

Criteria for ARTP/BTS Training Centre

1. A registered lead technical trainer AfC Band 6 or above on a recognized national register (RCCP/HPC), or Clinical Scientist (Grade B), who holds the ARTP/BTS National Assessment in Respiratory Function and/or can provide evidence of continuing professional development **and** has a proven track record in training and assessment of lung function staff and the practical measurement of respiratory function.
2. The lead trainer may be a Band 6/7 clinical physiologist or Registered nurse with a proven track record in the training and assessment of staff and in the measurement/interpretation of respiratory function. Lead trainers who are not clinical physiologists should ideally possess the ARTP/BTS Advanced certificate in Spirometry. Each person involved in delivering the training will be required to submit a short CV no longer than one A4 page focusing on their teaching/assessment experience.
3. Additional named technical/scientific/medical manpower to ensure that the course syllabus can be delivered and there is a good ratio of facilitators to trainee's for practical sessions (recommended 1 trainer to 6 trainees).
4. Demonstration of performance of lung function test measurements to ARTP/BTS national guidelines on respiratory testing.
5. A range of spirometers available not all labs have volume measuring devices and an adequate number of spirometers for practical sessions (at least one between three people).
6. Availability of height, weight and temperature measuring devices and calibration devices for spirometers for use in training courses.
7. Adequate facilities to hold training courses (practical and theory) to include Lecture rooms, Audio Visual and catering facilities.
8. Adequate resources to produce good quality training material, for example, acetates, handouts and slides.
9. Availability of training centre for national assessment and examination purposes and for individual tuition for candidates as required.

It is anticipated that centre's will charge between £150 and £250 per person for the two day course excluding catering. Approved training centres will be expected to provide evidence of quality through course evaluation and monitoring.