

## Fully funded learning and trainees for your building control team

On 26 March 2026, MHCLG announced significant investment into public service building control with funds allocated to bring new recruits into the profession and to upskill and reskill existing Registered Building Inspectors (RBIs).

## Increasing capacity through the LABC Academy

Launched in 2023, the LABC Academy has already recruited over 200 trainee building inspectors into local authorities. Trainees are employed and educated by LABC on a two-year contract, whilst seconded into a local authority to gain on-the-job experience with experienced RBIs.

LABC is delighted to confirm further recruitment of over 400 trainees into public service building control over the next three years.

This programme provides local authorities with an opportunity to grow their own without the financial burden; helping teams to build resilience and prepare for the future. Trainees have a team at LABC supporting throughout their employment, with LABC's award-winning learning and development team providing education and a dedicated LABC Academy team providing line management and performance reviews. All the local authority needs to provide is a mentor and site experience for their trainee(s).

The next cohort of trainees will be recruited in June 2026, with assessment centres taking place every six months thereafter.

With over 96% of trainees securing permanent positions within local authorities after their placement, now is the perfect time to future proof your building control team by using the LABC Academy.

You can find out more in LABC's [Council Information Pack](#).

If you have any questions, please contact the team at [academy@labc.co.uk](mailto:academy@labc.co.uk).

## Reskilling and upskilling with fully funded LABC learning

The Building Safety Act has transformed the building control profession, including introducing professional registration. RBIs must now validate their competence at a specific class, allowing them to work on different project types relating to their registration class.

LABC has a suite of accredited qualifications and learning programmes to support career development and support building inspectors in maintaining competence at every stage of their career. Through additional government funding, a range of LABC learning and competence validation assessments are now fully funded to help local authority building control teams upskill and reskill to deliver safe and sustainable buildings in their communities.

Funding is for a limited period, so we encourage individuals to enrol now and plan their professional development.

Funded Education and Validation Assessments		
Detail	Cost	Duration
Level 4 Diploma	Free	12 months
Coaching Series 2A	Free	9 weeks

Changes to Regulations and your Role	Free	8 weeks
Level 5 Diploma	Free	12 months
Coaching Series 2BD	Free	9 weeks
Level 5 Certificate in Fire Safety	Free	10 weeks
Coaching Series 2 CEF	Free	9 weeks
Level 6 Certificate in Regulatory Enforcement	Free	10 weeks
Level 6 Certificate in Fire Safety in Complex Buildings	Free	11 weeks
Level 6 Certificate Fire Engineering Principles	Free	11 weeks
Level 6 Certificate in Building Control Management	Free	10 weeks
Coaching Series 3GH	Free	9 weeks
Validation – 2A	Free	n/a
Validation – 2ABD	Free	n/a
Validation – 2A-F	Free	n/a
Validation – GH	Free	n/a
Mid-term review	Free	n/a
Recertification	Free	n/a

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