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# Introduction to Construction Health and Safety



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## Programme Overview & Objectives:

There has been increasing emphasis by the Department of Labour on improving the overall health and safety performance of the construction industry in South Africa to acceptable levels comparable with those of countries such as Sweden, Australia and the United Kingdom. This emphasis has led to the recent revision of the Construction Regulations 2014 and registration of construction H&S practitioners with the South African Council for the Project and Construction Management Professions (SACPCMP). The national construction H&S improvement initiative is dependent on suitably and adequately trained H&S practitioners driving H&S within their spheres of influence in the industry. There are limited construction H&S training courses and qualifications available in South Africa to ensure this outcome. This particular short course addresses this shortage in the KZN province.

The course will provide participants with a well-rounded, broad educational experience that will equip them with the knowledge base, competences and skills, underpinned by the theories, methodologies and principles essential to the effective management of construction health and safety on construction projects (both private and public).

## How you will benefit. You will learn to:

- Manage construction health and safety through understanding the legal requirements for construction health and safety at work
- Implement health and safety management systems
- Identify workplace hazards
- Apply methods of hazard control and practical application of knowledge and understanding
- Understand the principles and procedures of effective construction risk assessment, hazard identification and risk mitigation and effective construction health and safety management
- Apply, analyse and evaluate the principles and procedures of effective construction risk assessment, hazard identification and risk mitigation and effective construction health and safety management

## Key focus areas:

- Legal principles
- Responsibilities of construction process stakeholders
- Culture and leadership
- Managing construction health and safety
- Health hazards including HIV and AIDS
- Safety hazards
- Hazard identification, risk assessment and mitigation
- Construction health and safety management systems

## Who should attend:

- Anyone from the construction industry who will either already be working in the construction H&S field or interested in working in that field.
- Matriculants or school leavers desiring an intensive introduction to construction H&S for purposes of increasing their employability. This course will be their first formal academic exposure to construction health and safety.

## Facilitators include:



### Professor Theo Haupt

Professor Haupt has been involved in health and safety (H&S) practice and research for several years with a PhD from the United States focusing on alternative approaches to the management of H&S on construction sites. He has published extensively and delivered several papers on the subject in national and international journals and conferences. He regularly reviews papers on H&S and construction industry development issues for a range of internationally acclaimed journals and serves on several editorial boards.

Professor Haupt has co-authored chapters on H&S in a number of books. He is heavily involved in the International Council for Research and Innovation in Building and Construction (CIB) Work Commission W99 (Safety and Health in Construction). Given his interest in the “people” aspects of construction, his primary recent research interest includes many aspects of construction worker safety and health with particular emphasis on the performance approach to safety management, workers’ compensation premium fraud, accident causation, safety and health interventions, impacts of diseases such as tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS on construction workers, and the plight of aging construction workers. His recent focus is on the cost implication of the present OH&S legislative and regulatory framework in South Africa. He has served on the Advisory Council for Occupational Health and Safety of the Minister of Labour.

## Entrance requirements:

Minimum qualification of matric or NQF 4 equivalent

## Programme fee:

The programme fee of R18 000 (incl. VAT) covers tuition, instruction material, lunches and refreshments

## Duration:

12 days (6 hours/day)  
(6 Consecutive Fridays and Saturdays)

## Dates:

For updated course dates, please contact us or see our website: [www.ukznextendedlearning.com](http://www.ukznextendedlearning.com)

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