



CIVIL ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION TRAINING

Construction Health and Safety Regulations and Duty Holders

5 day course

Classroom, online or in-house

Course overview

After a serious incident on a construction project, investigators ask who held which legal duty and whether it was discharged, and the inquiry rarely stops at the contractor: clients and designers carry duties too. This course explains the legal framework that assigns them. Delegates study the Construction Regulations 2014 made under South Africa's Occupational Health and Safety Act, covering the obligations of the client, designer, principal contractor and contractor, the construction work permit, the baseline risk assessment, health and safety specifications and files, and the appointment of competent agents. Comparable duty holder arrangements elsewhere in the region, where they exist, and the United Kingdom CDM model are reviewed in outline. Enforcement and liability follow. Delegates leave able to identify their own duties and audit compliance documentation on a project.

What you will learn

- Explain the structure of the Occupational Health and Safety Act and the Construction Regulations 2014
- Identify the legal duties of clients, designers, principal contractors and contractors
- Describe when a construction work permit is required and how it is obtained
- Prepare and review a baseline risk assessment and health and safety specification
- Evaluate a contractor's health and safety plan and file against the specification
- Explain the role and appointment of construction health and safety agents and other competent persons
- Compare South African duty holder requirements with other regional and international regimes
- Audit project documentation for compliance and identify gaps in duty holder records

Who should attend

- Client project managers and property developers
- Architects and design engineers with designer duties
- Principal contractors' construction managers
- Construction health and safety agents and officers
- Public sector infrastructure and facilities managers

Course outline

- 01 The legal framework: OHS Act and Construction Regulations 2014
- 02 Client duties and the construction work permit
- 03 Baseline risk assessment and health and safety specification
- 04 Designer duties
- 05 Principal contractor and contractor duties
- 06 Health and safety plans and files
- 07 Competent persons and agents
- 08 Regional and international duty holder regimes
- 09 Enforcement, liability and compliance audits

Upcoming dates



Dates	Venue	Format	Fee per delegate
19 to 23 October 2026	Online	Online	R8,500
23 to 27 November 2026	Johannesburg, South Africa	Classroom	R19,950
14 to 18 December 2026	Accra, Ghana	Classroom	USD 1,325
11 to 15 January 2027	Pretoria, South Africa	Classroom	R19,950

Fees and how to register

This 5 day course is **R8,500** per delegate online, **R19,950** in the classroom in South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, Lesotho and Eswatini, and **USD 1,325** in the classroom elsewhere in Africa. In-house training is quotation on request. Book 2 or more delegates on this course and save 10%.

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