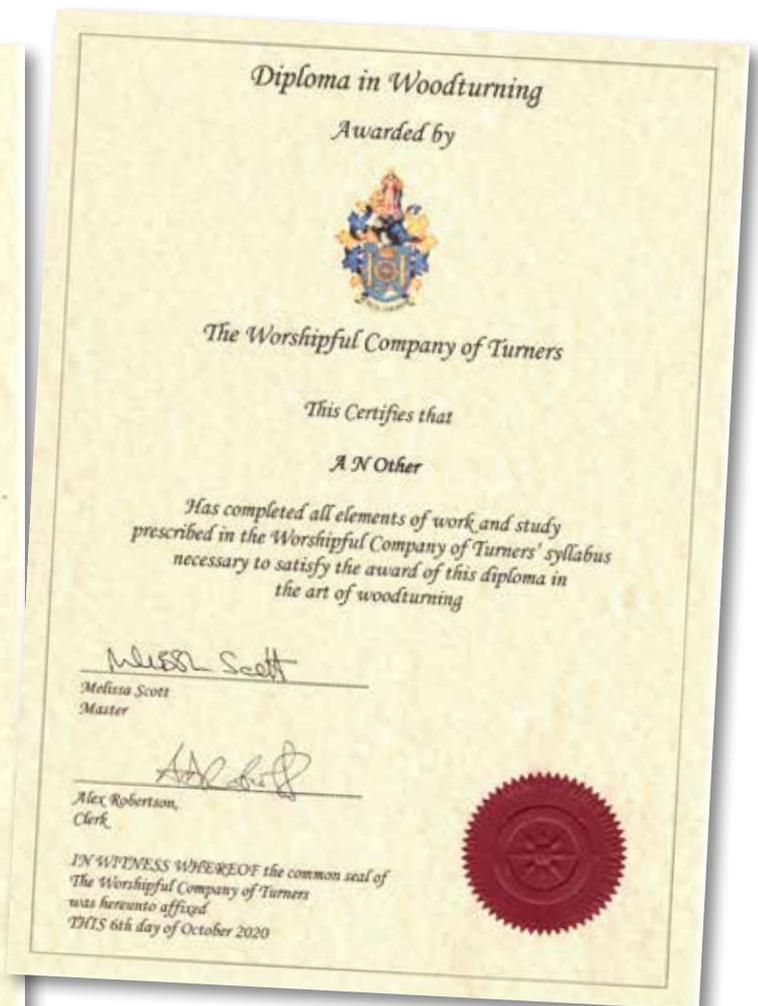


Turning qualifications

The Worshipful Company of Turners offers both a Certificate and Diploma in Woodturning



Background

In 1878 City & Guilds was founded by the City of London and 16 livery companies, which became the traditional guardians of a national system of technical education and work-based training. Sadly, over recent years the recognition of woodturning by City & Guilds as a separate craft justifying its own courses and qualifications diminished and, by the early 2000s, turning was reduced to a sub-set of other crafts.

Development of new turning qualifications

In 2010, at the Register of Professional Turners AGM and Craft meeting in Apothecaries' Hall, the then master of the Worshipful Company of Turners included in his speech a commitment to initiate the creation of a new two-tier qualification programme in turning. On behalf of the Turners' Company, he approached the then chairman of the AWGB, liveryman Reg Hawthorne, for his recommendation for someone with the appropriate educationalist and woodturning instructional skills. Reg recommended liveryman Peter Bradwick, who was then employed as a lecturer at a FE college in Barry, South Wales, and delivered woodturning courses at a community education centre in Cwmbran, and was also the development & training officer of the AWGB.

Certificate in Woodturning

Due entirely to the experience, hard work and dedicated commitment of Peter Bradwick, the entry-level qualification of a Certificate in

Woodturning was launched in 2013 and the first two awards were made in Cwmbran. Currently almost 200 awards have been presented through various approved training establishments.

The award consists of six training units:

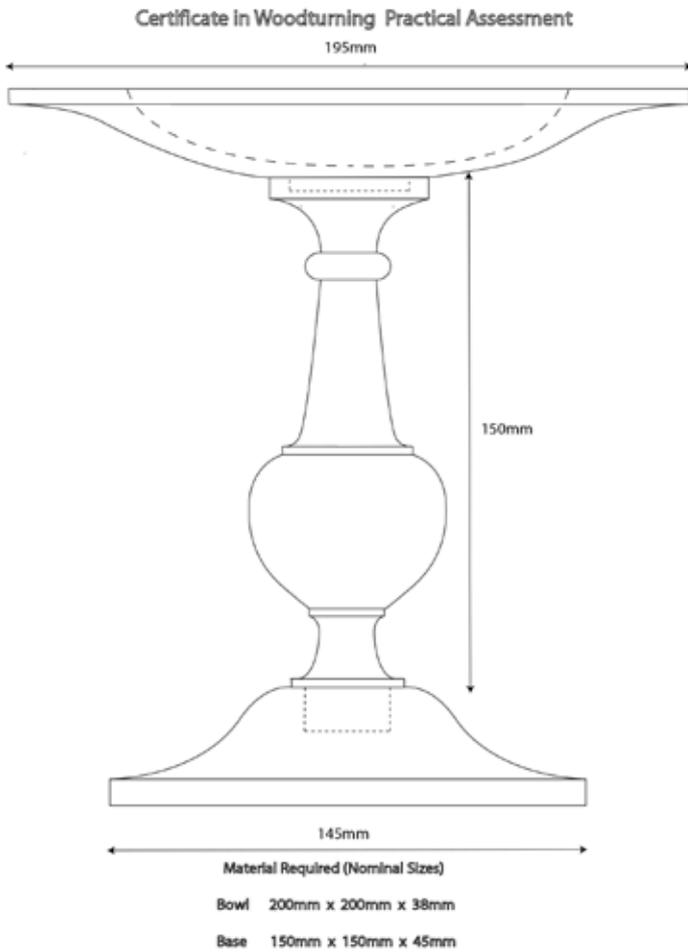
- Unit C101 Workshop Safe Working Practices
- Unit C102 Tools and Equipment – Maintenance
- Unit C103 Wood Technology
- Unit C104 Spindle Work
- Unit C105 Faceplate Work
- Unit C106 Finishing

The Certificate in Woodturning is designed to provide a training programme that covers all the basic skills needed to be competent at woodturning.

The Certificate is aimed at candidates with limited experience of woodturning, and therefore is primarily a training programme of the basic skills with assessment criteria.

The qualification comprises:

- Training units
- Multiple-choice question unit end tests
- Practical assessment



Helen Baily's beautiful bowl



John Dilley's stunning box

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Diploma in Woodturning

Once again, liveryman Peter Bradwick wrote the syllabus for the higher-level Diploma in Woodturning, which was extensively assessed with an initial pilot study at the Max Carey Woodturning Trust followed by a live test taking two candidates through the entire process. Despite the exigencies of the Covid pandemic, the first two candidates, Helen Bailey and John Dilley, completed the syllabus for the award in 2021.

"After completing the Certificate in Woodturning, the diploma was the next step in my personal progression in woodturning.

"The Diploma pushed every part of my turning to the next level, with structured units and project briefs covering lots of techniques and skills. This course allowed me the flexibility to complete in my own time and balance my daily work/home life, with the support of regular contact with the assessor.

"I highly recommend this great course!"

John Dilley

Due to the nature and structure of the Diploma, the award is self-managed to completion by the candidate. After the completion of, or acquired exemption from, the initial mandatory tasks, the candidate will self-manage their own progress towards achieving the required standard in their selected unit options. For those who are familiar, it will be similar to the National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) and the Open University process of selecting individual unit options for completion towards achieving the final qualification, in their own time and at their own pace.

The award consists of five units:

- Unit D201 Entry Certificate
- Unit D202 Spindle and Hollow Form
- Unit D203 Faceplate Work Bowls and Platters
- Unit D204 Specialist Projects
- Unit D205 Design

The Diploma in Woodturning is designed to provide assessment criteria for candidates to carry out tasks at their own workshop.

The candidates will produce workshop-based evidence by writing a method of work, together with photographic evidence showing and explaining the stages of producing the projects to complete each task.

The workshop-based evidence, together with the completed project for each task, will be presented to an appointed assessor for assessment. A practical observation and, where appropriate, knowledge multi-choice questions will be carried out in the presence of the assessor.

The Diploma in Woodturning is now available for candidates to work toward the award. In the first instance contact Peter Bradwick.
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