

# Earn CPD Credits While Tackling Critical Building Safety Challenge

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New drainage standards training programme offers dual benefit of professional development and compliance guidance.

FM professionals across the UK now have the opportunity to earn valuable CPD credits while addressing one of the most pressing building safety challenges facing the sector – compliance with updated siphonic drainage standards.

A specialist training programme has been launched by leading building access and safety sector provider NSS – a [PTSG](#) Company – in response to the publication of British Standard BS 8490:2025 in February, which has created an urgent need for industry education around new drainage requirements that could affect up to 60% of commercial buildings with internal gutters.

The CPD-accredited seminars are designed to help facilities professionals understand the complex new regulations while contributing to their continuing professional development requirements.

Led by Billy Gordon, Head of Siphonic Drainage at NSS, who has 21 years of expertise in the industry and sits on the SRDA (siphonic roof drainage association), the training covers five critical areas: compliance frameworks, risk assessment techniques, cost-effective upgrade strategies, real-world case studies and future-proofing approaches.

The training responds to significant changes in British drainage standards driven by climate change impacts. Rainfall volumes have increased 40-60% above historical averages, prompting regulators to mandate both primary AND secondary drainage systems for buildings with internal gutters – regardless of existing system capacity.

Buildings constructed before 2000 face particular challenges, having been designed to now-obsolete standards. Even properties meeting 2007 requirements may need assessment against the enhanced 2025 framework.

The updated standards represent more than technical adjustments – they address fundamental building safety concerns around water ingress protection during increasingly frequent extreme weather events.

For FM professionals, the changing regulatory landscape presents both challenges and opportunities. The CPD-accredited training provides a structured way to address both aspects simultaneously.

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Garry Boyce, Project Manager at SAUR Services Glasgow, who recently completed the training, said it was incredibly “worthwhile and he “thoroughly enjoyed it”

NSS is offering this training programme nationwide, with on-site delivery to ensure teams receive consistent information relevant to their specific building portfolios. Sessions contribute to CPD requirements while addressing one of the most significant building safety challenges currently facing the commercial property sector.

As climate change continues to drive regulatory evolution, this type of practical, accredited training represents an efficient way for FM professionals to maintain their professional development while protecting their buildings and occupants.

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