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*Neil Cundy,
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tells **Quest** about his
personal experience of
builder training*



Leaving the Service after 24 years was pretty daunting, but with a good job to go to and being keen on DIY, I decided to use my resettlement grant to improve and advance these skills. I decided to focus more on the electrical side, but also wanted to improve my carpentry and learn the art of tiling. With this in mind, I set about weeks of research into many companies to obtain as much training as I could within a five-week period for the best value.

Eventually I found the Builder Training Centre in Croydon. Situated directly outside Waddon railway station and only five minutes by taxi from East Croydon station, its location was ideal for me as I would be travelling by train and had easy access from London. With the Centre running courses at weekends, this allowed me to maximise my resettlement time.

Within a day of my initially contacting the BTC, I received a five-week course package to include all my chosen courses, including accommodation on a bed, breakfast and evening meal basis, all within my resettlement funds – something that no other company could offer me.

Most of the courses run by the BTC cater for a range of people, from the most skilled person looking to just brush off the cobwebs to someone who has few or no DIY skills. They are very hands on from the second you start, with a fine balance of theory along the way. The courses are run by very professional, experienced and dedicated people, with an excellent course structure and flexibility from all staff to allow every student to work at their own pace, asking as many questions as are needed while still enabling all students to complete the tasks set.

I wouldn't say I left the BTC an expert, but all the courses gave me excellent skills – and the confidence to put into practice what I have learned. I would recommend the BTC to anyone looking for these types of course, not only for the excellent value for money but particularly for the course structures and the excellent, dedicated staff.

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