

FIELD SERVICE SECTOR

Review of *Scaffolding* unit standards 23229, 23231, 23232

| Subfield | Domain | Id |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Lifting Equipment | Scaffolding | 23229, 23231, 23232 |

Opportunity – The Training Organisation (OTTO) has completed the review of the unit standards listed above.

Date new versions published

May 2009

Planned review date

December 2010

Summary of review and consultation process

The review was undertaken at the request of industry and in response to industry feedback.

Further feedback from stakeholders was sought through representatives of interest groups such as employers, unions, training organisations and assessors from the diversity of height related activities covered by OTTO and from related wider industry interests. The OTTO and advisory group executive committees also consulted their stakeholders and commented accordingly.

The feedback showed that, although the standards were initially registered with rigging and scaffolding in mind, the skills and knowledge they recognise have a wider application in construction and related contexts. Further, the restrictive nature of the wording gave inadequate and potentially misleading information to candidates and too little recognition of the generic nature and application of the height safety skills and knowledge.

The change of domain also optimally places the standards for inclusion in a wider forthcoming review of related height work standards that have recently been transferred to OTTO from the Building and Construction Industry Training Organisation (standards 9184, 13016, 13053, 15757, and 21969). This review will be conducted in 2009.

Main changes resulting from the review

- The wording of the standards was amended to recognise work at height in construction and related contexts, rather than just rigging and scaffolding.
- The standards were moved from the *Scaffolding* domain, which has been designated expiring, to *Core Construction*.
- The titles were amended to reflect the wider application of the skills and knowledge recognised by the standards.
- A new element was added to unit standard 23229, which covers hazards associated with safety harnesses, and the credit value for the standard was raised from 3 to 4.

Impact on existing provider accreditations

| Current Accreditation for | | | Accreditation extended to | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------|---------------------------|--------------|-------|
| Nature of accreditation | Classification | Level | Nature of accreditation | Id | Level |
| Subfield | Lifting Equipment | 3 | Standard | 23229 | 3 |
| | | 4 | Standard | 23231, 23232 | 4 |
| Domain | Scaffolding | 4 | Standard | 23231, 23232 | 4 |

Impact on Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP)

The unit standards will remain in AMAP 0183, but will now be listed in the Core Construction domain.

Impact on existing qualifications

Qualifications that contain the reviewed standards or classifications are tabled below.

| | |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Affected | The qualification lists a reviewed classification (domain or subfield) in an elective set The qualification lists a standard that has changes to level or credits The qualification lists a C or D category standard |
| Not materially affected | The qualification lists a standard that has a new title The qualification lists a standard that has a new classification |

The following Opportunity - The Training Organisation qualification is affected by the outcome of this review, and will be updated when it is next reviewed.

| Qualification title | Standard in the qualification |
|---|-------------------------------|
| National Certificate in Scaffolding (Elementary) (Level 3) [Ref:1352] | 23229 |

The following qualification is affected by the changes. It will be updated when it is next reviewed.

| Qualification title | Standard in the qualification | SSB Name |
|--|-------------------------------|--|
| National Certificate in Telecommunications (Level 3) with strands in Bearer and Switch, Building and Data Cabling, Customer Access Network, Customer Premises Equipment, Information and Communications Technology, Radio, and Rigging [Ref: 0767] | 23229 | Electrotechnology Industry Training Organisation |

Review Categories and changes to classification, title, level and credits

All changes are in **bold**.

| Key to review category | |
|-------------------------------|---|
| A | Dates changed, but no other changes are made - the new version of the standard carries the same Id and a new version number |
| B | Changes made, but the overall outcome remains the same - the new version of the standard carries the same Id and a new version number |
| C | Major changes that necessitate the registration of a replacement standard with a new Id |
| D | Standard will expire and not be replaced |

Subfield Lifting Equipment

| Id | Domain | Title | Level | Credit | Review Category |
|-----------|---|---|--------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| 23229 | Scaffolding Core Construction | Use a safety harness for fall prevention when rigging or scaffolding at height Use a safety harness for fall prevention when working at height in a construction or related context | 3 | 3 4 | B |
| 23231 | Scaffolding Core Construction | Develop a safety plan to manage risks when fall prevention strategies are required for rigging or scaffolding at height Develop a safety plan to manage risks when fall prevention strategies are required in a construction or related context | 4 | 5 | B |
| 23232 | Scaffolding Core Construction | Develop a rescue plan for recovery of a suspended individual after a fall during rigging or scaffolding operations Develop a rescue plan for recovery of a suspended individual after a fall in a construction or related context | 4 | 5 | B |