



Construction Occupational Health & Safety Requirements

With the start of the New Year (2012) can **YOU** still remember what the Construction Regulations require with regard to OHS appointments?

A gentle reminder follows :

- **Appointment of a Construction Work Supervisor: Construction Regulation 6 (1)** : A competent person must be approved and charged with the duty to supervise the performance of the construction work. This person must be conversant with all relevant statutory provisions and requirements of the OH&S Act.
- **Appointment of Subordinate Construction Work Supervisor: Construction Regulation 6 (2)** : More than one competent person may be appointed to assist the construction work supervisor with his duties. This is normally required on larger projects.
- **Appointment of Construction Health & Safety Officer: Construction Regulation 6 (6)** : Considering the size and the degree of dangers likely to be encountered, appoint a full-time or part-time health and safety officer in writing.
- **Appointment of Hazard Identification & Risk assessments: Construction Regulation 7** : Appoint a competent person in writing as a construction site risk assessor.
- **Appointment of a Fall Protection Supervisor: Construction Regulation 8 (1)**: Appoint a competent person in writing for the preparation of a fall protection plan.
- **Appointment of a Structural Inspector: Construction Regulation 9** : Appoint a competent person to inspect structures.
- **Appointment of Formwork/Support work Supervisor: Construction Regulation 10(a)** : Appoint a competent person to supervise the erection, alteration and dismantling of all formwork/support work on site.
- **Appointment of Excavator: Construction Regulation 11 (1)** : Appoint a competent person to supervise all excavations including all bracing and shoring. This person must be competent to pronounce the safety thereof, at least once before every shift and before commencement of work after rain.
- **Appointment of Demolition Supervisor: Construction Regulation 12(1)** : Appoint a competent person to supervise and control all demolition work on site.
- **Appointment of Tunneling Supervisor: Construction Regulation 13 (MHSA 29/1996)** : Appoint a competent person to supervise work involving tunneling. In addition to the OHS Act, compliance with the Mining Health & Safety Act No. 29 of 1996 is required.
- **Appointment of Scaffold Supervisor: Construction Regulation 14 (2)** : Appoint a competent person to supervise erection, alteration and dismantling of all scaffolding on site.
- **Appointment of Suspended Scaffold Supervisor: Construction Regulation 15 (1)** : Appoint a competent person to supervise erection, alteration and dismantling of all suspended scaffolding on site.
- **Assign Duties to Managers: Construction Regulation 16 (2)**: Responsibility of complying with the OH&S act assigned to other person by the CEO.
- **Appointment of Material Hoist Inspector: Construction Regulation 17 (8)** : Appoint a competent person to inspect the materials hoist daily.
- **Appointment of Material Hoist Operator: Construction Regulation 17 (6)** : Appoint a competent person to operate a materials hoist in writing.
- **Appointment of Batch Plant Operator/Supervisor: Construction Regulation 18 (1)** : Appoint a competent person to operate and supervise the batching plant.

- **Appointment of Explosive Powered Tools Inspector: Construction Regulations 19 (2)(b)** : Appoint a competent person to clean and examine the equipment daily after use.
- **Appoint of Explosive Powered Tools Controller: Construction Regulation 19 (2)(g).**
Appoint a competent person to control the issuing and collection of cartridges and nails.
- **Appointment of Lifting Machines Supervisor: Construction Regulation 20.**
Appoint a competent person to supervise the use, maintenance of cranes, lifting machines and equipment.
- **Appointment of Lifting Machine Operator: Construction Regulation 20.**
Appoint a competent person who has received appropriate training with a valid certificate to operate lifting machinery. Ensure that the operator is physically and psychologically fit to operate the equipment. (Medical Certificates).
- **Appointment of Lifting Gear Inspector: Construction Regulation 20.**
Appoint a competent person to inspect all lifting gear at the intervals specified in terms of Driven machinery Regulation 18.
- **Appointment of Construction Vehicle and Mobile Plant Inspector: Construction Regulations 21 (j)**
Appoint a competent person to inspect all construction vehicles and mobile plant on a daily basis.
- **Appointment of Electrical Installations and Equipment Inspector: Construction Regulations 22 (d).**
Appoint a competent person to inspect all temporary electrical installations and portable electrical equipment on a monthly basis.
- **Appointment of Stacking and Storage Inspector: Construction Regulation 26 (a).**
Appoint a competent person to supervise all stacking and storage on site.
- **Appointment of Fire Equipment Inspector: Construction Regulation 27 (h).**
Appoint a competent person to inspect all site fire equipment.
- **Designation of Health and Safety Representatives: Section 17 (1).**
Where the site has more than 20 employees, appoint at least one health and safety representative. One additional representative will have to be appointed for every 50 employees. These representatives must be nominated by the workforce and appointed in writing for a specified area and period.
- **Appointment of Ladder Inspector: General Safety Regulation 13A**
Appoint a competent person to inspect all ladders on arrival at the site and monthly thereafter.
- **Appointment of Hand Tools Inspector.**
Appoint a competent person to inspect hand tools using a checklist
- **Designation of a Person to Inspect Welding/Flame Cutting Equipment.**
Appoint a competent person to inspect all Welding / Flame cutting equipment.
- **Designation of a person to co-ordinate Emergency Planning.**
Designate a competent person to co-ordinate emergency procedures.
- **Designation of a First Aider: General Safety Regulation 3.**
Where more than 5 employees are employed have at least one first aid box and where more than 10 employees are employed at any workplace, ensure that there is a person who is in possession of a valid certificate of competency in First Aid.
- **Designation of a Person to Control Hazardous Chemical Substances: HCS Reg.**
The Hazardous Chemical Substances Regulation requires that every employer who uses hazardous chemical substances do so in a safe manner. This also includes control and usage of these substances.