calibration of manual and automatic pipettes. The emphasis of this training course is on the practical aspects of pipette calibration.

The course is designed to provide participants with an understanding of the techniques, sources or errors and measurement uncertainty in the calibration of pipettes.

COURSE CONTENT

- Review of Pipette Operation
- Principles of Pipette Calibration using gravimetric method
- Selection of balance for Pipette Calibration
- Techniques for Calibration of Pipettes
- Brief introduction to uncertainty of measurement in Pipette Calibration
- Error avoidance tactics in Pipette Calibration

Tuition will consist of classroom work, exercises and practical demonstrations.

Please book online at
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following booking form to:

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Course title(s):

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CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations should be made 5 days in advance.
Substitutions may be made at any time.