

Asbestos Awareness



This is an Awareness Course and is aimed at the worker who needs to know how to identify asbestos and take the initial precautionary measures. A competent learner is not a qualified personnel or worker as the work methodology and procedures need to be approved by the Department of Labour and monitored by an Approved Inspection Authority (AIA). The learner or worker will be able to identify the presence of the hazard - asbestos materials and take the relevant precautionary measures to protect him/her, the public, property and the environment on an **awareness level**. This type of course and a medical are required **prior** to the worker engaging in asbestos abatement removal and clean up. Once your workers are trained your business can apply to Department of Labour (DOL) to become an accredited Asbestos Contractor, should you wish to do so.

Update on Department of Labour (DOL) re asbestos removal

Up until recently asbestos roof removal and removal of gutters and side sheets did not require Asbestos awareness training, only the removal of raw asbestos, lagging, asbestos insulation and asbestos rope required a contractor to be a Registered Asbestos Contractor. The Department of Labour have now stated that all asbestos work, roof removal etc needs to have workers trained in Asbestos Awareness.

Course Outcomes

Learners who attend this course will understand:

- ✓ Identification of the different types of asbestos and the sources of potential asbestos exposure.
- ✓ The potential health hazards of asbestos.
- ✓ What type of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is required.
- ✓ How to apply effective control of asbestos dust at its source.
- ✓ Identifying when asbestos air monitoring is required.
- ✓ Carrying out the procedures for collecting air samples of asbestos dust.
- ✓ The basic control measures applicable to asbestos work including asbestos air monitoring and medical surveillance.
- ✓ The application and approval process re Department of Labour prior to work commencing.
- ✓ The role of the Approved Inspection Authority (AIA)
- ✓ The transport, waste and disposal legislation of asbestos
- ✓ The responsibilities of Employer and Employee

Course design

The course is only 4 hours and does not include a practical session.

Assessment

1. Assessment is done by observation, oral and written questioning during group sessions.
2. The Learner will complete a P.O.E. (Portfolio of Evidence) which will be submitted, assessed and internally moderated before a competency certificate is issued.