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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, however competence (training and experience) varies greatly between consultants and the quality of the current surveys and reports vary greatly too. Some asbestos register and management plans do not even meet the requirements laid out in the regulations, not to mention not identifying obvious asbestos in the surveys. It would be good to have a BOHS similar "proficiency" type verification of competency or even a Licence to perform inspections which can be an expansion of the Assessors Licence.

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.

Asbestos Removal Supervisors roles are very different to that of the ICP or assessor. However for all clearance inspections, it would be prudent to have the same demonstrable experience and qualifications, but more experience required for friable clearances. The UK's BOHS P402-P404 certificates should be considered as evidence of competency too, as they specifically relate to asbestos surveys and clearance inspections.

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.

The word "Independent" is often discussed, whether this means that purely this means that the assessor must be engaged by/and paid by the Principle Contractor or person in control of the workplace. Others mean this independence purely means an independent company and it doesn't matter if the LARC is paying the assessor. If this is the latter is only intended meaning of this word, then it's suggested to change this to "independently engaged" assessor. This would clear up any doubt surrounding this topic.

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

not answered

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