



PROGRAMME INFORMATION

Working at Heights
SAFETY PROGRAMME

PURPOSE

The purpose of this learning programme is to provide immediate treatment or care given to someone suffering from an injury or illness until more advanced care is accessed or they recover.

WHY DO I NEED THIS?

To understand the complexity and risk pertaining to carrying out duties while working at heights.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Responsible learners over the age of eighteen (18) who may work at heights (elevated places).

SCOPE

The qualifying learner will be able to work at heights within the context of their duties in the workplace.

The qualifying learner will be capable of:

- Understanding the origin and effects of vertigo and acrophobia when working at heights;
- Interpreting the prevailing legislature pertaining to working at heights with respect to the use of ladders, fall protection and related equipment;
- Demonstrating the use and application of a range of personal protection equipment;
- Performing baseline risk assessment and take precautionary measures concerning the duties of personnel when working at heights.

In addition, learners will:

- Contribute to the national skills development strategy which is the key developmental interface between Learners and new competencies to be achieved.
- Master the applied competence described in this unit standard and, as a result, will contribute to the development of a professional community of personnel who may work at heights who are able to competently use their good judgement when working at heights.
- Contribute to socio-economic transformation in that learners will be able to undergo RPL-assessment and thereby receive recognition for previous learning and experience to help enhance the employability and career prospects of learners.

APPLICATION

After completing this learning programme, qualifying persons will be able to carry out duties when working at heights in terms of local standards, legislated criteria and best practice.

EXPECTED DELIVERY TIME

Novice Training

One Day. This applies to learners with little to no experience. Such learners must attend full training and complete a learner assignment.

Re-Certification Training

One Day. This applies to learners who are in possession of a Certificate of Competency (COC) that has either expired or is about to expire. Such learners are required to produce a recognised COC as evidence of prior learning in order to be eligible for Re-Certification training (also known as “Refresher Training”).

CERTIFICATION

A Certificate of Competency will be issued to successful Learners. A Certificate of Competency (COC) is valid for a maximum period of two years from date of issue.

ENTRANCE QUALIFICATIONS

It is assumed that learners accessing this unit standard will have demonstrated competence in:

- Communication at NQF Level 1 or equivalent.

It is further assumed that:

- Learners are medically fit (mentally and physically) with the learning ability and potential overcome their fears pertaining to working at heights.
- Learners possess a healthy respect for their own safety, their fellow learners' as well as any other personnel who may be encountered during training. Learners shall each have their own Personal Protective Equipment and stationery when attending training.