

## SSERC and Professional Learning

Ensuring that teachers and technicians in schools and colleges have access to training is important for several reasons: maintaining safety standards, maintaining teachers' GTCS registration, improving educational standards and, not least, complying with the law.

### Mandatory courses

Section 2 of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 places a duty on the employer for *'the provision of such information, instruction, training and supervision as is necessary to ensure so far as is reasonably practicable the health and safety at work of his employees'*.

Some of this can easily be delivered "in-house" but there are some areas where specific training is required – and SSERC can help with this.

### Safe use of workshop machinery

The Provision and Use of Workshop Equipment Regulations demand that all those working with workplace machinery (usually in technology departments) have suitable and sufficient training which needs refreshing every 5 years.



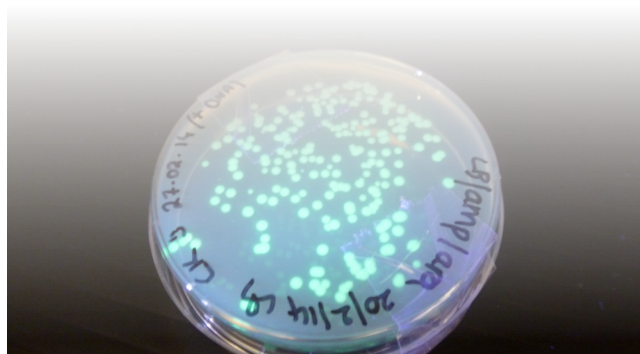
### Radioactive materials

All staff who work with radioactive materials must be given appropriate training and this too must be refreshed as a minimum every 5 years.

### Microbiology

In order to carry out microbiological work in schools and colleges, at least one member of staff must be trained to Level 3 in order to safely prepare and dispose of media and carry out similar tasks.

For the three areas above, SSERC offers highly regarded courses, both in Dunfermline and at some of our accredited centres around the country.



## Hands-on and face-to-face Professional Learning

In addition to these mandatory courses, SSERC also offers a wide range of other Professional Development opportunities for both teachers and technicians. And we believe that the best way to develop these skills is by offering delegates a hands-on, face-to-face experience.

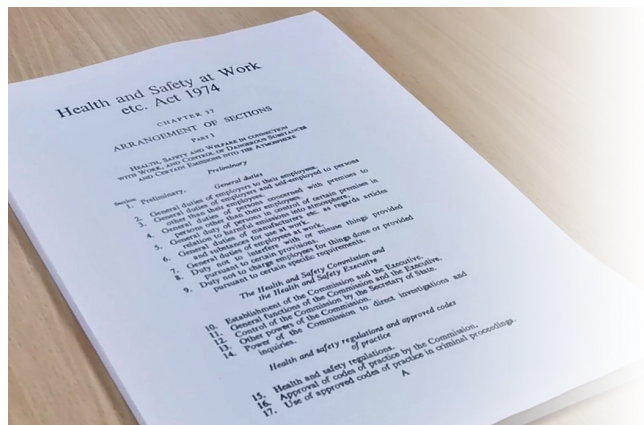
Some of these courses, such as our **Chemical Handling** course have a strong health and safety slant, while others are more focussed on the skills development of teachers. The GTCS requires teachers to undertake professional development in order to maintain their accreditation and SSERC is recognised by the GTCS as a Professional Learning Awarded Organisation.

In order to increase accessibility for delegates not close to Dunfermline, some of our courses are delivered by a range of [SSERC Accredited Centres](#) across the country.

## SSERC online learning

We realise, however, that not everyone can access our courses at SSERC so we have set up an [online learning platform](#) with a range of self-study courses for teachers and technicians.

This is being added to on a regular basis and, to reflect the nature of the courses, they are offered at a considerably lower price than our face-to-face courses.



## Health and safety

Health and safety is at the core of what we do at SSERC. And training is a very important part of this. Accordingly, we offer most of our training in this area free of charge to SSERC members. This is mainly delivered online, both 'live' and in a self-study form. <<

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