



 Scotland's Colleges

**INTERNATIONAL**

# Workforce Development Services for the Oil and Gas Industry



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**Oil was discovered in the North Sea in 1966 and today the industry in Scotland supports 2,000 companies and 100,000 employees, including around 30,000 offshore workers. The industry encompasses the full spectrum of platform construction, drilling and extraction of oil and refinery and pipeline operations.**

Thus, Scotland possesses a strong tradition and a maturity both in terms of industry and academia in chemical, oil and gas sectors. Excellence in industry relies on a highly skilled workforce and Scotland's colleges are central to the creation and renewal of competences and skills. Working closely with industry body OPITO our training incorporates best practice to support the oil and gas industry.

## Services for International Markets

Scotland's colleges' oil and gas partnership provides vocational education services delivering face-to-face training in-country or in Scotland; depending on best value option. We also provide blended learning solutions that are well supported by tutor advice and guidance for online courses.



Training design and delivery methodology is flexible and agreed on the basis of client requirements taking into account the nature of the subject and available budget. Customers can select specific course units/topics that meet their specific needs. Also, colleges in Scotland can provide 'training for trainers' in order to develop institutional capacity to deliver courses and to save on costs.

Examples of education and training services on offer include:

- international student learning in Scotland
- supporting the delivery of Scottish qualifications internationally
- workforce development services directly for global employers
- developing in-country capacity to manage training services
- health and safety expertise and specialist courses for the industry.

We strive to support health and safety, behaviours and competence at work to ensure safe working practices. Our workforce development provides your employees with the opportunity to improve their skill base and qualifications thus enhancing job satisfaction and improving career prospects.

## Our Track Record

Colleges in Scotland have relationships with educational institutions, companies, agencies and governments in countries including India, China, USA, many countries in Africa, the Middle East and across Europe. We have led on significant capacity building initiatives to develop education infrastructure including the highly successful Equipping Vocational Education and Training Staff (EVETS) project in Malawi.

Members of the partnership are working with Heriot-Watt University and industry partners to deliver the award winning 'Engineers of the Future' programme.

Members of the partnership work with employers to develop skills of their workforce and so improve competitiveness. We have worked with many global oil companies and can obtain references in support of our excellent service provision.

Colleges in Scotland welcome thousands of international students to study in Scotland every year. Around 6% of our students come from 117 other countries!



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