Course on Basic Training for Switchgear (SF6, Medium Voltage, and Vacuum Circuit Breaker - VCB)

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Development	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. Understand the working principles of SF6, VCB, and Medium Voltage Switchgear.
2. Explain the design and construction features of different types of switchgear.
3. Interpret switchgear protection and control diagrams.
4. Master installation, testing, and commissioning procedures for switchgear.
5. Apply diagnostic tools and condition monitoring techniques.
6. Implement switchgear operation best practices and safety standards.
7. Identify and troubleshoot common faults and failures in switchgear systems.
8. Gain practical knowledge in gas handling and environmental compliance (SF6).
9. Analyze case studies in industrial switchgear application.
10. Learn the latest in smart switchgear and IoT integration.
11. Understand regulatory frameworks and international standards (IEC/ANSI).
12. Develop maintenance strategies for long-term reliability.
13. Enhance decision-making skills through risk assessment and mitigation planning.

Target Audience

1. Electrical Engineers
2. Power System Technicians
3. Substation Operators
4. Plant Maintenance Personnel
5. Utility Field Technicians
6. Electrical Safety Inspectors
7. Facility Engineers
8. Engineering Students and Interns

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Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Switchgear Systems

- Overview of electrical switchgear
- Classification: Low, Medium, and High Voltage
- Components and layout of switchgear panels
- Applications in power systems and substations
- Safety standards and protective functions
- **Case Study: Switchgear Layout in a Manufacturing Facility**

Module 2: SF6 Switchgear Technology

- Properties and advantages of SF6 gas
- SF6 circuit breaker construction
- Gas filling, evacuation, and leak detection procedures
- Environmental and safety regulations (GHG compliance)
- Handling and maintenance practices

- **Case Study: SF6 Leakage Incident and Response Protocol**

Module 3: Medium Voltage (MV) Switchgear

- Characteristics of medium voltage systems
- MV switchgear selection criteria
- Protection and metering integration
- Arc fault containment and mitigation
- Commissioning procedures
- **Case Study: MV Switchgear Failure in Power Distribution Network**

Module 4: Vacuum Circuit Breakers (VCB)

- Vacuum arc extinction principle
- VCB design and operation
- Comparison of VCB vs. SF6 switchgear
- Testing and commissioning VCB units
- Application in renewable energy systems
- **Case Study: VCB Integration in Wind Power Plant**

Module 5: Installation, Testing, and Commissioning

- Pre-installation inspection checklist
- Installation best practices
- Primary and secondary testing methods
- Commissioning protocols and documentation
- Troubleshooting techniques
- **Case Study: Commissioning a New Substation with VCBs**

Module 6: Switchgear Diagnostics and Maintenance

- Condition monitoring tools and sensors
- Predictive maintenance scheduling
- Thermographic inspections
- Common failure indicators and mitigation
- Asset lifecycle management
- **Case Study: Preventive Maintenance in a Utility Substation**

Module 7: Switchgear Safety, Compliance, and Risk Management

- Personal protective equipment (PPE) and procedures
- Arc flash hazard analysis
- Lockout/tagout (LOTO) implementation
- Emergency handling procedures
- Compliance with IEC, OSHA, and NFPA standards
- **Case Study: Safety Audit of MV Switchgear Operation**

Module 8: Trends in Smart Switchgear and Digital Integration

- IoT-enabled switchgear systems
- Remote monitoring and SCADA integration
- Cloud-based maintenance management
- Data analytics for failure prediction
- Future trends and innovations
- **Case Study: Implementation of Smart Switchgear in a Smart Grid**

Training Methodology

- Instructor-led interactive sessions
- Hands-on training and live demonstrations
- Problem-solving workshops and simulations
- Case study discussions and group exercises
- Digital tools and multimedia presentations

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500

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