

Improvements in Worker Health through Training, Qualifications, Technical Assistance and Skills Development in Occupational Hygiene

**A Memorandum of Understanding between Occupational Hygiene Training Association (OHTA) and Workplace Health Without Borders (WHWB)
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Whereas,

- *A key focus for OHTA is the development of quality training materials in occupational hygiene and creation of an international framework of qualifications based on those materials, and without competing with existing qualification framework. In addition, OHTA develops courses outside this qualification scheme to address specific occupational and environmental health and safety where the need arises.*
- *One focus of WHWB is the delivery of training programs to build occupational and environmental health and safety understanding, capabilities, and identify opportunities and training needs requiring development.*
- *OHTA and WHWB recognize the need to work together to improve protection of workers, families and communities in underserved areas from hazards related to the work environment. We believe that health protection can be facilitated by:*
 - Identifying training needs using a needs and risk-based approach.
 - Scaling up occupational and environmental health and safety training
 - Having consistent standards of occupational hygiene training worldwide
 - Supporting the development of national occupational hygiene associations
 - Creating a sustainable model for training delivery.
- *Helping to build on industrial hygiene capacity to manage and improve health conditions in workplaces.*
- *Increasing international understanding of the importance of occupational health, and the means of preventing, recognizing, evaluating and controlling workplace health hazards.*

The undersigned bodies reaffirm their commitment to collaborate on their respective remits and avoid duplication.

In furtherance of this, OHTA and WHWB will collaborate:


1. to promote the development and implementation of the OHTA's International Training and Qualifications Framework.
2. in the development of further global training and awareness materials, where appropriate.

3. in the development of new courses identified by WHWB and/or OHTA.
4. in the development of examinations required for new OHTA courses identified in #3 above.
5. to build on occupational and environmental health and safety capacity to manage and improve health and safety conditions in workplaces.
6. to explore opportunities to leverage the synergies and avoid overlap between the respective organizations.
7. to develop proposals and not compete with each other. However, where a proposal is outside the scope of this MOU or collaboration is not timely, each organization is free to proceed with program development initiatives independently.

All new and existing training materials will continue to be published on OHTATraining.org as part of the OHTA International Training and Qualifications Framework.

Signatories are attached herewith.


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