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## Government funds more than 900 Retrofit Academy places

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Retrofit workforce development partner, <u>The Retrofit Academy</u>, is set to make funded retrofit training available to over 900 individuals after being awarded nearly £1m by the Department for Energy, Security and Net Zero.

It has been made available through phase two of the DfESNZ Home Decarbonisation Skills Training competition will enable academy to build on the 5,500 learners enrolled onto its leading range of retrofit training courses.

As a result of the new wave of funding, the leading provider of retrofit knowledge and skills will continue to work with clients and contractors that will build the workforce needed to deliver high-quality, large-scale retrofit programmes. By building on the 900 people it successfully enrolled onto retrofit training during the first phase of the government initiative, yet more qualified Retrofit Coordinators, Assessors and Advisors will be available to deliver successful programmes across the UK, ensuring all retrofit projects are compliant with PAS2035.

The availability of hundreds of funded training places will be a major boost to the contractors being appointed by social housing providers around the country to upgrade housing stock after being awarded funding from the government's Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund (SHDF) and Home Upgrade Grant (HUG). Contractors partnering with The Retrofit Academy will tackle the practical retrofit skills gap by developing the skilled workforce they need to deliver these major decarbonisation projects.

Funded places will be available across six of The Retrofit Academy's industry leading training courses, ranging from levels two to five of its specialist professional development framework. In addition to



qualifications to become Retrofit Assessors and Retrofit Coordinators, places will also be available on the organisation's recently launched ABBE Level 3 Award in Energy Efficiency Measures for Older and Traditional Buildings and Level 2 course in External Wall Insulation and Finishes.

Pioneering retrofit training since 2016 through its expert-developed, award-winning courses, The Retrofit Academy is the nation's trusted provider of retrofit knowledge and skills. Learners who choose its courses access industry-leading training materials and resources, experienced retrofit professionals as tutors and skills coaches, best-in-class learner support and post training support though CPD, tools and technical support.