

## RIIWHS204E Work safely at heights Course Information

### Objective

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to to work safely at heights and prepares the student for identifying work requirements, procedures and instructions; accessing, inspecting and installing equipment and safety systems; performing work at heights; and clearing the work area and maintaining equipment at the conclusion of tasks.

This is a nationally recognised training course and successful completion will lead to the issuance of a Statement of Attainment in RIIWHS204E

This unit replaces RIIWHS204D.

### Who should attend

This course is suitable for individuals working on operational roles where they are required to perform work at heights. It is suitable for people who have never worn a harness and are now required to work at heights, or as a refresher for people who have experience using a harness and lanyard.

### Pre requisites

There are no pre-requisites units required for enrolment in this course.  
Candidates must be 18 or over at commencement of this course.

### Licensing/Regulatory information

There are no licensing requirements at the time of writing.

### Language, literacy and numeracy (LLN) requirements

Successful completion of this course requires learners to have basic levels of language, literacy and numeracy (LLN) ability. Specifically, learners are required to possess the following foundation skills:

- **Learning** skills to access, understand and apply workplace procedures and safe work practices including duty of care, task requirements, hazard identification and control; correct harness and PPE selection, inspection, installation and dismantling of equipment and safety systems; and performing work at heights in compliance with height safety systems.
- **Language** skills to use and interpret vocabulary specific to working at heights and to communicate effectively with others.
- **Literacy** (reading) skills to interpret and apply documentation such as technical specifications, Australian Standards, legislative and regulatory requirements, operating manuals and manufacturer's specifications; workplace and emergency procedures; and workplace signage and labels such as data plates, scaffold tags and out of service tags.
- **Literacy** (written) skills to accurately record and maintain information relating to working at heights such as recording hazards and controls and completing simple check sheets, log books and out of service tags.
- **Numeracy** skills to calculate fall distances.

Samples of the course LLN requirements are available from our Administration team.

**Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)**

RPL is available for this unit. For more information contact our Administration team regarding eligibility.

**Estimated duration**

1 day of approx. 8 hours (maximum of 10 learners)

**Expected mode of delivery**

This course is conducted via face-to-face workshop in an on-the-job or off-the-job controlled training environment. Learners participate in class room based theory presentation and discussion, learning and assessment before undertaking practice opportunities followed by practical assessments. All theory and practical learning and assessment activities are completed within the workshops. There is no pre-reading, external course work or work placements required. Candidates are provided with a comprehensive Learner Guide for reading and note taking.

**Assessment**

Learners complete the following assessment activities:

- Theory knowledge assessment (written/oral)
- Performance of 2 practical task based scenarios, which include:
  - Identification of hazards and work requirements
  - Inspection of equipment
  - Fitting of equipment
  - Attaching to a suitable anchorage point
  - Performing work at heights
  - Clearing the work area.

For further information on the assessment requirements please contact our Administration team.

**Funding**

You may be eligible to claim up to 80% of your course cost through the Building & Construction Industry Training Fund (BCITF). To find out if you are eligible please call BCITF on 9244 0100 or ask our staff.

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**Course content**

The following is a summary of the course content. If you require further detail please contact our Administration team.

- Key legislation required to work safely at heights
- Key policies, procedures and documentation required to work safely at heights, including:
  - Statutory and regulatory authority requirements
- Principles and techniques for work safely at heights, including:
  - Heights safety systems
  - Safe work methods
- Principles and techniques for identifying names and functions of equipment, components and materials
- Principles and techniques for complying with equipment manufacturer instructions and specifications
- Safe shifting and handling of tools and materials
- Principles and techniques for identifying relevant hazards and emergencies

**Frequently asked questions**

*Q. Can I do this course in my workplace?*

A. On-site training and assessment must be organised through a workplace supervisor to ensure that all the required materials and a suitable working area is made available to suit the assessment and workplace. All assessment will be conducted under standard and authorised work practices, time lines, safety requirements and environmental constraints.

Should you require more information or have any further questions please contact our Administration team on 9726 0812.