

Thistle undercoat & finish coat plasters upskilling

3 day course



Course objective

Develop knowledge and practical skills in the application of Thistle undercoat and finish coat plasters.

Attendance requirement

This course is designed only for plasterers who primarily undertake skimming work on site and need to understand the practical application and skills of applying backing coat and subsequent finish coat plasters to backgrounds.

Course content

- The importance of Health and Safety including safe systems of work and risk assessments
- Understand the range of backing coat plasters in relation to background types
- Understand the working method and processes when skimming out rooms and applying backing coat plasters
- Mix backing coat plasters to the correct consistency
- Understand the methods for setting up screeds and applying backing coat plasters
- Develop an understanding with regards the setting times of backing coats in readiness to apply a mechanical key by means of devil float/scarifier
- Mix and apply Thistle MultiFinish to undercoat backgrounds
- Understand the importance of applying finish coats on top of backing coats in a timely manner to eliminate suction issues
- Understand workmanship issues which can affect the surface finish of the finish coat plaster
- Understand the range of tools which can be used to carry out the plastering process
- Develop an understanding with regards the specialist range of Thistle finish coat plasters

Course timing

- The training course starts at 9.30am on day 1 and 9.00am on consecutive days concluding at 4.00pm each day

Course dates and costs

- Please refer to british-gypsum.com/training for current course dates and costs

CITB training grants

- Please check the CITB website for up to date course grant information

Evidence towards qualifications

- Course attendance certificates are issued on completion of the course
- Course attendance can contribute as evidence towards achieving a Diploma NVQ/SVQ in applying finishing plasters to backgrounds and surfaces



Check out our video at:
british-gypsum.com/how-to-videos

For course dates and further information, contact the Technical Academy Team on 0844 561 8810