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DID YOU KNOW ?

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN IWH CERTIFIED TRAINING VERSUS NON IWH CERTIFIED TRAINING ?

*IWH - Institute for Work at Height Professional Body

IWH CERTIFIED

IWH Certified training is provided by providers who are accredited by the relevant quality assurance body for the specific programmes they deliver and recognised by the IWH Professional Body which ensures additional quality and safety protocol.

Certification is done via a controlled business management system and all uploads to the professional body is validated and quality checked before printing takes place. The professional body keeps record of all learners uploaded via this advanced system to ensure traceability. One can also validate information online via a easy to access link.

The IWH certificates have a unique certificate number as well as a learner registration number. The IWH also has a QR code in order to authenticate the learner detail and training done.

IWH certified training is guaranteed to be accredited training. The IWH Professional Body does not recognise providers without proof of accreditation.

The IWH certified training is guaranteed to be presented by registered facilitators , assessors and moderators quality assured by the professional body to ensure competence to train their subject matter.

IWH certified training is presented by providers who follow a specific education and training quality assurance process, fair assessments and internal moderation.

NON-IWH CERTIFIED

Non - certified training is provided by providers who perhaps have accreditation but is not monitored by a Professional body that continuously ensure the quality as well as the safety protocols within the organisation.

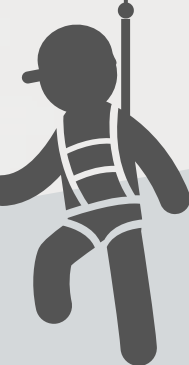
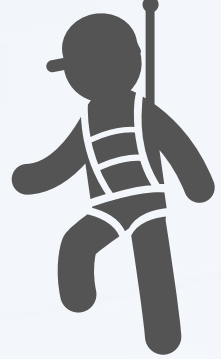
Certification is usually done internally and without proper quality assurance checks. Record keeping of the learner data is a concern, as certification is not done via a controlled and advanced business management system. Validation of learner information is not as secure.

Certification is done internally which does not ensure a unique registration number and also does not contain a QR code which makes the chances for forgery easier.

Non- certified training is not guaranteed to be accredited training as the provider may not be accredited to train the specific programmes they advertise.

Non-certified training can be presented by an individual who might not be a subject matter expert. The credentials and competence of the training staff is not quality assured.

Non-certified training is provided by providers who might not be accredited and is not bound to follow any formal processes such as fair and equal assessment practices and internal moderation.





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WHY SHOULD YOU CHOOSE A TRAINING PROVIDER RECOGNISED BY A PROFESSIONAL BODY?

The IWH Prof Body is the only professional body registered with SAQA (South African Qualifications Authority) for the work at height industry. As part of its scope, recognises suitable, accredited providers to conduct training. What this means, is that the skills development provider recognised by us, will be verified against the following:

- Accreditation status with the relevant SETA (Sector Education Training Authority) or QCTO (Quality Council for Trade and Occupations) for the Qualifications/Unit Standards/ Skills Programmes they can legally train
- Checking that the providers upload all their learner results to the relevant SETA for registration on the NLRD (National Learner Record Database)
- Ensuring that the provider is always acting in good faith and according to the relevant regulations, acts and policies
- Ensuring that the Training Provider registers each and every learner who has successfully completed their training with the IWH Prof Body to allow the learner to receive a 'License to Practice'

Why all the above is important...

We have found many providers who are accredited with one of the SETA's but will train outside their scope, issue competence certificates without the learners results being uploaded to the relevant SETA and also including an expiry date on the certificate. This is wrong and it is illegal according to the new National Qualification Framework Amendment Act, ie 'misrepresented qualification'.

A provider cannot issue a certificate of competence to a learner with an expiry date on the certificate, as a qualification cannot expire. Only the license to practice can expire and a provider does not have the mandate to issue a license to practice – that mandate resides with SAQA recognised professional bodies.

Providers are also not allowed to issue certificates of competence to a learner before the SETA / QCTO has conducted an external moderation and a Statement of Results has been issued by the SETA – before that, the learner can only receive a letter of attendance. We verify that our providers are doing everything practical and reasonable wrt their accreditation status and we also conduct our own external moderation/audit on their training before we issue a license to practice to any competent candidate. **(Official letter issued by the IWH Professional Body)**

