



1944

9 people from 8 companies meet to establish the London Chain Testers Association.

1946

Growth outside London leads to a name change. We become The Chain Testers Association of GB.

1953

The first Chain Testers Handbook is written and published.



1983

Correspondence courses are offered to members.



1981

The initial Code of Practice for the Safe Use of Lifting Equipment is launched.

1959

The first examination scheme for lifting equipment engineers is developed and rolled out.

1988

We become The Lifting Equipment Engineers Association.



1998

Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations (LOLER) is introduced in Great Britain.

2004

Membership audits are introduced, helping to better support members and raise standards.



2006

LiftEx is launched in Birmingham.



2011

50:50 split on UK and overseas members.



2010

The LEEA Centre of Excellence opens in Huntingdon. A near live environment with industry equipment and state of the art teaching facilities.

2009

The Registration Scheme is introduced for lifting equipment inspectors and overseas instructor led training begins, with the first course held in Singapore.



2008

The Accredited Training Scheme is introduced to help members be sure of delivering high quality training.

2015

LEEA E-Learning Academy is launched, meaning training becomes easier and cheaper to access.



2016

We reach the milestone of 1000 Members.

2018

The LEEA Awards begin, helping to recognise and reward excellence in the industry.

2019

A Parliamentary Reception is hosted by Jonathan Djanogly MP, to mark LEEA's 75th Anniversary.

The Apprenticeship Standard for Lifting Equipment Technicians is created.

Think Lifting is developed, so that members can work with local schools to make young people aware of opportunities within the industry.

75:75 Military Transition project is established. LEEA trains 75 veterans and secures 75 work placements from members.

