

Professional approach to training delivers results

Centrica Business Solutions Electrical Training Services enable Kemira UK to comply with CompEx hazardous area regulations – and maximise the investment in its new €35m facility.



Explosive training

Kemira UK produces chemicals for use in various industries, including water treatment and paper production.

The company recently invested €35m in its Bradford facility, but needed to ensure its engineers were compliant with the latest CompEx accreditation to be able to use certain equipment. It needed off-site training that was staggered over a short period, so as not to impact ongoing operations.

A flexible approach

Kemira UK considered multiple training options, but Centrica Business Solutions was the clear favourite thanks to its flexibility, organising week-long training sessions around Kemira UK's schedule. The sessions were conducted off-site, at a Centrica Business Solutions training facility in Rotherham.

CompEx is the national joint training and assessment scheme for electro-technical crafts staff who work in potentially explosive conditions.

The five-day course delivers competence-based training and assessments around the selection, use, maintenance and inspection of electrical apparatus in potentially explosive atmospheres.

The results

The training was completed for ten Kemira UK engineers in less than 12 months. This was half the time of the nearest competitor due to the frequency of courses available. There was also greater flexibility around training dates, so Kemira UK was able to schedule its training without impacting operations at the Bradford site.

Completion of the training leaves Kemira UK fully-accredited on CompEx for the next five years. With all engineers trained, the new Bradford facility is more productive and efficient. The facility is already beating production targets.

Kemira UK plans to return to Centrica to train a further ten engineers over the next three years. In addition, all 22 maintenance engineers are scheduled to train off-site with Centrica Business Solutions on new IET wiring regulations.



All staff trained within a year



CompEx qualification valid for five years



Ten employees received CompEx training

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CompEx isn't easy. It's a properly accredited exam that requires a lot of hard work. The Centrica Business Solutions approach, its expertise, was first rate.”

Andrew Wright, Maintenance Supervisor for the Manufacturing, Industry & Water Sector, Kemira UK

Why Centrica Business Solutions?

- Short-course training offers the practical skills to keep customers safe, businesses running smoothly and careers on track
- Professional expertise
- Accredited qualifications
- Bespoke course design
- Flexible and business-focused
- Small class sizes