

Hazardous Biological Agents Awareness Training Course

1 Day Course

Module 1: Introduction

- Health and safety and law in South Africa
- Significant terms and definitions (OHSA)
- The duties of employers towards employees
- Responsibilities of employees
- The responsibilities of employers towards other persons (third parties)

Module 2: Protection of Persons Against Hazardous Biological Agents

- Materials and objects that have potential to contain an infectious biological agent
- Workers who may have potential exposure
- Protection of persons against hazardous biological agents
- Composition of the regulations
- The Hazardous Biological Agents Regulations (HBAR), 2002
 - HBAR 1 Important definitions
 - HBAR 2 Scope of application
 - HBAR 3 Classification of Biological Agents
 - HBAR 4 Information and training
 - HBAR 5 Duties of persons who might be exposed to HBA
 - HBAR 6 Risk assessment by employer or self-employed person
 - HBAR 7 Monitoring exposure at workplace
 - HBAR 8 Medical surveillance
 - HBAR 9 Records
 - HBAR 10 Control of exposure to HBA
 - HBAR 11 Personal protective equipment and facilities
 - HBAR 12 Maintenance of control measures, equipment and facilities
 - HBAR 13 Prohibitions
 - HBAR 14 Labelling, packaging, transporting and storage
 - HBAR 17 Disposal of HBA
 - HBAR 18 Offences and penalties

Module 3: Biosafety Prescriptions

- Standard code of practice for "Risk Areas"
- Certain precautions can reduce your risk of infection
- Standard biosafety practices and procedures
- Handling contaminated sharp objects
- Decontamination: Disinfection and Disinfectants
- Basic decontamination procedure
- Spill clean-up for potential biohazards

Module 4: The Reporting and Processing of Occupational Disease

- Reporting to the Chief Inspector regarding occupational diseases
- Aim of the COIDA
- Criteria for occupational diseases
- Directive on Compensation for Workplace-Acquired Novel Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) and definition of an occupational disease
- Diagnosis Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)
- Impairment
- Benefits
- Reporting

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Purpose of the course:

This training applies to employees who might be exposed to HBA, work with or handle or transport potentially HBA materials, or for employees who enter or access areas where potential exposure to HBAs may occur.

Training for these individuals is required under the Hazardous Biological Agents Regulations (HBA), 2002. Training will help to reduce the risk of transmission of HBA from both recognised and unrecognised sources of infection in workplaces.

The course will be useful for:

- Managers
- Health and Safety Officers
- Health and Safety Representatives
- Health and Safety Committee Members
- Union Representatives
- Persons might be exposed to HBAs
- Persons might handle or transport HBAs

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