Supporting Newly Qualified Heat Pump Installers Beyond Training





2024 saw a record **9,062 individuals completing a recognised heat pump** qualification¹.



But HPA modelling shows up to **39%** of those who complete the training **do not always go on to actively install heat pumps**.



We know that **achieving a qualification is just the first step** on the journey. The sector is working hard to support newly qualified installers gain **confidence and practical experience.**



Results from a recent **HPA member survey**² outlined in this infographic provide a snapshot of the post-training support currently on offer.





Manufacturer

Wholesaler / Distributor

Installation Business

Other

Training Provider Heat Pump Certification Body

Around **80% of respondents currently provide additional support** for newly qualified heat pump installers:

42% provide access to on-site video call support

provide on-site commissioning support for the first installation

50% provide an on-site guide book

provide a dedicated indemnified design service

45% provide enhanced training packages³

Manufacturer

66 We always **encourage video calling** to discuss installation or troubleshooting issues. 99

66 Onsite commissioning support for an installer's first installation with us is always **very well-received.** 99

Distributor

The most popular types of support include in-person mentoring, enhanced training packages and access to online digital support via an app:

Very **positive feedback on mentoring** as it gives a forum for both parties to address any **knowledge gaps**, as well as give updates on industry progression, regulatory changes, and product updates.

Installation Business

¹ A recognised training qualification refers to a qualification that meets the <u>requirements to receive the Heat Training Grant</u>

² A survey was distributed to <u>HPA members</u> in January 2025. 24 organisations responded.

³ Explained on Page 2

What might be included in an enhanced training package?

- Coaching from experienced installers
- Sales and communications guidance
- Low-temperature design course Installation quality reviews
- Service and maintenance training
- Feedback forums
- Bespoke and tailored courses



Distributor

66 We have an excellent, friendly hands-on training centre with the intention to upskill installers' knowledge of heat pumps. We always receive at least a 9 out of 10 on the feedback form. 99

66 Additional training is offered on the **design process**, **commissioning**, **specific manufacturer product training & fault finding**. Feedback has been excellent, and learners have felt that this has

Training Provider

enhanced their learning journey. 99

For many newly qualified installers, the cost should not be a barrier to accessing support - over 60% of the offerings noted available at no extra cost.



Looking to the future....

Many of the offerings have been recently implemented, and positively, 50% of the organisations had future plans to provide additional support:

Over the coming year, we intend to **further our scope of supporting installers** who may be new to the technology - providing design and specification services, installation support, commissioning and handover. Installation Business

We are currently in a development phase working with several training experts, contractors and installers to find what is required and the optimum delivery method.

Manufacturer

Want to learn more?



Ask your local training centre, installation business, distributor, or manufacturer to see what opportunities they provide.



Find out more about a career as a Heat Pump Installer: National Careers Service



Shape training standards in the sector: Get in touch about joining the **HPA's Training Working Group and HPA membership**