

**Description** This unit is concerned with safe working practices and the basic principles of communications systems.

**Venue** Melksham, Wiltshire

**Duration** Depending on units selected—Either 5 or 9 days

## COURSE CONTENT

### Identify Safe working practices in communication systems

- ◆ Undertaking installation
- ◆ Carrying out preparation
- ◆ Precautions when carrying out a communications installation
- ◆ Terminating cable s

### Basic Principles of SI Units Symbols

- ◆ Basic SI Units
- ◆ Names and symbols for preferred SI prefixes
- ◆ Waves and wave motion
- ◆ Amplitude, wavelength , frequency and the unit frequency
- ◆ Relationship between velocity, frequency and wavelength

### Basic Principles of Communications Systems

- ◆ Types of communication systems
- ◆ Methods of communication
- ◆ Differences between analogue and digital signals
- ◆ Advantages & disadvantages of fibre versus copper

### Basic Principles of Data Communication

- ◆ Advantages and disadvantages of digital versus analogue
- ◆ Types of computer networks
- ◆ Advantages and disadvantages of serial versus parallel data communication

**Description** This unit is concerned with the installation, splicing, termination and testing of fibre optic cables, typically a multi-element, singlemode fibre cable of at least 24 fibres, used in an external environment

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### Working Safely with Optical Fibres in an External Environment

- ◆ Safe working procedures and regulations in regard to;
  - Installation
  - Splicing
  - Testing
  - Industry legislation/guidance

### Recommended Installation Procedures

- ◆ Fibre optics in communication networks
- ◆ Fibre specifications and parameters
- ◆ Test and inspection methods
- ◆ Components and equipment
- ◆ Best practices and fibre management
- ◆ Testing methods
- ◆ Cable laying procedures

### Preparing Fibre Optic Cable for Fibre Splicing

- ◆ Identifying Cables
- ◆ Constructional features of singlemode fibre
- ◆ Cable cutting and stripping tools
- ◆ Fibre cleaning materials and techniques
- ◆ Preparing cable for splicing

### Joining Fibre Optic Cables by Splicing

- ◆ Cable jointing environment
- ◆ Working principles of splicing
- ◆ Preparing bare fibre
- ◆ Splicing fibres
- ◆ Sealing and cable retention for joint enclosure

### Terminating Fibre Optic by Splicing on pre-terminated pigtails

- ◆ Suitable connectors for telecoms environment
- ◆ Cable termination
- ◆ Cleaving ,tools and techniques
- ◆ Splice management and protection systems

### Testing Fibre Optic Links

- ◆ Test methods
- ◆ Testing equipment i.e ILM, OTDR.
- ◆ Understanding results
- ◆ Documenting and comparing results

### Exam and Assessment Method

#### City & Guilds Multiple Choice Assessment

- ◆ Online 1 hour City & Guilds—Multiple choice
- ◆ Assessed practical exercises