## **Confined Space and Gas Detection**



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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QUESTION 02

We have confined space trained workers at our company, why can't they just train our own people?

While in-house training can be helpful and is often appropriate for low key tasks, it is always preferable to undertake formal training and, for any activity that involves Confined Space, this is most definitely the case. Formal training is based on criteria that is laid out in the recognised guidance document (AS2865 2009 Confined Spaces). NZQA units, are awarded after all Safety n' Action training and serve as a recognised qualification in the subject. Remember also, if there was a Confined Space incident at your workplace, which led to a formal investigation, there would be a requirement to show records of training and the qualifications of those who delivered it.

QUESTION 04

Can we use our own company paperwork on the course?

It is possible to use company administrative paperwork on a company booked course. This would be more appropriate for a company booking and would have to cover any evidential requirements stated by the NZQA unit standard. This said, the Safety n' Action course paperwork covers all requirements, so any short falls could be bridged with generic training paperwork. Always inform Safety 'n Action in advance if this is the intention.

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QUESTION 01 What if the Covid 19 level changes and I've already booked a course?

We continue to update our T&C as Covid restrictions evolve, see <u>Terms and Conditions Cancellations/</u> <u>Rescheduling</u> for up to date guidance.

## QUESTION 03

## My workers only enter a confined space once or twice a year. Do I still have to train them?

Even if the confined Space tasks at your workplace are infrequent, there is still the responsibility under the Health & Safety at Work Act 2015, to ensure all workers are trained for the work they are required to do. Our primary guidance document, Australian Standard 2865 2009 Confined Spaces, also states that all persons involved with confined Space tasks are trained and assessed as competent and re-assessed at appropriate intervals, with all training competencies recorded.



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