

## What is Blended Learning?

Blended Learning allows you to take control of how, when and where you learn. At SkillsLink Training we let you choose and mix the methods that suit you best when studying for a qualification. This means you get to use a mix of learning strategies which may include:

### Self-directed learning:

This is where you work at your own pace in your own environment. You can choose whether to work

- Online where you login to our e- learning resource centre and complete activities online, or
- Use hard copy resources and email your assignments to your Trainer or submit them by mail or at the College.

### Trainer Facilitated Sessions:

- Face-to-Face tutorials where you meet with your Trainer at the College for three (3) hours per month (or as agreed between you). You may meet 1:1 or in a small group environment.
- Online tutorials where you meet with your Trainer online using our online learning software.

### Online Discussion Groups:

For some of our courses, you will be able to meet with others learning online and discuss different aspects of the course you are doing. For example, your Trainer might pose a question that they want you to respond to within a forum situation where you can also see what other learners are thinking.

### Email:

Your Trainer will contact you by email regularly to check how you are progressing. You are also able to email your Trainer to ask for support at any stage.

### Phone:

If your Trainer hasn't heard from you for a while, or wants to discuss an aspect of your learning with you, they may choose to contact you by phone.

### So, how does it work?

After your enrolment, you will be sent a booking confirmation email that will include links to *SkillsLink's*

- Student Handbook
- Self-Directed Study Guide if using hard copy resources
- E-Learning Induction manual if using online resources
- An LLN (Language, Literacy and Numeracy) Quiz: Don't be afraid of this quiz – it is there to help us identify what support, if any, you need to be successful with your studies.

Your Trainer will contact you within seven (7) days by email to arrange your first face-to-face tutorial. At this tutorial you will develop a Learning Plan that will include a suggested study timetable and any additional support required. This Learning Plan will be revisited regularly to help you keep on track.

Remember, Blended Learning means you decide  
**How, Where and When you Learn!**