

Policy: Health and Safety / Induction, Training and Information

Policy Statement

This policy should be read in conjunction with the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015: A Practical Guide for Boards of Trustees and Officers which clearly outlines Health and Safety responsibilities.

Purpose:

To provide new workers with information and training in health and safety, including their responsibilities and rights to a safe and healthy work place. Health and safety is everybody's responsibility. Effective health and safety management requires the involvement of all school workers.

Induction

Workers: all new workers must have a school induction arranged by their principal/relevant school leader. This will include the identification of:

- ◆ risks and hazards within their work area
- ◆ appropriate risk control procedures
- ◆ the link to hazard register include in induction information.
- ◆ relevant school health and safety policy and procedures for reading
- ◆ emergency procedures (sight first aid cabinet, fire alarms and fire fighting equipment, emergency exits)
- ◆ an introduction to the area Health and Safety Representative and those trained in first aid.

The principal/relevant school leader is responsible for ensuring the workers induction checklist is completed.

Health and Safety Training

Compulsory health and safety training for all workers includes:

- ◆ fire drills
- ◆ other training as directed by the principal, necessary to ensure risks associated with specific work are managed in a safe manner.

Optional training available, relevant to specific work areas and/or potential hazards:

- ◆ First Aid (to be approved by principal). All workshop and technical workers should be trained in first aid. Also, coverage can be provided in an area by other full-time workers.
- ◆ Back care/manual handling
- ◆ CPR
- ◆ Defensive Driving
- ◆ Hazardous Substances: Workers who handle chemicals must meet the training requirements of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 (HSNO) and Regulations: this includes chemical safe handling training (2.5 hour course)
- ◆ Approved handler training (4 hour ERMA course).
- ◆ computer health and safety
- ◆ harassment and bullying prevention

Contracted workers

Induction:

The principal/relevant school leader will:

- ◆ provide health and safety induction, as appropriate, including: hazards and controls within their area and scope of work
- ◆ a walk-through of emergency procedures
- ◆ relevant school health and safety policies and procedures

Service, maintenance and construction contractors

The appropriate school leader will ensure that all health and safety requirements and responsibilities are carried out in accordance with the policy on contractor health and safety.

Criteria for Health and Safety Trainers

To ensure our workers and external trainers have appropriate qualifications and experience to teach Health and Safety in their field of expertise. It is the responsibility of the principal to check the following:

- ◆ Qualifications of the trainer
- ◆ Industry Experience
- ◆ Current competency and registrations
- ◆ Person specifications for the role, as described in the position description/profile and expectations for each worker

Monitoring

- ◆ Completion of training is reported and recorded
- ◆ Principal or nominee monitors renewal/refresher needs for First Aid and Fire Warden training

Review and assessment

The effectiveness of information and training programmes will be assessed at the same time as health and safety components of the Annual Plan. The assessment needs to determine whether:

- ◆ Programmes are effective and still appropriate
- ◆ Any updates are required
- ◆ Further topics should be added.

Individual training needs can be reviewed, in consultation with worker, when professional development and job training plans are updated.

Review schedule: **March 2021**

This policy shall be reviewed every two years or more regularly by agreement.

The provisions of this agreement may be varied by the board following consultation with workers.

ADOPTED BY BOARD OF TRUSTEES			
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