COURSE OVERVIEW
The delegate attending this course will gain a comprehensive appreciation of the architecture and operation of the LTE system including the OFDM based radio interface.

Firstly, a comprehensive helicopter view of LTE is presented in order to provide context for the topics covered as the course progresses. The capabilities and limitation of LTE are examined as well as the overall business implications of LTE deployment (in the light of the evolution of mobile broadband).

The radio interface is based on OFDMA and supports advanced features such as MIMO and interference management. These concepts are explained, as well as related topics such as spectrum usage and deployment. The architecture of release 8 LTE network (SAE) is explained and the functions of each network node, MME S-GW, P-GW, eNB and interfaces X2 and S1 are discussed. The Evolved Packet Core (EPC) concepts and implementation issues are developed to ensure a comprehensive understanding of basic operation, roaming and interworking with 3GPP and non-3GPP systems.

LTE service provision, including voice options and VoLTE, is discussed and used to tie together the capabilities and procedures required of both the radio and core network components. Throughout, typical procedures are used to consolidate overall understanding of LTE.

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN
Attending this course will empower you to develop or be able to:

- Gain a comprehensive understanding of LTE technology and LTE network operations and the impact that LTE deployments have on the operator
- Gain an insight into the OFDMA radio interface, understand its basic operation, benefits and limitations.
- Analyse the network architecture, the functions of the network nodes, the protocols and operation of the system interfaces.
- Determine best strategic approach for LTE implementation, taking into account existing mobile broadband technologies and spectrum issues.
- Focus on the capabilities and requirements of LTE in respect of service delivery.
- Appreciate the different options for voice support in LTE, including CS-Fallback and VoLTE.
- Gain a thorough “big picture” understanding of all elements of LTE and SAE/EPC
- Gain access to the latest research from Informa Telecoms and Media analysts regarding the current status of the LTE market and current deployments.
- Build confidence to make decisions on technology implementation and procurement that are commercially viable, minimise risk, and in line with the strategy and goals of the wider organization.

PROGRAMME MODULES
- LTE Overview
- The Need for LTE & Market Dynamics
- LTE Radio Interface
- Service Architecture Evolution (and the Evolved Packet Core)
- Service Provision in LTE
- 4G—LTE Advanced and Beyond
- Annex: LTE Deployment

COURSE INSTRUCTOR
Having begun his career as a fully qualified Communications Officer and Senior Engineer with Cable and Wireless, Dave McNally now oversees the Telecoms & Tech Academy’s suite of advanced technology programmes which includes 5G, LTE and WiMAX. His huge experience and knowledge, as well as his flexible and dynamic presentation skills means he is also a very capable Programme Director on a range of telecoms management programmes.
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- Direct contact with the trainer through the forum during the period the course is running
- Additional content such as research materials and white papers available to download

WHAT HAPPENS DURING YOUR ONLINE ACADEMY COURSE?

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- **Cost effective** — save on travel expenses, reduce unproductive down time and no crowded airports.
- **Grow as a team** — with multiple licenses your team can access the course and learn together, no matter where they are in the world.
PROGRAMME MODULES

LTE OVERVIEW
- LTE Features and Performance
- LTE Architecture
- LTE Radio Interface
- MIMO
- LTE Services and Voice
- Spectrum for LTE
- Deployment Benefits of LTE
- Cost Factors

THE NEED FOR LTE & MARKET DYNAMICS
- Global Mobile Broadband Market Trends
- Subscriptions
- User Trends
- Technologies
- Challenges
- The Role of LTE
- Drivers & Growth
- Positioning & Success Criteria
- Commitments
- Factors Influencing Revenues
- ARPU Forecasts
- Service Revenues
- Roaming
- How the Industry Sees LTE – Informa Surveys
- Rationale
- Timing
- Services & Apps
- Differentiation & Pricing

LTE RADIO INTERFACE
- Key Concepts & Performance
- Multiple Access in LTE – OFDMA and SC-FDMA
- Organising the Information – Channels, Frames and Physical Mapping
- Performance Improvement
- MIMO and Advanced Antenna Techniques
- Summary

SERVICE ARCHITECTURE EVOLUTION (AND THE EVOLVED PACKET CORE)
- Introduction to SAE and the EPC
- LTE terminology
- Evolution to 3GPP Release 10
- The need for an IMS
- eNB interfaces to the EPC
- Objectives and advantages of the EPS
- EPC architecture and interfaces
- Architecture functionality
- EPS bearers and bearer types
- QoS mechanisms
- S1-flex and pool areas
- Interworking mechanisms
- SAE Security

SERVICE PROVISION IN LTE
- LTE Voice Service Options
- Circuit Switched Fall Back (CSFB)
- VoLTE (Voice over LTE)
- Billing and Charging Mechanisms
- Online and Offline Charging
- PCC (Policy Control & Charging)
- Non-Voice Services and Applications

ANNEX: LTE DEPLOYMENT
- Evolutionary Paths to LTE and LTE Advanced
- Radio Planning Issues
- Spectrum Usage
- Interference
- Conformance

4G – LTE ADVANCED AND BEYOND
- Evolution to 4G
- IMT and 4G
- 4G Technologies LTE Advanced
- 4G Services, Applications and Devices