



The Association of Guilds of Weavers, Spinners & Dyers

Foundation Certificate in Spinning - Conditions

Introduction

The Foundation Certificate in spinning has been created by the Association to enable those who are new to spinning and others who wish to get a better understanding of this craft.

Registration.

Those wishing to register to gain the Certificate or to get further information should contact the organiser preferably by email (see details below).

The registration fee for this certificate is £55.00. The following conditions apply.

- The registration fee is payable in advance and valid for twelve months.
- The registration fee is not refundable.
- If at the end of the period set by the Organiser (see timetable below) the candidate has yet to complete modules 1 and 2 satisfactorily in the view of the organiser, their registration will be terminated.
- For others registration may be renewed with the agreement of the Organiser for a further and final period by making a second non-refundable payment of £35.00 in advance.

The Certificate

To gain the Certificate you are required to complete each of four modules given in the syllabus in the order they are given. When you complete a module you should send it to the organiser as directed.

The Modules carry the following possible marks

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| – Module 1 Spinning Technology | 20 marks |
| – Module 2 The Nature of Fibres | 20 marks |
| – Module 3 Spinning in Practice – Longdraw | 30 marks |
| – Module 4 Spinning in Practice – Worsted | 30 marks |

To gain a certificate you need to score a combined total of not less than 60 of the total possible marks.

While it may be possible to pass the certificate by gaining full marks from Modules 3 and 4 combined a certificate will not be awarded unless a minimum of 8 marks are awarded to each of Modules 1 and 2.

How the Foundation Certificate is organised

- The Certificate will be taken by applicants drawn into a Study Group of six to ten applicants.
- Where possible a Study Group may consist of those from one or more Guilds closely located.
- Those wishing to take the Certificate should notify the Organiser who will list the applicants' contact details from which Groups will be drawn.
- Any Guild who wishes to create a Study Group from among its members should register with the Organiser.
- The Organiser will inform individuals of their start date together with a request for payment.
- Fees must have been paid before a student may start to work on the Foundation Certificate.

Timetable

- Study Groups will start quarterly in January, April, July, and October.
- Modules 1 and 2 must be completed and submitted to their Mentor within three months of starting work on the Certificate.
- Modules 1 and 2 must be completed before embarking on Modules 3 and 4
- Modules 3 and 4 must be completed within six months of being given permission to start Module 3.

Mentors

- Mentors act as the first place of support for Students
- A Mentor will be appointed to each Study Group
- Mentors will be appointed on a regional basis
- A Mentor may be allocated more than one Study Group

Workshops

Modules 3 and 4 require practical work.

While some Study Groups or Guilds will have access to sufficient practical skills not to need a workshop, others can request for one to be organised for them.

Where a Study Group asks for a workshop

- Each member electing to attend a workshop will pay the Association £35.00 as a contribution towards the cost of the workshop. The Association will pay the remaining cost of providing tutors.
- In addition to the £35.00 contribution towards costs, the Study Group will be responsible for providing and paying for a suitable place for the workshop.

To register your interest or to gain further information, please contact Steve Kennett. He can be contacted by:

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