

As you know, the UK Contractors' Group (UKCG), formerly known as the Major Contractors' Group (MCG) has revisited its policy and 'deemed to satisfy' requirements for health and safety recognition of supervisors working on UKCG members' sites.

A UKCG working group has been established and reviewed the requirements with the objective is to ensure that **ALL** supervisors on UKCG sites will have an acceptable understanding of health and safety matters, together with the necessary skills to apply that knowledge when discharging their role as a supervisor. The working group has reviewed a number of courses submitted for their consideration, including those proposed by the ECA. After discussion, it is suggested that the following courses will meet the criteria and be recognised:

- NFDC SUPERVISOR (National Federation of Demolition Contractors)
- CIRS SUPERVISOR (provenance unknown)
- CCNSG SUPERVISOR (3 Days) (Client Contractor National Safety Group, commonly known as the Safety Passport Scheme. 2 days for operatives and a further 1 day for supervisors)
- CITB SMTS (5 Days) (CITB Site Management Safety Scheme)
- CHSG SUPERVISOR (3 modules, each of 2 days duration) (Construction Health and Safety Group)
- FPS SUPERVISOR (Federation of Piling Subcontractors)
- ARCA SUPERVISOR (Asbestos Removal Contractors Association)
- SSSTS COURSE (2 days) (CITB Site Supervisors Safety Training Scheme)

The IOSH and NEBOSH Courses previously listed in the press release from the former MCG are no longer 'deemed to satisfy', since they lack content to develop specific areas such as behaviour, leadership, intervention skills etc . No courses currently offered by the HVCA are "deemed to satisfy " either

The position of the UKCG has yet to be communicated to all its members and others with an interest, and further discussion will take place to confirm the decisions of the working group. HVCA members should be aware that, in the interim, UKCG member companies are applying their own criteria, albeit broadly in line with the position outlined above. UKCG aims to arrive at a formal outcome agreed by all UKCG members in the near future.

Important: Members should note that UKCG intends to ensure that, for courses to meet their requirements, they must be delivered by a trainer qualified to PTLLS standards (Preparing To teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector) which will soon become a government requirement for, in the first instance, the delivery of health and safety training. More comprehensive information on this standard will be distributed as it becomes available.