



Approval for Delivery of New BOHS Asbestos Qualifications

Dear Training Provider,

We continue to be grateful for the hard work of our Accredited Training Providers over what has been a very challenging period and one of great change.

Over recent months we have all been working to implement changes to the curriculum and materials in the light of HSG248 across the range of asbestos courses.

We are genuinely appreciative of the engagement, hard work and care with which training providers have addressed this.

As we approach the date where we plan to launch new examinations, we are aware that this is likely to place considerable pressure on you to develop materials, submit them and to then respond to any feedback, as a pre-requisite of approval. This, in turn, is likely to place further pressure on your teams.

As part of a review of how we support ATPs and provide a better service and in the light of the challenging circumstances and our confidence in our established training providers, we are changing the approvals process in the hope of relieving some of the pressure on providers and take a risk-based approach to quality assurance of materials.

We also believe that learners will be better served by enabling you to test out materials in the classroom, as well as getting feedback from BOHS specialists.

What's changing?

- Training providers will still need to submit materials that they plan to use to support the delivery of the new syllabus prior to being able to confirm sittings based on the new syllabus.
- However, on confirmation of receipt of materials for a specific course by inspections@bohs.org, training providers can treat this as provisional approval to advertise, book and deliver courses to the new syllabus and confirm examination sittings.
- There is no requirement for further action, other than your own quality assurance and review of course delivery until we contact you with feedback.
- We will then agree with you a timeframe to make any recommended changes to materials.

The period of provisional approval will continue until 1st August 2022, by which time all materials will have been reviewed and revised and feedback from learners, trainers and the BOHS expert team will be collated and conclusions drawn.

The BOHS specialist team will review the materials and feedback on a risk-based approach, focusing on submissions where there is a risk that materials may not prepare learners appropriately for the syllabus. The team will continue to review materials over the period of provisional approval. This means learners, providers and BOHS can have confidence in the quality of delivery, but also have time to ensure that the new materials work in principle and in practice.

We hope that this will be a welcome approach, which is in line with a move within the BOHS qualifications team to make our systems more supportive of our training providers while focusing on managing risk and supporting continual improvement.

We appreciate that you may have been working intensely to meet the initial deadlines. Because of the general quality of the materials we have received, we feel confident that the risk to learners is minimal and therefore your collective efforts to date have enabled us to make this decision.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Kevin Bampton