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Traffic Signs Designers – “Get Qualified”

With endorsement from the Department of Transport (DfT) and Highways Agency the Institute of Highway Incorporated Engineers (IHIE) today launched a scheme to certify the competence of UK’s traffic sign designers.

“IHIE has been working with DfT and HA signs specialists and leading industry practitioners from Atkins, Buchanan, Mott MacDonald and the Project Centre to drive up standards of sign design and signing strategy across the UK”, said project leader, John Taylor.

“There is strong desire among professionals to improve the quality of our streets and to give the best safety and directional signing information we can to the public. Hence IHIE Professional Certificate in Traffic Sign Design” is for the traffic engineer with diverse responsibilities as well as for dedicated sign designers.”

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Notes for Editors

1. IHIE is the professional qualifying institution for specialist engineers (CEng, IEng and Eng Tech) delivering sustainable transport in the UK.
2. The IHIE Professional Certificate was launched at the Institute’s annual Traffic Signs Conference on 20th September 2007.
3. The Certificate is one of several awarded by IHIE supported by various specialist industry-led steering groups.
4. The Certificates set out standards of competence at three levels: Foundation, Practitioner and Expert. Candidates demonstrate their experience by presenting a portfolio of their work to two assessors. To retain currency, the qualification has a five year life, after which it must be renewed by proof of continuing professional development.
5. Gaining the Certificate contributes to meeting the Highways Agency’s requirement in HD46 that its consultants and contractors have competent staff.

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