**Submission Template | Asbestos Safety Training Options for Workers Entering Trades**

**Submission from: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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*Whilst you can structure your submission in any form that you choose, you may like to use the questions below to frame your thoughts and ideas. Please write as much as you like.*

*The final question – question 9 – is open ended and asks for any feedback or experience you may like to give.*

**Information about submissions:**

Please send your submission (or any questions) to engage@asbestossafety.gov.au

Consultation closes on **17 December 2021**. We will acknowledge receipt of all submissions received.

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**Responses to questions posed:**

1. Do you agree that asbestos awareness training is required *before* apprentices are at any risk of asbestos exposure? If so, what training do apprentices need?

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1. While all WHS laws impose duties on PCBUs (or equivalents) to provide training, they are not prescriptive about what training needs to be undertaken or who can provide that training, apart from the ACT. Do these laws provide adequate protection to workers at risk of being exposed to asbestos? If not, how could they be improved?
2. In your state or territory do the current asbestos training provisions in WHS regulations and codes provide enough information to determine what ‘suitable and adequate’ training means for asbestos related jobs?
3. If further prescription about training is desirable, are there particular occupations which should be targeted (see for example the list at Appendix 1 setting out the occupations listed under the ACT legislative scheme).
4. Is nationally recognised training generally preferable to non-accredited courses to meet PCBU duties for workers entering trades who may be exposed to asbestos? Why?
5. Do some PCBUs find choosing asbestos training difficult given the range of choice and the need to ensure training meets duties under WHS laws? Why? Do small businesses face any particular challenges in this regard?
6. Which of the options at 6.1 – 6.5, if any, do you support or not support and why? (You may wish to rank the options in order of preference).
7. Are there other levers which could be used to ensure all workers entering trades who may be exposed to asbestos receive adequate asbestos safety training?
8. Are there any other issues you would like to comment on regarding the adequacy of asbestos safety training especially for workers entering trades where they may be exposed to asbestos?