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MLA's City & Guilds Accreditation

Having a long history of providing training to locksmiths (either those who are starting off in the trade or those who want to further their knowledge in specific technical areas), the MLA is delighted to announce that City & Guilds have recently awarded the MLA its prestigious "Approved Centre" status (No. 027758) enabling the association to offer a tailored City & Guilds award in Basic Locksmithing (No. 1841) which is based on its entry exam.

In keeping with it's ethos of striving to continuously improve the skills of locksmiths, the MLA offers a wide range of training courses from its purpose built training facility based at the company headquarters in Daventry, consisting of a classroom type environment for theory work and fully equipped workshop for the hands-on practical elements.

This City & Guilds accreditation will form part of the promotional activities on the MLA stand at MLA Expo 08 (visit <u>www.locksmiths.co.uk/expo</u>). For more information on the training provided by the MLA please contact Gill Ashford on Tel: 01327 262255 or E-Mail: <u>training@locksmiths.co.uk</u>



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Notes to Editors

About MLA Expo 08

MLA Expo is the premier trade show for the world of locksmithing and security. Being run for the 14th time, Expo 08 will be the MLA's Golden Jubilee event as the association is celebrating its 50th anniversary. The event is being held at the Telford International Centre from the 30th of May to the 1st of June. For more information visit www.locksmiths.co.uk/expo

About the MLA

The Master Locksmiths Association is a non-profit making body; established to set and promote standards of conduct, practice and materials within the locksmithing industry. It encourages its members to further their knowledge through ongoing education, regional meetings, seminars, its membership magazine Keyways and its website. Standards of entry to the MLA are rigorous and high (including CRB checks and inspections), and its ethos of "Skill and Integrity" exists to ensure that the public, government and industry receive the appropriate service and advice on security matters provided by its members. Created in 1958, the MLA became a limited company in 1986 and now the membership, currently standing at over 1400, is world-wide. The MLA is now the leading trade association for the locksmithing industry and is recognised as the authoritat ive body for locksmithing by the Police, the Home Office, the British Standards Institute, Association of British Insurers (ABI) and Building Research Establishment (BRE) amongst others. The MLA also offers a full suite of training courses to the trade, held at their purpose built training facility at their headquarters in Daventry. Sold Secure, the leading independent security test and validation laboratory is a wholly owned subsidiary of the MLA.

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