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Q4. This submission is written on behalf of an:

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Q9. Would you like to complete the submission online or upload a document?

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Q10. Do you have a clear understanding of the definitions of a competent person for asbestos-related tasks? How could any misunderstandings be addressed or clarified?

Yes, a competent person needs to have some experience. Having a degree doesn't make someone competent, particularly in regards to risk assessment, there are plenty of people with drivers licences that do not know how to drive.... a competent person should be someone with more than 12 months experience. Putting air monitors on and off isn't experienced...

Q11. Do you see a benefit in aligning the training, qualification and experience requirements of competent persons, licensed asbestos assessors and asbestos removal supervisors for asbestos-related tasks? If so, what do you think the training, qualification and experience requirements should be? Please provide information and reasons to support your response.

Yes, as an LAA and formerly a Principal Consultant for a company that primarily worked in asbestos with a NATA accredited asbestos Lab, I invested a lot in my operatives, everyone was an LAA when I left, now I'm on the removal side of things I see there are major discrepancies between the LAA and the removal component, firstly the as far as practicable and how it's applied, primarily I have now being on the removal side of things seen consultants say I'm not going to run clearance air monitors cause I won't get anything but I want you to grind ceilings and walls... for nothing but at the end to encapsulate again, knowing it would extend the life of the project for 2 weeks... porous materials are porous materials they can never be fully cleared without structural implications.... LAA's should be required to undertake all the CPCCBC courses... which themselves need to be improved

Q12. Are there any other issues regarding the definition and requirements of competent persons for asbestos-related tasks that should be considered? Please provide information and reasons to support your response.

An LAA or competent person shouldn't just be able to have a piece of paper and go yes I'm competent, pay the money and get a license or be deemed competent. It shouldn't be any different for an LAA or someone who is applying for a Class A Removal License, they should have 3 years proven experience, or at least show competency through training and literal work.

Q13. Is there any other additional feedback you would like to provide?

As an individual who was a Principal Consultant, holds degrees in environmental biology and anthropology, who is a/was a licensed asbestos assessor [REDACTED], the CCPC training courses need to be dramatically improved and removalists should have their own internal training courses (ours is approx 40 hours/ 5 days) you shouldn't be able to do a 1 day course then be able to go Remove friable limpet asbestos.

Q14. Please upload your submission document or any supporting information to your submission here (optional)

not answered

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