

## **Train 4 Trade Skills' top ten reasons why thousands opt for home study plumbing**

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*Train 4 Trade Skills has come up with the top ten reasons why many people are choosing to study plumbing at home rather than taking the traditional apprenticeship route.*

As the continued shortage of plumbers and the potential of high earnings attracts more British men and women into the trade, the UK's leading provider of blended learning, home study plumbing courses, Train 4 Trade Skills, has come up with the top ten reasons why students opt for studying plumbing at home, rather than taking the traditional apprenticeship route.

The most common reasons are the need to fit training around a family, the need to carry on earning while learning, and for the over 30's, the reluctance to go back to college routines, be apprenticed to a busy plumber and the fear of being the oldest on the course.

### **TOP TEN REASONS WHY THOUSANDS OPT FOR HOME STUDY PLUMBING**

1. The need to fit training around family commitments
2. The need to continue earning while learning
3. A reluctance to return to conventional college
4. The fear of being the oldest on the course
5. A reluctance to be apprenticed to a jobbing plumber
6. To get a formal qualification
7. To improve earning's potential
8. To enjoy the benefits of working for themselves
9. To have the flexibility to study as and when they can
10. To have the job security and income of a qualified plumber

As well as offering comprehensive training through book-based learning and intensive training in fully equipped workshops Train 4 Trade Skills' courses uniquely include the opportunity to revise and practice new skills in a PC based, revolutionary, virtual reality house.

This unique, virtual reality environment is based on 'serious computer games technology' and is fully equipped with room sets, bathrooms, toilets, pipe-work and electrical appliances, boilers, loft tanks and central heating systems.

The virtual reality training is engaging and highly memorable and encourages students to practice skills time and time again, in a completely safe environment, to get them right before being let loose on a customers' premises.

Train 4 Trade Skills has attracted thousands of trainee plumbers onto their course since launching it in early 2007, with many women also taking up the tools and fitting their studies around family and work commitments.

Marketing Manager, Mike Head, said, "Most of our students simply couldn't afford to live on an apprentice's wage and are also put off by the idea of trailing around after a jobbing plumber. By following a structured course in their own time, at their own pace, they can gain all the skills need to achieve industry recognised qualifications after the practical, workshop stage of their training, which itself offers at least the same amount of hands-on training time as their counterparts in a further education college, if not more".

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