



RETROFIT  
ACADEMY CIC



**CERTIFIED**

**Designer**

BECOME A  
**CERTIFIED RETROFIT  
DESIGNER**





## RETROFIT DESIGN REPRESENTS A HUGE OPPORTUNITY FOR EXISTING BUILT ENVIRONMENT PROFESSIONALS



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**Eligibility** Qualified in architecture, architectural technology, surveying or construction management with experience of using design software.

**Method of Study** eLearning

**Assessment** Portfolio of evidence comprising verbal and written assessment.

**Duration** 80 hours to complete learning and assessments.

**Timescales** Candidates have 12 months to complete the course.

**Cost** £1,499 + VAT

## RETROFIT DESIGN

### What is a Certified Retrofit Designer?

Retrofit Designers are qualified design professionals with the knowledge and skills to practice on large-scale, high-quality domestic retrofit projects and programmes in the UK.

As defined in the governing British Standard PAS 2035, Retrofit Designers are qualified architects, surveyors, construction managers or architectural technologists.

### The Career Opportunity

Leading design practices and contractors have an urgent need for Retrofit Designers with the knowledge and skills to practice on large-scale, high-quality retrofit projects. There is the potential to increase earnings or build your business in a fast-growing sector.

### Unlocking Potential

Retrofit design is rarely taught in traditional degree courses. The Retrofit Designer course has been built by some of the UK's leading practitioners to help bridge the retrofit knowledge and skills gaps that many designers therefore have.

Only graduates from this intensive programme will become Certified Retrofit Designers through The Retrofit Academy, the UK's driving force in retrofit skills and knowledge.





# THE RETROFIT ACADEMY DESIGNER COURSE

## Building the Course

The Retrofit Designer course was developed by The Retrofit Academy to respond to the acute shortage of designers available to practice on large-scale, high-quality retrofit programmes.

The Academy commissioned Loreana Padron as Course Director and Martin Callachan as Course Editor to oversee the development of the course.

They worked with subject matter experts to build 16 new modules, assessments and case studies.

## The Learning Experience

- **You will study online** via The Retrofit Academy's Learner Management System.
- **You will attend expert-led workshops** to collaborate with peers and tackle real-world case studies.
- **To graduate, you will** complete written assignments under the supervision of an expert assessor.



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## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Upon graduation, you will become recognised as a Retrofit Academy Professional Member at the appropriate level, often at Associate Level in your early years of practice. You can progress through Practitioner levels to ultimately apply for Retrofit Academy Fellowship.

Becoming a Certified Retrofit Designer also opens the door to a range of services designed to support your career and professional development provided by The Retrofit Academy. *The first 12 months are FREE post graduation.* The ongoing membership fee is £195 plus VAT per year.

## Access to The Academy's Retrofit Professionals' Hub providing:

- Your own profile page to showcase your skills and achievements to the retrofit sector
- CPD Accredited courses to maintain professional status
- Connectivity with employers and job opportunities
- Access to 40+ online Professional Forums and Clubs per year
- Access to Technical Discussions and Best Practice Groups
- **Access to HomeLife® Software** – end to end retrofit management data-tracking, coordination, monitoring, lodgement and reporting with full TrustMark integration (usually costing up to £2000 per year).





# WORKING WITH INDUSTRY EXPERTS

## COURSE CONTENTS AND AUTHORS

**Editorial Director:** Loreana Padron,  
Associate Director & Head of Sustainability,  
ECD Architects

**Course Editor:** Martin Callachan,  
Head of Sustainability, Hillcrest

**Course Reviewer:** Dr Peter Rickaby,  
former Technical Author, PAS 2035



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**Module 1**  
Introduction to Retrofit Designer Course  
*Loreana Padron and Martin Callachan*

**Module 2**  
The PAS 2035 Framework for Retrofit  
*Alan Pither, The Retrofit Academy*

**Module 3**  
Standards, Regulations, Guidance and  
Tools for Retrofit Designers  
*Patrick Osborne, Head of Sustainability,  
ECE Architecture*

**Module 4**  
Building Physics in Retrofit Design:  
Managing Energy Balance, Moisture  
Risks and Thermal Bridging  
*Colin King, Director, UK Centre for  
Moisture in Buildings and Patrick  
Osborne, Head of Sustainability, ECE  
Architecture*

**Module 5**  
Building Services for Designers  
*Bertie Dixon, Director and Xin Jin,  
Principal Engineer, Inside Outside  
Engineering*

**Module 6**  
Principles and Design Strategies for  
Optimising Air Quality and Ventilation  
*Simon Jones, Founder, Air Quality  
Matters*

**Module 7**  
Archotyping and Retrofit in Context  
for Traditional and Non-Traditional  
Construction Types  
*Carlotta Jansen, Associate, ECD  
Architects and Liliya Oblecova, Senior  
Architect, ECD Architects*

**Module 8**  
Large Scale Retrofit: Working with  
Data, Residents and Occupied  
Properties  
*Claire Raftery, Associate Director,  
Matthew Wingrove, Senior Architect,  
Marion Gray, Senior Architect and  
Vimbai Gwata, Senior Architect, ECD  
Architects*

**Module 9**  
Design Process & Strategy: Surveys,  
Energy Efficiency Measures and Case  
Studies  
*Lizzy Westmacott, Associate Director &  
Head of Sustainability, ECD Architects  
and Belen Alemany, Senior Sustainability  
Designer, Levitt Bernstein*

**Module 10**  
Planning Permissions and Retrofits:  
The Fundamentals of the UK Planning  
System  
*Claire Hattam, Principal Planning  
Consultant, Cundall*

**Module 11**  
Retrofitting Buildings of Heritage  
Significance  
*Jonathan Goode, Director, Le Lay  
Architects*

**Module 12**  
Fire Safety in Retrofit: Minimising Fire  
Risks on Retrofitted Buildings  
*Andrew Morrison, Managing Director,  
Keegans*

**Module 13**  
Avoiding Overheating:  
Risk Management Strategies  
*Susie Diamond, Founding Partner,  
Inkling*

**Module 14**  
Design Strategies for Flood Resilience  
*Martin Callachan, Head of  
Sustainability, Hillcrest*

**Module 15**  
Maintenance, Repairs and Handover of  
Retrofits  
*Martin Callachan, Head of  
Sustainability, Hillcrest*

**Module 16**  
Change title to: "Reducing Embodied  
Carbon and the Circular Economy  
Approach to Retrofit Design"  
*Deborah Mooney, Consultant in  
Partnerships, Zero Waste Scotland*



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