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Q4. This submission is written on behalf of an: Organisation

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Q8. Publication of submission (select one) Publish my submission online anonymously

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

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?

The first two rows are not overly clear no.

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.

Formal training should be required, and clarify as to what training, for the first two rows. Several indicators should be met before a person is deemed competent to identify asbestos products, let alone remove (even when under 10m2). I believe formal training (ie asbestos awareness course or better equivalent, included with X years of industry experience) Identification of asbestos is one of the MOST important steps and if overlooked, can result in a variety of health and environmental issues.

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.

With the above in mind, asbestos awareness courses need better regulation or a unit of competency referred to as there are many available courses and with no regulation around this training, and how it is delivered etc, this can be an issue. current the SA COP states (regarding less than 10m2): "You must ensure workers carrying out asbestos removal work are trained in the identification and safe handling of asbestos prior to carrying out asbestos removal work where a licence is not required. An asbestos awareness course or the non-friable removal unit of competency would be considered appropriate training." There is a large training gap between these two courses, with one being offered online for \$50 and 1hr training!

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

not answered

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

not answered

Q15. Terms and conditions

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