



Smart Awards Level 2 SA003 – Safe Use and Fitting of Respiratory Equipment SPECIFICATION



Introduction

This qualification covers 1 (one) module:
Safe Use and Fitting of Respiratory Equipment

This qualification will give learners a general overview of their own and employers legal obligations to protect all personnel against identified respirable dust that may be created during their works. Learners will gain the knowledge and understanding of the types of dust they could be exposed to, the hazards from these, the health consequences of being exposed to the dust and the correct selection and type of RPE/PPE to prevent individuals being exposed to harmful dust.

The course also ensures that learners are qualitative fit tested to establish the mask to be worn is offering suitable and sufficient factor protection.

A pass from the theory and practical test must be obtained to achieve this qualification. Successful learners will be presented with a qualification certificate and a qualitative face fit certificate that will specifically indicate the mask the learner achieved their pass.

Key Information	
Name	Smart Awards Level 2 SA003 Safe Use and Fitting of Respiratory Equipment
Accreditation	This qualification is approved by: • Industry qualification SA003
Level	2
Duration	1 day
Guided Learning Hours	6
Total Qualification Time	9
Credit	1
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. It is expected however that learners will have a level of literacy adequate to cope with both the theory and practical assessments. Please Note: Learners must be clean shaven for the practical face fit test only.
Mandatory units and optional routes to completion.	Learners must complete the Safe Use and Fitting of Respiratory Equipment 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 practical and theory test. The aim of the assessment is to ensure successful learners have adequate knowledge and understanding of Safe Use and Fitting of Respiratory Equipment. 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 20-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	During the practical assessment, the learner will have 30 minutes to demonstrate competency of Safe Use and Fitting of Respiratory Equipment.
Grading	Learners will be graded (Fail or Pass) on an achievement or non-achievement basis. The final grade will be determined by collective performance in the two assessment tools (theory and practical). Learners are required to achieve both the theory and practical assessments to achieve the qualification. • Theory - To achieve a pass, 80% or more is required. • Practical - If one major fault is given the learner will automatically fail. • Learners must receive fewer than two minor faults to pass the practical assessment. If there are major health and safety failures due to learners' actions or understanding, the assessment MUST be stopped. The learner should be

	taken to a suitable area to be explained the reason for stopping the assessment and that his assessment is deemed as failed. Guidance on the major failures that should result in stopping the assessment is provided in the practical assessment.
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 SA003 Safe Use and Fitting of Respiratory Equipment: • The assessment area must be safe with approved risk-assessed control measures implemented. • The assessment area must be in a dry location and away from any distractions. • The assessment must be conducted away from food and beverage preparation areas

Qualification Structure

The Level 2 Safe Use and Fitting of Respiratory Equipment 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 SA003 Safe Use and Fitting of Respiratory Equipment								
Minimum TQT for this pathway = 9			Minimum number of GLH = 6					
Minimum number of credits = 1			Minimum number of assessment time = 1					
Minimum number of units = 1			Other learning time = 2					
Unit Number	Unit title	Level	M/O	GLH	ASS	OTHER LEARNING	TQT	CREDITS
	Safe Use and Fitting of Respiratory Equipment	2	M	6	1	2	9	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 either the theory or practical assessments, to maintain the integrity and validity of the qualification.

Qualification objectives and requirements

This qualification confirms that the learner has demonstrated the required competence of Safe Use and Fitting of Respiratory Equipment. To successfully obtain this qualification, the learners will need to demonstrate the knowledge and ability requirements set out in the learning outcomes and assessment criteria.

Unit Reference	
Learning outcomes	Assessment criteria
The learner will:	The learner can:
1. Know legislation requirements for respiratory dust environments for employees and the employer.	1.1. Outline employers' duties under health and safety law to protect their employees from respirable dust. 1.2. Outline employees' duties under health and safety law to protect themselves and others from respirable dust. 1.3. Describe current legislation to govern respirable dust. 1.4. List the collective control measures that could be used to control respirable dust. 1.5. State the importance of conducting and reviewing suitable and sufficient risk assessments.
2. Know the hazards, the risks, and effects of exposure to harmful dust in different environments and how RPE works and the limitations.	2.1. Outline the types of materials once airborne may cause ill health and diseases. 2.2. Describe the types of illnesses and diseases that may occur if individuals are exposed to respirable dust. 2.3. State the limitations of tight-fitting RPE. 2.4. Describe the atmospheric limitations when wearing RPE.
3. Know how to identify different respirable protective equipment that is suitable to the wearer and the factors which may affect the protection provided by the RPE.	3.1. Outline the range of RPE available and the benefits or disadvantages of each. 3.2. List the factors that affect the assumed protection of RPE. 3.3. State the principles of face fit testing.
4. Know how to remove, store, replace RPE, dispose of and report any defects or problems to RPE.	4.1. State how to correctly remove and store RPE. 4.2. Outline how to dispose and report any defects to RPE. 4.3. State the importance of cleaning and maintaining reusable mask
5. Is able to select RPE and PPE and confirm suitability for use.	5.1. Demonstrate correctly selecting RPE and PPE and confirm suitability. 5.2. Demonstrate a pre-use visual check on the RPE/PPE.
6. Is able to correctly fit RPE and PPE and confirm compatibility	6.1 Fit the RPE and PPE in the correct order. 6.2 Confirm that all RPE/PPE is positioned and fitted with all garments been compatible with each.