

Asbestos awareness

Course handbook



Introduction

Cert-ain Certification Ltd. is a certification body accredited by the relevant regulatory authorities to offer a range of courses and qualifications for operatives working in the building services engineering sector.

The Cert-ain Certification Ltd. qualifications are designed to be user-friendly for both the assessment centres delivering them and the candidates undertaking them. Our aim is to keep things as simple as possible whilst at the same time, maintaining the highest possible quality standards.

Our qualifications are designed to encourage learning and achievement, providing operatives with the appropriate knowledge and skills to help them progress in their chosen career.

Asbestos awareness course

The aim of this handbook is to provide the necessary information for those operatives wishing to undertake the Cert-ain Certification Ltd. asbestos awareness course.

The handbook also aims to provide assessment centres with details of the requirements for delivering the qualifications

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Summary

The course is primarily designed for plumbers, gas engineers and heating installers who need to develop an awareness of the risks relating to asbestos which may be present in the workplace.

The course normally takes one day to complete and those individuals successfully completing the course shall be recognised as being competent against the assessment criteria listed on page 4.

All successful individuals will be issued with a Cert-ain Certification Ltd. certificate of competence.

Eligibility

There are no pre-requisites for those individuals wishing to undertake the course.

Individuals with any disabilities that may affect their ability to successfully complete the qualifications should inform the assessment centre on application. Assessment centres shall consider any reasonable requests for any aids or equipment that are designed to alleviate any disability providing that the required assessment standard is not compromised.

Training

Assessment centres deliver a training programme focussing on the risks relating to asbestos in the workplace and considering a number of key documents that are freely downloadable from the internet. The training programme is designed to help operatives to prepare for the assessment process.

Reference material

The reference material used for the training and the examination:

- HSE – Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012
- HSE ACOP L143 Second edition 2013 - Managing and working with asbestos (contains the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012)
- Managing and working with asbestos HSE a0 – advice on non-licenced work with asbestos
- HSE em1 – what to do if you uncover or damage materials that contain asbestos
- HSE em2 – training
- HSE ACOP HSG264 - Asbestos: The survey guide.

Assessment criteria

Knowledge

1.0	In relation to asbestos types, you will know:
1.1	the most common types of asbestos
1.2	the nature and properties of asbestos
1.3	the materials found in the workplace that may contain asbestos
2.0	In relation to asbestos related diseases, you will know:
2.1	the types of diseases caused by exposure to asbestos
3.0	In relation to the protection of people from contracting asbestos related diseases, you will know and understand:
3.1	how to avoid the risks from asbestos
3.2	the types of control measures
3.3	the methods for protecting people
4.0	In relation to asbestos legislation, you will know and understand the requirements for:
4.1	producing asbestos plans/procedures
4.2	use of personal protective equipment
4.3	'notifiable' and 'licenced' and 'unlicensed' work (Regulation 4)
5.0	In relation to asbestos surveys, you will know:
5.1	the types of asbestos surveys

Assessment

Candidates will be required to successfully complete a written examination that takes approximately an hour to complete.

- The pass rate for the examination is 100%
- If the candidate does not achieve 100% on the first attempt, they will be allowed a second attempt at the questions that they got wrong on the first attempt
- If the candidate does not achieve 100% on the second attempt, providing they have achieved over 80%, they will be orally questioned by the assessor to establish their competence
- Candidates not achieving 80% after the second attempt or 100% after oral questioning will be deemed to be unsuccessful
- Unsuccessful candidates will be required to retake the assessment in its entirety

Assessors

Assessors shall be approved by Cert-ain Certification Ltd. They must be occupationally competent and hold a current related qualification.

Assessors must also hold one of the following assessor qualifications:

- D32 or A1
- Level 3 certificate 'assessing vocationally related achievement' or suitable equivalent

Internal verifiers

Internal verifiers shall be approved by Cert-ain Certification Ltd. They must be occupationally competent and hold or be working towards one of the following internal verifier qualifications:

- D34 or V1
- Level 4 award 'internal quality assurance of assessment processes and practice' or suitable equivalent

Centre approval

All centres delivering the asbestos awareness qualifications are subject to approval and monitoring to ensure that they have the appropriate personnel and facilities in place to deliver a fair and impartial training and assessment process.

The Cert-ain Certification Ltd. external verifier shall carry out quality assurance of the training, assessment and internal verification process. This includes sampling of:

- training and assessment facilities,
- candidate records, and
- assessment recommendations

External Verifiers

External verifiers shall hold or be working towards one of the following qualifications:

- D35 or V2
- Level 4 certificate 'external quality assurance of assessment processes and practices' or suitable equivalent

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