

SMSTS Training Course Information

With the new Construction (Design & Management) Regulations 2015 (CDM) that came into effect in April 2015, it requires that all employers of construction workers ensure that they are competent in a range of health and safety issues, so receiving training on a regular basis is going to be essential.

The SMSTS scheme helps site managers and supervisors to:

- Demonstrate their skills to contractors and clients.
- Run a safer and more efficient site.
- Identify and avoid potential hazards on site.
- Prepare method statements, risk assessments and other statutory requirements of the Health and Safety at Work Act.

Other benefits include:

- Flexibility for training providers to adapt the course content to suit candidate's needs.
- Qualifying for Construction Skills Grant - under the short course section of the Construction Skills grant scheme.

SMSTS is a five day course that can be taken on a 1 day a week attendance or as a 5 day block attendance. It trains each individual in the essential points of Health and Safety and shows them how to measure Health and Safety performance on their own site. The interactive method of delivery of the course allows for discussion of the subject areas together with the development of risk assessments, methods statements and health and safety plans for construction activities. At the end of the course, each individual has to pass a multiple choice test which qualifies them for the Construction Site Managers Safety Certificate.

The certificate expires every five years.

After this period runs out, certificate holders have to sit a two day refresher course to renew their qualification for a further five years.

The refresher course brings them up to date and improves awareness with recent developments in construction, legislation and health, safety, welfare and environmental issues and helps site managers face the responsibilities imposed on them by new legislations and working practices.

Construction Skills Grants

Construction Skills grants are available to employers for a candidate's attendance on the SMSTS course and for achieving the Construction Site Manager's Safety Certificate. To be eligible for a Construction Skills Grant the employer must be in-scope to, and registered with, Construction Skills.

Recognition by other organisations

Successful completion of the Scheme, confirmed by the award of the Construction Site Manager's Safety Certificate, is also recognised by the following professional organisations.

- The Chartered Institute of Building,
Have now made it compulsory that candidates undertaking the Site Management Education and Training Scheme must achieve the Construction Site Manager's Safety Certificate.
- The Institute of Civil Engineers,
Recognises the Scheme in the Technical and Professional categories of the Professional Review.
- The Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH),
Recognises the Scheme under its Continuing Professional Development programme.