

# Quidos DEA Training Course



## Background

Since November 4th 2007, all domestic properties put up for either sale or rent within the U.K. require an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC). The EPC provides potential tenants/home-owners with information regarding the energy performance of the building, as well as providing cost-effective recommendations for reducing household energy bills.

EPCs can only be completed by qualified and accredited domestic energy assessors. The assessor is required to survey properties and obtain information relating to the following aspects of the building: construction type, property form, building dimensions and heating/hot water systems. Assessors then enter this info into a recognised software program which will analyse the information and produce a certificate which rates the building's energy performance.

## ABBE qualification

In order to be able to complete EPCs, candidates need to complete the ABBE L3 Diploma in Domestic Energy Assessment (DEA L3). The qualification is comprised of a mix of classroom and distance learning elements, and will ensure that trainees have complied with each of the elements of the National Occupation Standards (NOS) for Domestic Energy Assessment. The five units that candidates are required to demonstrate their competence in are:

- Unit 1 – Work in an effective and professional manner
- Unit 2 – Contribute to the safety and security of people and property
- Unit 3 – Prepare for energy assessments
- Unit 4 – Undertake energy inspections
- Unit 5 – Produce and explain Energy Performance Certificates

## Quidos training course

The classroom element of the training course lasts an initial two days, and takes place at our Head Offices in Bath. The two days will cover the basic elements of building construction, housing services and EPC legislation, as well as incorporating a site visit to a domestic property and training on the software used for creating EPCs.

Once candidates have completed the classroom training days, there are two assessment criteria that need to be completed:

- Pass an exam based upon the DEA course syllabus. The exam will be a 20 question multiple-choice exam, and will test knowledge on the various aspects of the qualification. A score of 70% (14/20) will be required to pass.
- Complete a portfolio of 5 EPCs on a range of domestic properties. EPCS need to be completed on a series of different houses with different construction types and age bands.

Once candidates have passed the exam and completed the portfolio, they will be awarded the qualification and be ready to practice as an Accredited domestic energy assessors.

