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'Why we should choose an IWH Professional Body recognised training provider for all our 'work at height' related training...'

This is a question our recognised training providers as well as us, as the Professional Body for Work at Height gets asked on a daily basis. Herewith below our response to this question...

The IWH Prof Body is the only professional body registered with SAQA for the work at height industry. As part of its scope, recognises suitable, accredited providers to conduct training. What this means, is that the skills development provider recognised by us, will be verified **against** the following:

1. Accreditation status with the relevant SETA or QCTO for the Qualifications/Unit Standards/ Skills Programmes they can legally train
2. Checking that the providers upload all their learner results to the relevant SETA for registration on the NLRD
3. Ensuring that the provider is always acting in good faith and according to the relevant regulations, acts and policies
4. Ensuring that the Training Provider registers each and every learner who has successfully completed their training with the IWH Prof Body to allow the learner to receive a 'License to Practice'

Why all this above is important...

We have found many providers who are accredited with one of the SETAs but will train outside their scope, issue competence certificates without the learners results being uploaded to the relevant SETA and also including an expiry date on the certificate. This is wrong and it is illegal according to the new NQF Amendment Act, ie 'misrepresented qualification'.

A provider cannot issue a certificate of competence to a learner with an expiry date on the certificate, as a qualification cannot expire. Only the license to practice can expire and a provider does not have the mandate to issue a license to practice – that mandate resides with SAQA recognised professional bodies

Providers are also not allowed to issue certificates of competence to a learner before the SETA / QCTO has conducted an external moderation and a Statement of Results has been issued by the SETA – before that, the learner can only receive a letter of attendance.

We verify that our learners are doing everything practical and reasonable wrt their accreditation status and we also conduct our own external moderation/audit on their training before we issue a license to practice to any competent candidate.

For any more information, please feel free to contact us.

Kind Regards
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