



## IRATA ROPED ACCESS TRAINING GENERAL INFORMATION SHEET

### About the programme

IRATA certified programmes are intensive 5-day courses designed to ensure technicians are competent to perform a full range of rope access tasks from technician to supervisor.

The Level 1 programme covers the following:

- *Pre-visual and tactile personal equipment checks*
- *Basic rope access and fall arrest drills*
- *Rigging and hauling techniques*
- *Rescue protocols*
- *Application of height related health and safety legislation*

Level 2 and 3 programmes include more advanced rigging and rescue techniques coupled with risk assessments, equipment inspection and method statements. More information concerning the content of Level 2 and 3 programmes can be found in the IRATA Guidelines. **If you are applying for a Level 2 or 3 then please ensure you have completed the requisite number of hours underwritten by a fully completed log book. Level 3s will also require a valid First Aid certificate which includes evidence of Basic Life Support.**

Assessment is undertaken on Day 5 by a qualified and independent IRATA Assessor. Where possible, we inform students of their assessor in their Joining Instructions.

### Re-Qualification

Re-qualification criteria has recently changed, so please contact RIG Systems for clarification if your current IRATA qualification has or is about to lapse.

## Direct Entry

IRATA have recently revised their Direct Entry Guidelines which are the procedures for experienced unqualified roped access technicians to bypass sections of the training syllabus. There are now only very few circumstances when Direct Entry is permitted. For more information please call RIG or review the IRATA website [www.irata.org](http://www.irata.org).

## Timings

Our programmes start promptly at 0900 and finish at 1700. The course is extremely intensive and there are very strict guidelines concerning the minimum number of guided learning hours. Students sitting the 5 day programme should expect a minimum of 40 hours of training and assessment in order to fulfil these stipulations.

## Training Facilities

Rig Systems has training centres in the following locations:

Mile End Climbing Wall	London
Western Power Distribution	Taunton
Camels Head	Plymouth
Eden Project	St Austell, Cornwall
St Mawgan	Newquay, Cornwall

All our facilities have onsite parking, a cafeteria, welfare facilities and local accommodation. As soon as you select the date of the course you wish to attend, you will be sent Joining Instructions which outline more course specific information.

## Clothing

Students are advised to bring the following Clothing:

- Waterproofs
- Outdoor long trousers / lightweight boiler suit
- Suitable stout outdoor footwear
- Old polo shirts
- Warm loose fitting mid layer
- Notebook and pen

## Equipment

All equipment is supplied to students attending the Level 1 course and students are given the opportunity to purchase personal rigs on day 1 for delivery on Day 5 at trade prices. Level 2s and 3s are expected to bring their own personal equipment alongside a completed thorough examination logbook with certificates of conformity.

## **Fitness**

All IRATA programmes are physically arduous and students must have a reasonable degree of fitness prior to attendance. There is an element of manual handling and candidates with pre-existing medical conditions that may be aggravated by load lifting are advised to seek further advice from their GP. A certificate of medical fitness and understanding of risk must be signed by all participants prior to taking part in all practical sessions.

## **Costings**

The programme costs £600 (plus VAT). The course cost includes training fees, equipment hire, assessment fees, certification fees, IRATA documentation, log book and ID card. This fee must be paid in full on day 1 of the course unless you hold a credit account. Non-accounts holders should reserve their place on the programme with a non-refundable deposit of £100 made payable to Rig Systems Ltd and send to:

Rig Systems Ltd Unit 3  
Dunveth Business Park  
Wadebridge  
Cornwall PL27 7FE

Or you can make a payment over the telephone with a credit or debit card

## **Health and safety**

All instruction will be delivered by experienced IRATA qualified Trainers. Delegates will receive a full safety brief prior to practical sessions. RIG Systems holds a robust insurance policy however we always advise students to make their own provisions for personal accident and belongings insurance should they see fit.

## **Further information**

Hopefully we have covered everything in this general information sheet; however should you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact us by the numbers below.

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