

Course duration – 2 days

Workplace Competence Assessor

Are you able to assess whether your apprentices are competent?

What is it?

The Workplace Competence Assessor (WCA) course provides anyone in a role where they are mentoring apprentices or assessing competency of apprentices prior to end assessment with the tools, techniques and skills to evaluate, develop and maintain the competence of their apprentices.

The course will help your staff/supervisors understand their role in supporting and assessing competency of the apprentice and the part they will play in coaching the apprentice to help them successfully complete the apprenticeship standards. Employees could be in a training role or work within the science industry and need training to be able to assess workplace competence effectively.

The course has been designed to enable delegates to assess competencies at all levels, rather than complete standard assessments measuring knowledge, giving organisations a clear and accurate picture of the competencies within their organisation. This is especially relevant in regulated environments.

Who should attend?

The course is aimed at front line managers, supervisors and team leaders or those who are mentoring or assessing competency of apprentices.

It is also suitable for employees who are in a training role or work within the science industry and need training to be able to assess workplace competence.

How is it delivered?

The WCA course is made up into two days training plus two observations:

WCA Day 1: Principles and Practices of Assessment
Six hours tuition and four hours private study.

WCA Day 2: Measuring Competence in the Workplace
Approximately six hour's tuition plus 16 hours of private study looking at how competence can be measured in your workplace

Followed by two observation visits to that ensure the assessor is continuing to meet the standard.

Regulatory need:

“Major hazard organisations require competent staff who have the necessary skills, knowledge and experience to undertake critical tasks in such a way as to prevent a major accident or minimise the consequences to people and the environment should one occur.”

COMAH Competent Authority, Inspection of Competence Management Systems at COMAH Establishments (Operational Delivery Guide)

How do I get involved?

Call Cogent Skills today on **01325 740900** or email industry@kogentskills.com to register your interest. We will work with you to agree a suitable time and Cogent Skills Assured Provider to deliver the course.



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On completing the course participants will be able to;

- Understand the role of the Workplace Competence Assessor and Apprenticeships
- Understand the meaning of competence
- Plan competency assessments to meet their requirements and those of the apprenticeship standards
- Make competence decisions against the required criteria
- Ensure that the assessed person understands the purpose, requirements and the process of assessment
- Identify and collect the required evidence in a valid, authentic and sufficient manner
- Provide feedback that affirms competence and identifies additional needs
- Understand how to maintain the required records
- Work with others to ensure standardisation of the assessment practice and outcomes

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£7,250 + expenses (for up to eight delegates)
Includes two days' delivery and two 2hr observations per person.

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£650 per delegate + £550 for the observations

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- The course enables you to be confident that the knowledge, skills and behaviours of the apprentice have reached the standards required
- Workplace mentors will be able to assess if company competencies are being met
- Provides the employer with a means to measure if they have a competent workforce
- To help demonstrate competencies to regulatory bodies
- Apprenticeship mentors will be able to plan workplace activities to ensure apprentices are signed off ready for the independent end assessments
- Delegates that meet additional SIAS criteria may apply to become a SIAS* Registered Assessor to support apprentice end point assessment
- Assessment of competencies is more relevant to industry job roles than traditional assessor courses
- The course is designed by industry for industry and meets the Cogent Gold Standard
- It provides staff with the skills to support your registered assessor in preparing the apprentice for their end assessment

* SIAS (Science Industry Assessment Service) is a new assessment body delivering independent apprentice end-point assessment. SIAS is the assessment service of choice for science industry employers.

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All Cogent's products and services are designed by industry for industry, with science industry employers, are underpinned by national standards and meet the unique requirements of the sector.

This course is certified by Cogent Skills with SIAS approval pending.

Workplace Competence Assessor training course will be delivered by one of our expert delivery partners who are quality assured through Cogent Skills including, Redcar and Cleveland College.

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