

## Pioneering approaches to learning and assessment

Many of these initiatives are pioneering new approaches towards assessment. For example, projects for assessments which use real problems in your real workplace rather than traditional college examinations. In this way, professional education has a quick and tangible application in addition to its longer term benefits.

The *Aspire* Centre at Harper Adams has been established with a specific remit to develop work based learning, in order to Advance Skills for Professionals in the Rural Economy (*Aspire*).

Please contact us if you would like to review the potential in your workplace. This may be the development or accreditation of a graduate development scheme, or programmes for more experienced staff.



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## *Aspire*

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Advancing Skills for Professionals in the Rural Economy



# Work-Based Learning With Harper Adams





Moving on.....

The challenge of a modern, knowledge-based economy demands that we must all learn at work.

But is this learning put to good use? It should lead to new product ideas, and better ways of providing existing services or goods. Good workplace learning should also be rewarding in its own right, and motivate staff.

That's why employers and the government continue to invest in staff training and development. But does your investment in training and development lead to better results? Harper Adams has a long history of working with industry and the rural professions to provide cost-effective and profitable training and short courses.



### Some examples of our current work

- ◆ Working with AMTRA, the Animal Medicines Training Regulatory Authority, to develop a national programme for Suitably Qualified Persons – the only people other than veterinary surgeons and pharmacists who can prescribe and supply animal medicines.



- ◆ Working with Marks & Spencer to train and assess auditors to fulfil their role within M&S's new Code of Practice - *Field to Fork* - and ensure consistent implementation of the new standards. There are also plans to extend professional development opportunities by delivering the programme in Spain and by developing a qualification for livestock and meat auditors.



- ◆ Working with BASIS Registration Ltd to deliver modules in Crop Protection, Soil and Water Management, Conservation Management, Grassland, Cereals, Potatoes and Plant Protection. Suitably combined these can lead up to the BASIS Diploma in Agronomy.



- ◆ Working with Management Development Services Ltd to develop a ground-breaking postgraduate certificate in Food and Fresh Produce Management for successful graduate trainees in the fresh produce sector.



- ◆ Working with JCB to take staff towards Chartered Engineer status.



- ◆ Working with Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors to provide continuing professional development, with and without the certification of an approved postgraduate qualification.

