

ERA Course - Coronavirus (COVID-19): update for 2021 ERA course participants

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Update 17/10/2020:

The ERA course scheduled for May 2020 was deferred and successfully held for UK residents only, with appropriate Covid-19 measures in place, in early October 2020. More recently, the number of Covid cases has risen sharply and regional UK restrictions have been put in place. This may last through the winter but it is hoped that by May 2021 the situation, including current restrictions on domestic UK and international travel, will have eased to the point that a course in May 2021 will be both safe and practicable.

A provisional date for the 2021 ERA course has been agreed with the course venue (Cedar Court Hotel) in Harrogate: **17 – 21 May 2021**, contingent on advice and restrictions from the UK government in force at the time. This date may change in response to the Covid-19 situation so please do not book accommodation or travel at this stage; this date is to allow you to put the provisional date in your diary. The date will be confirmed or changed as necessary but we will endeavour to provide as much notice as possible.

Conditions of attendance:

- You are required to observe whatever Covid-19 precautions are suggested by the course organisers or hotel staff. We will endeavour to provide a low-risk environment; this may include social distancing from others, wearing a face covering whilst moving in public areas of the hotel and regular hand sanitising.
- If you display symptoms associated with Covid-19 you must not attend the course.
- If you become symptomatic during the course or if your temperature is over 37.8C you must immediately leave the course and self-isolate at the hotel or elsewhere at your expense.

For overseas course participants:

- If either the UK government or our country's government advises against or prohibits travel to the UK, or requires a period of self-isolation upon arrival in the UK, then we will provide a full refund of your course fee, regardless of notice period, but we are not responsible for your travel or accommodation cancellation costs. You may be offered a place on a future course as an alternative to a refund.
- If you choose to cancel your attendance of the course when there are no such restrictions (i.e. travel between our countries and attending events is still considered safe) and self-isolation following international travel is not required by the UK government, then we would apply the cancellation policy[#] stated on the course application form.

For UK course participants:

- If we decide to cancel the course we will provide a full refund of your course fee, regardless of notice period, but we will not be responsible for your travel or accommodation cancellation costs. You may be offered a place on a future course as an alternative to a refund.

- If you choose to cancel your attendance of the course at a time when travel within the UK and attending an event in Harrogate is still permitted and considered safe then we would apply the cancellation policy[#] stated on the course application form.
- The mode of travel with the lowest risk to you and other course participants is by private car and this is recommended but is not mandatory.

Course participants will be given the earliest possible notice of any decision to cancel or defer the course.

You may wish to consider obtaining suitable travel insurance.

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Summary of cancellation charges (refer to the course application form for full text):

- cancellations received **14 days or less** before the course: 100% of the course fee (no refund);
- cancellations received **2 to 6 weeks** before the course: 50% of the course fee (50% refund);
- cancellations received **more than 6 weeks** before the course: no charge (full refund).