# Asbestos Awareness for Workers in Construction

#### **Course Information Sheet**

# **About the course**

This non-accredited short course is designed to:

- Equip all workers with the knowledge to recognise different types of asbestos
- Demonstrate how to safely undertake unlicensed asbestos removal operations according to the legislated allowable amounts
- Demonstrate how to safely take a suspect asbestos sample for analysis
- Demonstrate how to safely work on non-friable asbestos containing material (e.g. drilling).

Note: This course does not have a direct relationship to the endorsed national competency standards and therefore does not lead to a License to Remove Asbestos.

## Learning outcomes

You will have gained the skills and knowledge to:

- Review the characteristics and identify the uses of asbestos containing material
- Demonstrate an understanding of the nature of asbestos containing materials (ACM)
- Demonstrate knowledge of the different types of health hazards associated with asbestos
- Plan and prepare for the safe removal of asbestos up to the amount allowable by legislation without a licence
- Follow the OHS Act, asbestos regulations, national codes of practice and relevant industry standards for safe work on asbestos containing materials (e.g. drilling, cutting, painting) and for the safe removal of asbestos permitted without a licence
- Show compliance with organisational policy, quality procedures and processes for the safe removal of nonfriable asbestos
- Select and use relevant plant and personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Decontaminate work areas and dispose of asbestos materials as required by WorkSafe.

# Who should study this course?

For workers involved in the removal of limited quantities of non-friable asbestos containing material permitted to be conducted without a licence and for workers who work on non-friable asbestos containing material, for example, when cutting, drilling or painting.



#### **Master Builders Victoria entry requirements**

It is a Master Builders Victoria requirement for those wishing to undertake the Non-Friable Asbestos Awareness course that they must hold one of the following prior to course commencement.

- CPCCOHS1001A Work safely in the construction industry, or;
- CPCCWHS1001 Prepare to work safely in the construction industry, or;
- CPCWHS1001 Prepare to work safely in the construction industry.

## Safe training protocols

The following hygiene guidelines will be implemented for face-to-face training by Master Builders Victoria to ensure a safe environment for all staff and students-

- Facilities and equipment are regularly cleaned and sanitised.
- All students and staff are requested to practice good hygiene.
- Anyone who is unwell or is required to self-isolate is requested to stay at home and not attend the training.

# What you need to bring to class

You must bring.

• Photo ID

#### Learning support

Master Builders Victoria provides additional support to students who require assistance in completing their course assessments and requirements. A range of support services are available to students who experience literacy, digital literacy and numeracy difficulties.

Master Builders Victoria encourages all individuals with disabilities to apply for training courses in accordance with the requirements of the Equal Opportunity Act (Vic) 2010 and related legislation. Master Builders Victoria further encourages individuals from all social, racial, cultural and educational backgrounds to apply.

#### **Course structure and duration**

The course is delivered face-to-face.

The classes run for 4.5 hours.

Upon successful completion of this course, you will be awarded a Statement of Attendance by The Master Builders Association of Victoria (RTO no 3935).

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#### Assessment

The following assessment methodologies are used singularly or in combination for the assessment of your competence.

- Simulation of non-friable asbestos removal.
- Written questions multiple choice and short answer responses.
- Practical exercises and tasks, problem solving and reporting activities.

You will need to demonstrate the following key competencies in the assessment activities set out above:

- Describe orally and in writing the physical forms in which ACM may commonly be found in the industry and their associated health hazards.
- Describe and monitor compliant practices orally and in writing, with reference to the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004, Asbestos regulations and relevant industry standards.
- Plan, prepare and safely undertake the removal of limited permitted quantities of asbestos and work involving the disturbance of asbestos containing material.
- Inspect, select and use relevant plant and personal protective equipment (PPE) for working safely with asbestos.
- Decontaminate work areas and dispose of asbestos materials as required by WorkSafe

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#### **Master Builders Victoria training policies**

Refer to the following link for a list of Master Builders' training policies: http://www.mbavtraining.com.au/content/policies-and-procedures/

