

# Fume cupboard testing (half day)

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It is the legal responsibility of employers under the COSHH Regulations ensure that fume cupboards are tested at 14-month intervals. This ensures that at the time of testing, the fume cupboards are safe for their employees and students to use. The employer can designate a laboratory technician or teacher, who is considered competent, to carry out the tests.

CLEAPSS have described the tests in CLEAPSS guide document G9.

The course provides in instruction in how to carry out the

- visual inspection of the fume cupboard, the ducting and stack.
- face velocity measurements,
- noise measurement and,
- for re-circulatory fume cupboards; filter saturation tests

The results of your examination should be reported to the employer, to monitor progress and to address any further specialised work that needs to be carried out.

Your school will need to invest in the right equipment, however we advise buying this **after** attending the course once you have seen the equipment in use. The equipment costs are about £400 for the anemometer, and £450 for the gas testing kit (but this is only needed for testing filtered/re-circulatory fume cupboards).

If you have questions about specific fume cupboards or the details of tests to be carried out you will be able to raise these during the session. It may be useful to bring along photos of your fume cupboard to help with this.

Duration: ½ day, usually 2.5 hours. (start times vary between venues)

For details of the next scheduled course please see our website

