Smart Awards Level 2 SA001A Overhead Safety Awareness

SPECIFICATION

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Introduction

This qualification provides learners with the knowledge and skills of the hazards and potential risks involved in working safely on ladders and wooden poles in a telecommunications environment. It also helps learners' awareness of compliance with health and safety legislation.

The qualification tests learners' knowledge, skills and understanding of dangers associated with these works and the safety precautions required while working on ladders and wooden poles.

This qualification ensures that individuals working on ladders and wooden poles are appropriately trained and assessed for safety and competence. This qualification is aimed at those working on ladders and wooden poles in a telecommunications environment. This qualification does not cover rooftop working. This qualification covers ladder safety; pole checking and climbing, and joint user poles.

Key Information	
Name	Smart Awards Level 2 SA001A Overhead Safety Awareness
Accreditation	This qualification is approved by: • Industry qualification SA001A
Level	2
Duration	1 day
Guided Learning Hours (Ofqual)	
Time/Notional Learning Hours (SQA Accreditation)	
Ofqual Total Qualification	
RQF - Ofqual Credit -Credit value represents the size of a unit which is determined by the learning time. One credit = 10 hours of notional learning.	
Age	16 Plus
Qualification Type	Vocationally Related Qualification
Smart Awards Product Area	Safety Qualifications
Sector Subject Area	6.1 – Digital technology (practitioners)
Certification	This qualification is valid for a period of three (3) years from the date of certificate issue. To remain compliant and eligible to work on telecommunications networks, individuals must renew their qualification before the expiry date.
Network Operative Passport Scheme (NOPS)	This qualification is fully aligned with the requirements of the Network Operative Passport Scheme (NOPS). Successful completion of this

	qualification is recorded within the NOPS system, ensuring operatives are visible and verifiable to employers and site access systems across the industry.
Prerequisites and Entry Requirements	There are no formal entry requirements and Smart Awards will not restrict access on the grounds of prior academic attainment, employment, geographic location, or any other grounds. There are no barriers that restrict access or progression, thereby promoting equality.
Mandatory units and optional routes to completion.	Learners must complete the Overhead Safety Awareness unit in full to achieve this qualification. No optional units or routes are available.
Additional requirements to achieve this qualification.	None
Methods of Assessment	This qualification will be assessed through a theory test. The aim of the assessment is to ensure successful learners have adequate knowledge and understanding of working overhead in a telecommunications environment. Assessment guidance, assessor requirements and additional qualification documentation is supplied to approved Smart Awards centres via Quartz.
Theory test	Learners are required to pass a 25-question multiple-choice test, with questions randomly selected from a secure question bank to ensure comprehensive coverage of all assessment criteria. The test is timed, and learners will have 30 minutes to complete it. All multiple-choice tests are conducted online via the Smart Awards online assessment platform.
Practical assessment	N/A
Grading	Learners will be graded on an achievement or non-achievement basis. The final grade will be determined by the theory test results Theory – • 25 questions • Learners will have 30 minutes to complete the theory test. To achieve a pass, 80% or more is required
Reasonable adjustments and special considerations	Smart Awards approved centres that have learners with specific requirements should refer to the Smart Awards Reasonable Adjustments and Special Considerations Policy and Procedure. This document outlines the support available to ensure fair access to assessments. It can be found on the Smart Awards website at www.smartawards.co.uk
Recognition of Prior Learning	Smart Awards is committed to supporting Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and has established a dedicated policy and set of procedures to guide and assist approved centres in its implementation. The full policy is available on the Smart Awards website at www.smartawards.co.uk
Required resources and site requirements for delivering this Qualification	To ensure a safe and effective learning and assessment environment, the following site requirements must be met for the delivery of the SA001A Overhead Safety Awareness qualification:

	Classroom Equipment • Projector • Speakers • PC/laptop • PowerPoint slides (Assessor to use) • Whiteboard or flipchart easel, chart paper, marker pens

Qualification Structure

The Level 2 Overhead Safety Awareness qualification consists of one mandatory unit, which learners must complete to achieve the qualification. Attainment at Level 2 demonstrates the learner's ability to apply relevant knowledge, skills, and procedures to carry out clearly defined tasks and resolve straightforward problems with appropriate direction or supervision.

SMART AWARDS LEVEL 2 in SA001A OVERHEAD SAFETY AWARENESS								
Minimum TQT for this pathway =8 Minimum number of credits = 1 Minimum number of units = 1				Minimum number of GLH = 7.5 Minimum number of assessment time = 0.5 Other learning time = 0				
Unit Number	Unit title	Level	M/O	GLH	ASS	OTHER LEARNING	TQT	CREDITS
	Overhead Safety Awareness	2	M	7.5	0.5	0	8	1

Learner Support and Assessment Conditions

Learners will have access to support throughout the training period via their trainer. Trainers are responsible for ensuring that each learner is adequately prepared and competent before presenting them for assessment.

No support or assistance may be given to the learner during theory assessment, to maintain the integrity and validity of the qualification.

Qualification objectives and requirements

This qualification confirms that the learner has demonstrated the required knowledge and awareness of working safely in the telecommunications overhead network. To successfully obtain this qualification, the learners will need to demonstrate the knowledge requirements set out in the learning outcomes and assessment criteria.

Unit Reference	
Learning outcomes	Assessment criteria
The learner will:	The learner can:
1. Know relevant health and safety legislation and industry good practice	1.1. Outline the key health and safety legislation and industry good practice. 1.2. Outline the key health and safety regulations that need to be observed when working at height. 1.3. Describe how to use and maintain tools, equipment, and personal protective equipment. 1.4. Outline the emergency planning procedures relevant to the work area.

Unit Reference	
Learning outcomes	Assessment criteria
The learner will:	The learner can:
2. Know how to access a pole and work against a solid structure using a ladder	2.1. Describe different methods used to safely access a pole. 2.2. Describe different positioning techniques. 2.3. Describe how to ensure that access equipment and systems are in safe working order. 2.4. Describe how to work safely on ladders and step ladders. 2.5. Describe how to erect and guard a ladder. 2.6. Outline how to secure a ladder against a solid structure. 2.7. Outline how to correctly check that the ladder is stable and is safe for working on. 2.8. Outline how to secure a ladder with a knot. 2.9. Describe how to raise tools to the working position and adopt a safe drilling position on a ladder. 2.10. Describe how to turn on a pole & how to overcome obstacles
3. Know how to carry out pole checking	3.1. Identify pole markings and sterile poles. 3.2. Outline pre-works checks. 3.3. Describe the pole test process & low wire procedure. 3.4. Outline safe climb zones.
4. Know how to work safely on joint user poles	4.1. Outline how to recognise low and high-voltage poles. 4.2. State how to access joint user poles. 4.3. Describe how to work safely on joint user poles.