

Submission regarding Work Health and Safety (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Bill 2011 and Work Health and Safety Bill 2011

Training in occupational health and safety is always an important issue. At this time of transition to new arrangements the availability of courses is vital. Unfortunately the availability of accredited courses has been reduced by 26% since restrictive changes were introduced by the Safety Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission in 2010. In order to facilitate transition and ensure the availability of training courses, a transition enabling the continuance of courses accredited under the 2006/2007 guidelines should be provided along the following lines or to the following effect:

For instance:

Schedule 2, Part 4, 10(3): "Training courses that gained approved under the 2006/2007 Safety Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission Guidelines for the Accreditation of Occupational Health and Safety training courses for Health and Safety Representatives will continue to be accredited in parallel with those accredited under the 2010 guidelines, and later guidelines as amended, for a period of three years from the passing of this Bill and to a date three years after the commencement of the Work Health and Safety Act."

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