

Moisture Meter Essentials for Building Professionals

Accurate moisture measurement is critical to diagnosing building defects, assessing dampness, and preventing costly remediation errors. This one-day course, delivered live via Microsoft Teams, provides professional training in the practical use and interpretation of moisture meters within the built environment.

Designed for field-based surveyors, assessors, and remediation professionals, it combines the technical principles of moisture detection and industry best practice. Learners will explore the different types of meters, their operating principles, limitations, and correct usage for reliable data collection and reporting.

Through a structured approach to survey planning, measurement, and analysis, participants will gain the confidence to identify sources of moisture, interpret readings accurately, and apply findings in line with recognised standards and compliance requirements.

By the end of this course, learners will be able to conduct professional moisture assessments using a range of instruments, differentiate between surface and interstitial moisture, and produce evidence-based reports that support accurate building diagnostics and decision-making.

Why Choose City & Guilds?

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Course Benefits and Aims

This one-day Teams course equips field-based surveyors, assessors, and remediation professionals with the knowledge and skills to conduct accurate moisture assessments using a range of moisture meters. Participants will learn to select and use the appropriate meters, interpret readings for different materials and conditions, apply relevant British and ASTM standards, and produce clear, evidence-based reports. The course combines technical principles with practical application to ensure reliable, professional moisture surveying.

Key benefits:

- Confident use and interpretation of resistance, capacitance, gravimetric, and carbide moisture meters.
- Understanding of moisture, humidity, condensation, and standards for compliant building diagnostics.
- Ability to plan, execute, and report professional moisture surveys safely and accurately.

Entry Requirements

The Dewpoint Professional Moisture Meter Essentials for Building Professionals course is open to all field-based surveyors, assessors, and professionals involved in building inspections, remediation, or property management. No prior experience with moisture meters is required, although some knowledge of building structures, damp issues, or property surveying would be beneficial.

Assessment

Assessment of this course takes place at the end of the days training and undertaken on-line as a multiple choice assessment of 25 questions. PASS: 80% or above, REFER: 0-79%.

Where can you go from here?

Once you have attained Course Certification, you are encouraged to further develop your knowledge and skills by completing the Advanced courses in Mould Remediation and Water Damage Restoration, resulting in a broader and deeper knowledge of understanding.

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Principles Course Syllabus - Delegates should be able to show and illustrate:

Introduction to Moisture Surveys

The Role of the Professional in Moisture Inspections
Types of Inspections and the Importance of Qualifications
The Unregulated Nature of Moisture Surveying
Risks of Incorrect Assessments
Understanding Moisture Meters
Types of Meters: Resistance, Capacitance, Gravimetric, Carbide
Moisture Survey: Purpose, Selection of Meters, Understanding Materials, and Reference Scales
Quantitative vs. Qualitative Methods

Moisture, Humidity and Condensation

Types of Condensation: Surface, Interstitial, and Dew Formation
Dew Point and Its Significance
Relative Humidity and Moisture Content: Definitions and Implications for Buildings
Wood Moisture Equivalent (WME%)

Standards and Compliance

British Standards for Flooring and Moisture: BS 5325, BS 8201, BS 8203, BS 8425
ASTM Standards: Overview and Relevance
ASTM F2170: Step-by-Step Concrete Moisture Testing

Moisture Mapping and Survey Techniques

Moisture Mapping Principles: Visual Representation, Tools, and Reporting
Professional Standards and Ethics: Competence, Ethics, Duty of Care, Contract Law, Negligence, and Fraud

Moisture Measurement Methods

Determining Moisture Content: Water Phases, Moisture Regimes, and Measurement Limitations
Hand-Held Moisture Meters: Types, Principles, and Limitations
Capacitance-Type Meters: Principles, Use, and Interpretation
Resistance-Type Meters: Pin Meters, Science, and Application
Non-Destructive Testing: Impedance and Best Practices
Principles, Applications, and Sensor Types
Test Procedures, Safety, and Interpretation

Infrared Thermography

Principles of Thermography: IR Spectrum, Non-Contact Measurement, Infrared Isotherms in Moisture Identification and Applications
Case Studies and Practical Examples: Mould Detection, Leak Tracing, and Insulation Issues

Hygroscopic Salts, Sampling, and Assessment

Types and Effects of Salts: Identification, Contamination Sources, and Impact on Readings
Practical Assessment and Remediation: Symptoms, Reporting, Decontamination, and Use of Inhibitors

Conducting Moisture Surveys

Survey Planning and Execution: Structured Investigation, Importance, and Reporting
External and Internal Assessments: Procedures, Psychrometric Measurements, and Standards
Digital Investigation Tools: Pipe, Cable, and Stud Locator Uses
Establishing 'Dry' Standards: Criteria for Completion and Compliance

Pricing* 1 - 5 attendees on a course £220 + VAT pp
5+ attendees on a course £205 + VAT pp

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