

Fact Sheet 30826QLD Course in the safe use of swing stage scaffolds



Clients

This course is for users of swing stage scaffolds. The Scaffolding Code of Practice 2009 (Workplace Health and Safety Queensland), released in July 2009, specifies mandatory training and assessment requirements for users of swing stage scaffolds. The Scaffolding Code of Practice 2009 establishes specific implied licence training requirements for users of swing stage scaffolds. This course will be recognised as the only course that meets the implied licensing requirements.

Duration and Course Outcome

The nominal duration for this unit of competency is **fourteen (14) hrs** of supervised training and assessment. This course will be conducted over **one (1) day**. The candidate will receive a Statement of Attainment on successful completion of the unit of competency. Successful completion of the theory assessment must be achieved before proceeding to the Performance Assessment.

Pre-requisites

No formal prerequisites/entry requirements as knowledge of the techniques gained by completion of this course will assist candidates in avoiding injury. Koolat Safety places a prerequisite that the candidate must hold a nationally recognised "Work safely at heights" unit of competency from a National Training Package.

Delivery

The course must be delivered **face to face**. The dates of the training/assessing course must be notified to Workplace Health and Safety Qld **3 weeks** prior to delivery. The course must be paid for in full before any date is notified to WHSQ.

Knowledge Assessment

Assessment must be conducted using the mandated assessment instrument. If the candidate responds incorrectly to any of the questions the assessor is required to enter a result of "Not yet competent" and the candidate will not be permitted to attempt the practical assessment. **This is a closed book assessment.**

Knowledge Assessment (56 Questions)

1. Candidates have **ten (10) minutes** reading time prior to commencing the assessment
2. During this time candidates are allowed to ask the assessor questions about any of the questions in the assessment that you do not understand
3. Candidates have **two (2) hours** to complete the assessment
4. All questions must be answered without any assistance. Candidates cannot use any references, books or course notes.
5. Candidates must respond to all questions
6. The assessor will check candidates' answers after they have finished and ask for explanation of anything that is unclear.

The Calculations Assessment (1 Calculation)

1. Candidates have **five (5) minutes** reading time prior to commencing the assessment
2. During this time candidates are allowed to ask the assessor questions about any of the questions in the assessment that they do not understand
3. Candidates have **twenty (20) minutes** to complete the assessment
4. All questions must be answered without any assistance. Candidates cannot use any references, books or course notes.
5. Candidates may use a calculator
6. Candidates must respond correctly to all questions. Failure to respond correctly to any question means that the assessor is required to enter a result of "Not yet competent"

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7. The assessor will check candidates' answers after they have finished and ask for explanation of anything that is unclear.

This assessment is competency based. There is a requirement to achieve a 100% pass mark to be deemed competent in the course.

Where the candidate has clearly answered the underpinning knowledge questions incorrectly the assessor must inform the candidate they will, within a reasonable timeframe, be required to undertake further gap training and assessment in those areas not answered correctly. Failure to respond correctly to any question means that the assessor is required to enter a result of "Not yet competent" and the candidate will not be permitted to attempt the Performance Assessment.

Performance Assessment

The candidate is allowed **two (2) hours** under normal conditions to complete the practical assessment. Candidates cannot use any references, books or course notes. All tasks/activities must be satisfactorily demonstrated. If candidates do not satisfactorily demonstrate all tasks/activities then your assessor is required to enter a result of "Not yet competent".

This Performance Assessment is to assess the performance of the candidate to operate swing stage scaffolding. The candidate has **two (2) hours** to complete the assessment.

All assessment of performance must be undertaken in the workplace and/or under realistic workplace conditions which typically reflect:

- The use of **full-scale equipment**
- At a **minimum height of 4 metres**
- Performing tasks/activities **within the same timelines that are expected in the workplace**
- Performing in a **range of weather situations**, including wet, dry, windy, or calm.

Specific requirements

The following equipment and materials must be available during this assessment:

- A swing stage scaffold to install at a height of not less than **four (4) metres**
- The swing stage scaffold must not be less than **3 metres in length**
- The swing stage scaffold **must be dual needle fixed with counterweights, powered and capable of supporting not less than 200 kg**
- As appropriate to the workplace; **two electric winches** to allow for the assessment process to demonstrate operation of the swing stage scaffold.
- Safety equipment to access and operate a swing stage scaffold.


Note: For the operation of a swing stage scaffold, safety equipment as required by state/territory legislation must be used. Prior to the assessment commencing the assessor must confirm that the candidate has appropriate personal protective equipment.

The Performance Assessment

1. The assessor must provide each candidate with a copy of the Candidate Version of the assessment instrument at the time of assessment
2. Before the Performance Assessment the assessor must brief the candidate with the information contained in the section "Instructions for Candidates". A list of tasks/activities is contained in this section
3. The assessor should ask the candidate questions before, during and after the assessment to confirm their understanding of the task at hand
4. If you respond incorrectly to any of the questions the assessor is required to enter a result of "Not yet competent" and you will not be permitted to attempt the practical assessment
5. The assessment may be stopped (when it is safe to do so) to allow questioning
6. Assessors are to briefly note candidate oral responses in the space provided in the Observation Checklist
7. Candidates are allowed under normal site conditions **two (2) hours** to complete the assessment
8. The assessor **MUST** supervise the candidate at all times during the assessment
9. The assessor **MUST** collect the assessment instrument at the conclusion of the assessment.

Performance Assessment Involves

1. Inspection of industrial safety harnesses and lanyards, check list and fitting of safety harness
2. Demonstrate pre-operational checks you would make before you start the suspended swing stage scaffold

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3. Energise motors
4. Explain what is the maximum allowable safe working load (SWL) of the suspended swing stage scaffold
5. Indicate where the emergency controls are located and demonstrate
6. Demonstrate how to manually lower the suspended swing stage scaffold in an emergency situation
8. Demonstrate the loading, raising and lowering of the suspended swing stage scaffold
9. Shut down suspended swing stage scaffold.

The suspended swing stage scaffold must be operated with an actual load including tools and equipment. Load the swing stage with a working load of at least 200kg and with the assistance of another, prepare to operate the suspended swing stage. Undertake **three (3) lifts** and lower the loaded, suspended swing stage, with the assistance of another operator on the other winch.

Resources

Fully compliant swing stages will need to be provided on site during the assessment. The needle height is to be of not less than **four (4) metres**. All associated equipment including PPE must be provided by the candidates.

Scaffolding Code of Practice 2009: (Workplace Health and Safety Queensland)

AS/NZS 1576: Scaffolding Part 4: Suspended scaffolding

AS/NZS 1576: Scaffolding Part 1: General Requirements

AS/NZS 4576: Guidelines for scaffolding

AS/NZS 1891: Industrial fall-arrest systems and devices (Parts 1, 2, 3 &4).


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