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Asbestos Removal Contractors Association



Why Join ARCA?

The Asbestos Removal Contractors Association

In today's competitive market, securing and retaining major contracts requires a demonstrable competitive advantage. Major contractors, local authorities, and facilities managers increasingly specify ARCA membership within their pre-qualification requirements.

Without ARCA membership, you risk losing opportunities to competitors who are members. For over 40 years, ARCA membership has provided licensed asbestos removal contractors with the recognised mark of quality that clients actively seek.

Your Business Advantages

- Win More Tenders. Major contractors, local authorities, and facilities managers increasingly specify ARCA membership within their pre-qualification requirements.
- Achieve Continuous Improvement. Benefit from four unannounced site audits annually with immediate constructive feedback, driving systematic performance improvements across your business.
- Maintain Higher Standards. Utilise our Member Internal Site Audit App to ensure consistency across all sites and reduce site audit non-conformances.
- Reduce Compliance Costs. Access discounted CHAS accreditation and complimentary HR support from Croner.
- Demonstrate Duty of Care. Gain exclusive complimentary access to Assure360's personal monitoring system for robust, reliable exposure tracking and regulatory compliance.
- Gain Qualified Leads. Benefit from premium visibility on arca.org.uk, where hundreds of potential clients search monthly for member contractors.
- Understand Audit Excellence. Receive monthly notes from our auditor meetings, providing transparent insight into best practice and procedural standards.

Outstanding Value for Money

ARCA has eliminated joining fees entirely. Other trade associations charge up to £650 just to join. We've removed this barrier to make membership accessible from day one.

Your £4,300 annual subscription includes four unannounced site audits worth £350 each (£1,400 in total). It also gives you £1300 in training credits to use on training, NVQs or additional audits. Use all of your credits and your effective cost falls to £3000 for membership and your four site audits. Comparable cover elsewhere costs £3,400 with no training credits.

The Most Rigorous Site Audit Scheme

Our site audit scheme drives high-performing businesses to achieve even greater excellence. This outcome is systematic rather than coincidental, resulting from four unannounced site audits annually, rigorous assessment standards, and immediate constructive feedback following each visit.

ARCA operates a team of full-time, directly employed site auditors who conduct approximately 800 audits each year. Due to the extensive range of companies they assess and their experience across all regions, they represent the most experienced auditing team in the UK asbestos removal sector.

Looking at over 1,000 site audits over the past two years, the performance trends across our membership are compelling. Average site audit scores have improved by more than 30% across the membership. Most members now consistently achieve top-tier compliance ratings. Flawless audit reports have risen from 27% to 40% of all site audits.

These results are statistically significant. Analysis of the data demonstrates a 99.99% confidence level that improvement is attributable to participation in the ARCA system. In short, when you join and engage, sustained improvement isn't merely possible, it's practically guaranteed.

Members rate our site audit service 9.77 out of 10. Supervisors score auditor professionalism at 9.8 out of 10, and 95% indicate they would speak positively about ARCA site audits to others.

Training Your Team Will Value

We operate the largest network of fully equipped training centres in the sector, as well as providing remote learning and our unique eLearning products. Each year, we incorporate findings from approximately 800 unannounced site audits into our industry-wide training programme development.

We train over 4,500 professionals annually. 96% rate their training experience 8 or higher out of 10, with overall satisfaction at 9.41. Participants consistently value ARCA training because it is engaging, practically focused, and addresses the operational challenges they encounter regularly.

What Our Members Say

Nine out of ten members would recommend ARCA to their competitors. This reflects businesses confident enough in the value proposition to direct rivals towards membership because the benefits are demonstrably clear. Over 85% rate our support services 8 or higher out of 10.

We request feedback after every site audit, training course, and regional meeting. This ensures we continuously monitor member requirements and adapt our services accordingly. ARCA membership is not a static offering but rather an evolving service shaped by member input.

The ARCA Difference

ARCA membership is more than just a certificate. It provides practical, ongoing support that delivers measurable value to your business. Our dedicated in-house teams conduct your site audits and deliver training under our ISO 9001 certified Management System.

We conduct monthly meetings with our auditors to ensure consistency and maintain high standards. We share comprehensive notes from these meetings with all members, providing complete transparency regarding our operational processes, decision-making frameworks, and continuous improvement initiatives.

We deliver three rounds of meetings annually across Great Britain. Each round comprises six in-person events plus one online session, providing 21 opportunities annually to network with industry leaders, receive updates directly from the HSE, Asbestos Network and CITB, and access exclusive information about ARCA's latest developments. Attendance is completely free for all personnel from member companies.

Your Next Steps

With no joining fee and comprehensive support from day one, there's never been a better time to join.

Contact us today to discuss how ARCA membership can strengthen your competitive position and protect your business.

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