

ConstructSafe

What clients and contractors need to know

Why does ConstructSafe matter to the construction industry?

Simply, too many of our people are killed or seriously injured working in the construction industry. We believe that the health and safety performance of our industry can, and will improve. In the same way that driving requires a person to pass a test to prove their competency as a driver, we feel that the construction sites should use a similar scheme.

ConstructSafe provides our industry with a framework to prove health and safety competence. It allows us to reduce the potential for untrained or inexperienced workers to create a hazardous situation for themselves or others. In turn, we can raise health and safety standards of our industry. By working together with our industry, we're creating a safer and more competent New Zealand workforce.

Why you should use ConstructSafe

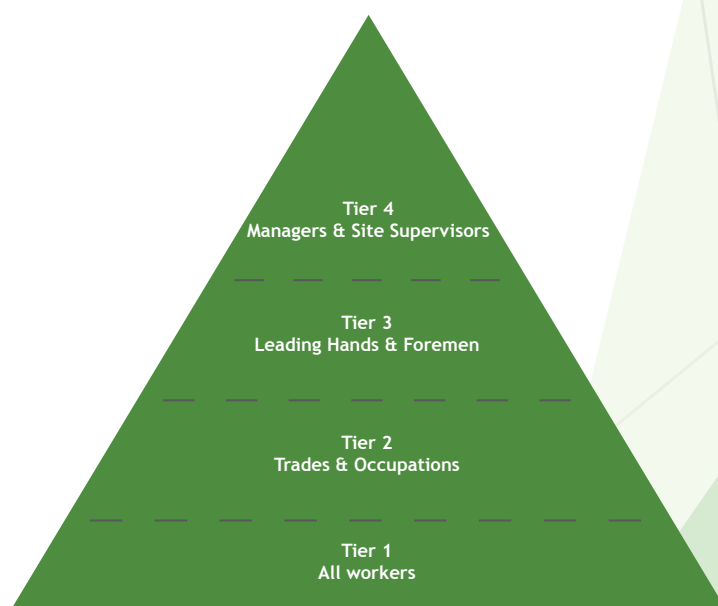
- It's the nationally recognised standard for health and safety competency in the construction industry
- The framework was developed with industry and is owned by industry
- It is based on international best practice and been independently reviewed
- Provides reassurance that those working on site understand how to keep themselves and others safe
- It allows easy and free verification of the competency of any worker, regardless of employer
- Helps to identify those who may require support and/or further training
- Allows independent verification of the efficacy of existing health and safety training
- Can be delivered on site to reduce impact to business.

What is ConstructSafe?

ConstructSafe is an independent measure of competency that has been developed by industry, for industry. Led by the Construction Safety Council (CSC), it is a first for New Zealand. The scheme is delivered through an online test that allows for the measurement and improvement of our industry's collective health and safety knowledge.

ConstructSafe does not replace the need for training. Existing card schemes provide good evidence of training, with ConstructSafe further enhancing these schemes through independent verification of competence. The ConstructSafe competency framework and learning outcomes are freely available. This allows training providers to align existing health and safety courses to meet the ConstructSafe standard.

ConstructSafe is a four tiered competency system:



How ConstructSafe works and what is happening now

ConstructSafe is launching the Tier 1 Health and Safety Test on 4 April 2016. This is a basic level online competency test aimed at all people who are required to work on a construction site. When a person has successfully passed the online test they will be issued with a ConstructSafe card. The card can be checked using any smart phone or using the 'check a card' service on the CSC website - www.constructionsafetycouncil.co.nz.

Auckland Transport and the NZ Transport Agency are adopting the ConstructSafe standard. As responsible clients, they want confidence that health and safety competency is at an acceptable standard across all their projects. This means those constructors delivering projects for these clients should begin putting their people through the test from 4 April 2016. There will be a transition period while constructors access testing; individual clients will contact their supply chain directly regarding specific details.

Competency framework

To best prepare your people to achieve the competency requirements, it is advisable that you align your training to the competency framework and required learning outcomes. You can find more information about how to do this on the [CSC website](#).

Accessing a ConstructSafe Test Centre

Any organisation can set up an accredited ConstructSafe Test Centre. The scheme allows accredited Test Centres to register their own test supervisors and deliver tests at their registered sites and offices.

Some organisations will register as a publicly available Test Centre; they will be listed on the [CSC website](#). Public Test Centres may levy an administration fee (on top of the test fee) to cover test hosting costs. These costs may vary and will be listed on the [CSC website](#).

Fees

ConstructSafe is a not for profit initiative. The Test Centre registration fee is \$2,900 per annum, while registering a Test Supervisor has a one-off registration fee of \$140 (only payable once the supervisor has passed the registration assessment). The test fee is \$60 per test, payable to the CSC. Any surplus generated from collected fees will be reinvested into CSC industry initiatives.

For more information

For more information, please visit the [CSC website](#).