

INTRODUCTION

ASW Scaffolding is committed to providing training and development for all employees. The aims of this Policy are:

- a) To ensure all employees have the necessary skills & competence to perform their duties
- b) To optimise personal performance and continuous development
- c) To contribute to the development of ASW Scaffolding.

ASW Scaffolding supports and provides a wide range of training and development activities for all employees as part of its on-going development and business plan. Through training and development all employees will be provided with the opportunity to gain the skills, knowledge and experience to enable them to build their roles, and to seek promotion within ASW Scaffolding.

INDUCTION TRAINING

Induction training shall be given to all new employees to ensure there is no misunderstanding with regards to lines of communication, responsibility and authority.

- To ensure established procedures are followed in both offices and on site with regard to professional and technical work, managing of contracts and commercial procedures, health, safety, quality and environmental procedures.
- To introduce staff to the requirements, company policies and management systems.
 - Induction training shall be organised by the line manager and recorded on personal/training records
- Copies of all induction training related documentation must be kept by the Operations/Contracts Manager for checking and adding to the system.
- Additional Inductions to be completed as required. i.e. Rail Induction, site specific project

TRAINING

On appointment all their operatives will be assessed by the charge hands. Copies of current certificates of competence will be obtained and verified by the Contracts Manager/Operations Manager and verified with CITB/CISRS. Any additional company requirements agreed by the HR Dept. will then be recorded.

Operatives will complete the following:

1. Mandatory Training
 - Aside from induction, all operatives shall receive training in H&S Awareness, Manual Handling, Fire Safety, Yard Safety.
 - In addition to the above, all Supervisors/Charge Hand shall complete training in Supervisors Safety Training Scheme (SSSTS).
2. Vocational Training
 - CPCS / NVQ in varying site skills, as required to fulfill a particular job role. Scaffolders labourers to hold the CISRS Labourers Card, Trainee Scaffolders to hold the Part 1 (RED) card, Scaffolders/charge hands to hold Part 2 (blue card) or GNVQ Level 3 Advanced Card (Gold Card).

CONTRACT SPECIFIC TRAINING

Specific training courses that may be required to satisfy particular contracts or working environments requirements shall be identified and actioned by Line Managers and agreed with the HR Dept / H&S Dept. as needed.

STAFF TRAINING

Company Director/Operational-Contracts Manager will consult with their Senior Staff/Charge hands on an annual basis and assess the general training needs of their staff. A record will be made and passed to the HR Dept. for record / action as may be agreed.

Company Director will be responsible for ensuring that there is an annual review of identified Divisional training requirements with the HR Dept. and responsible Directors / Managers to confirm that needed actions have been taken.

Individual staff who need personal professional / technical training will agree these with the Company Director.

When newly appointed, staff qualifications and current training status will be confirmed upon joining the Company and records passed to the HR dept., and the records logged accordingly.

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TRAINING REQUESTS

All training requests shall be managed via the Contracts Manager/Operational Manager. These must be authorised by the Company Director and passed for booking.

Company Director will ensure that requirements are met as soon as possible.

EXTERNAL TRAINING PROVIDERS

All external training providers used to meet the requirements of this policy and external bodies, shall be subject to the Approved Supplier Process and shall be able to demonstrate their competence to deliver the training and have the necessary insurances.

TRAINING REVIEW

Training requirements for existing operatives will be reviewed on a minimum annual basis and, upon change of duties, a record will be made.

Additional training requirements and performance of operatives will be reviewed during Manager's site visits and also during audits carried out by the Health and Safety Department.

Training is also to be reviewed after any accident / incident investigations.

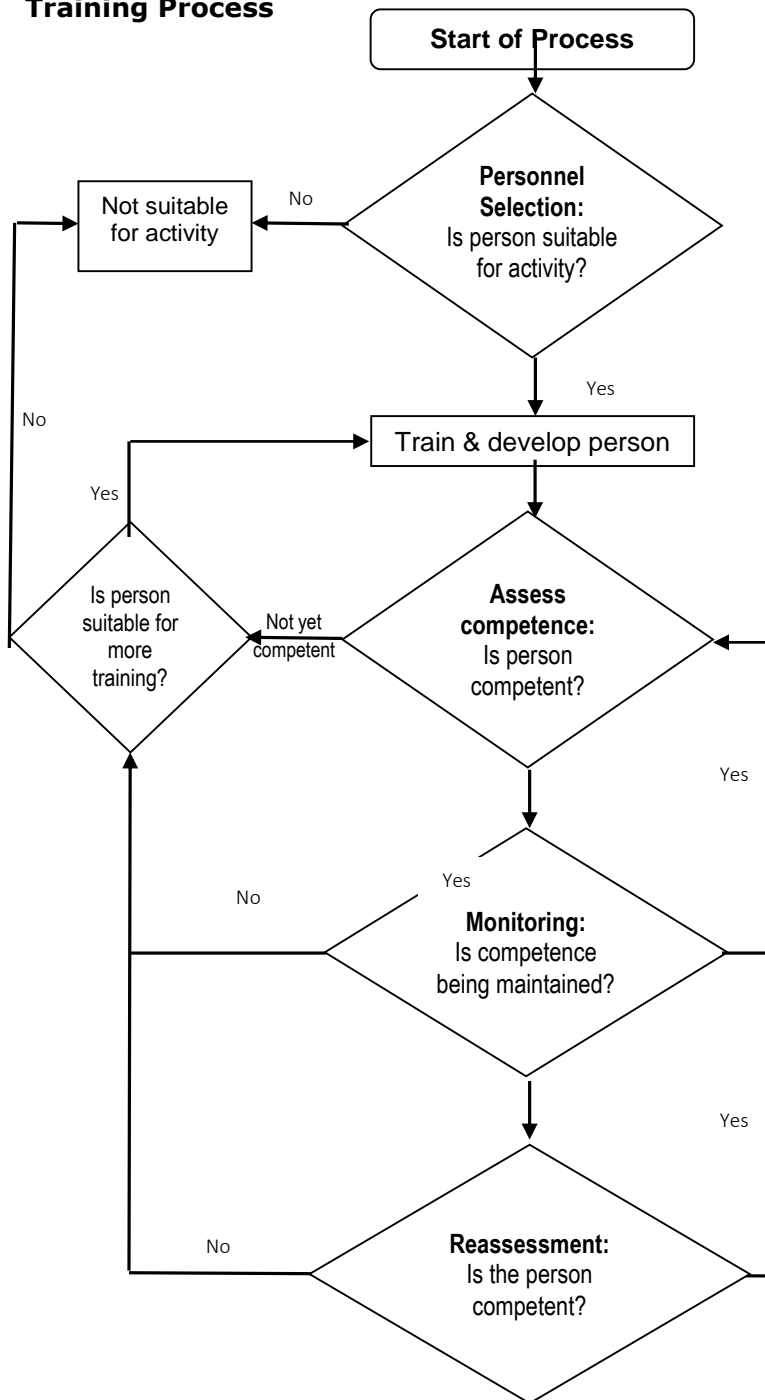
RECORDS

Completed training events will be notified to the Company Director (with certificates when issued, and details of any costs) and these will be entered onto a data base, which will have controlled access.

The Company Director will maintain a Competency Matrix to facilitate the planning of projects.

Staff and Operative Training Records shall be kept on a data base and copied to suppliers when required.

Training Process



Staff should be selected and recruited using suitable selection standards and methods.

The process should identify the relevant experience, skills and knowledge and personal attributes required to complete the work activities. This includes regulatory and industry standards, client requirements and results of risk assessment.

Certain activities require a standard of medical fitness to be achieved and maintained

Training & assessment shall be carried out to recognised standards.

Line Managers shall determine what further development and mentoring needs to take place before a person is authorised for working with minimum supervision

Those who have been assessed as competent will be monitored to ensure that their competence is being maintained.

This will be achieved via unannounced audit & inspection and observation of workplace operations as part of day-to-day supervision, during accident investigation & reviews, past work performance and working relationships and

The staff who continue to be competent will be periodically reassessed, again, against recognised standards. This includes personal appraisals, the completion of refresher training and logbook entries.

Competences shall be withdrawn where:

- The individual's performance has shown to be substandard,
- Where changes in equipment or procedure are identified
- The competence validity has expired
- Lack of opportunity to practice the competence
- Personal reasons
- Behavioral
- Changes in health & fitness

Signed
Carl Hendy - DIRECTOR

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