



Occupational Health & Safety Authority

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Courses offered by OHSA

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Anyone with an interest in occupational health and safety has the opportunity to further his or her knowledge by attending a series of courses being organized by the Occupational Health and Safety Authority. These include courses on first aid and safety at work, general health and safety information as well as the principles of risk assessment. The OHSA also offers tailor-made courses and courses held at the premises of the companies if they should so wish.

The courses are delivered by Occupational Health & Safety Officers who are academically trained by both local and foreign experts and have hands-on experience in OHS matters. Course content covers legal, theoretical and practical aspects and includes workshops. Moreover, the courses are up to date and stress the latest OHS principles.

Those participants who successfully complete the 20 hour *First Aid and Safety at Work* training will qualify as certified first aiders. The OHSA also offers a course on the *Workers' Health & Safety Representative* where the focus is on their statutory role and the duties of stakeholders in promoting and ensuring a safe and healthy work environment.

Another course which has proved to be very successful is the 16 hour *Principles of Risk Assessment* since it help duty-holders (employers, self-employed) and other persons interested in the subject area, to assess risks and implement a safe and healthy environment at the workplace. Given that the primary objective of this training is to create preparedness at each respective level, the OHSA advises applicants for this course to previously follow an introductory level training such as the *Introduction to OHS*, which is also run by the OHSA.

Further information (including application forms and the contents of each course) is available from the OHSA website: www.ohsa.org.mt or by contacting the OHSA on tel: 21247677, or by email: training.ohsa@gov.mt