

HASANZ FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is HASANZ?

HASANZ is the national umbrella organisation for workplace health and safety professions. We aim to raise professional standards to provide healthier and safer workplaces for New Zealanders.

Where does HASANZ funding come from?

Establishment funding has been provided by the Government through WorkSafe NZ. HASANZ is working towards sustainable funding through a number of income streams.

How do I become a member of HASANZ?

Organisations representing workplace health and safety practitioners are welcome to apply for HASANZ membership by emailing info@hasanz.org.nz. We would love to talk to you. Individuals can't join HASANZ directly – we're an association of associations – so only organisations can be members. See our [member organisations](#).

For businesses

How do I get quality health and safety advice for my business?

Right now, you can use HASANZ's "[5 Quick Questions](#)" checklist to help choose a qualified workplace health and safety professional who is right for the job. We recommend that you choose a practitioner who is a certified member of one of HASANZ's member organisations.

In the future, you will be able to go online and find competent professionals listed on the HASANZ register. We are currently working with New Zealand's business community and our member organisations to develop this national register which will improve access to quality advice and services.

When will the national register of qualified workplace health and safety practitioners be ready?

Work on HASANZ's online register is underway and we expect to this to be launched next year. We are seeking input from businesses so it is designed to meet user needs.

Can you please give me names of good quality health and safety providers in my area?

The HASANZ professional register will provide this information. In the meantime, please contact the relevant professional association for help in finding a certified practitioner.

How do I know what to do about health and safety for my business? Who do I need and what services should I ask for?

There are [legal obligations](#) you must meet, as outlined in the current legislation. You also need to prepare to meet the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work Act which is likely to come into force later this year. See [WorkSafe NZ's website](#) for further information on the new law.

HASANZ's member organisations provide a wide range of services – see [how they can add value to businesses](#) by improving workplace health and safety. Please [contact the relevant organisation](#) directly for help with a specific service.

Where do I go for information about my health and safety obligations as a business?

Health and safety regulator WorkSafe NZ has a [useful toolkit](#) to help your business develop good health and safety systems. There is also a guide to [employers' responsibilities](#) under the current law. These requirements will change when the new Health and Safety at Work Act is introduced, which is due to happen later this year. WorkSafe NZ has produced some [guidance about these changes](#).

How do I find information on the new Health and Safety at Work Act?

WorkSafe NZ's website is the place to go for [information on the new Health and Safety at Work Act](#) and what it means for businesses.

How can I tell if a health and safety advisor has the required training, education and experience?

As a first step, you can use HASANZ's ["5 Quick Questions"](#) checklist to check their credentials. You can also find out if they are a member of one of HASANZ's member organisations, then contact that organisation to confirm if the person is a certified practitioner. To help businesses easily access quality advice, HASANZ is developing a national, online register of competent workplace health and safety professionals.

What can I do about poor quality advice or service received from someone who claimed to be a 'health and safety expert'?

If the person is a member of a professional association there should be a standard complaints process to follow, so we advise that you contact the relevant professional body. The HASANZ website has [contact details for our member workplace health and safety organisations](#). If the person is not a member of a professional organisation, the contract for services you signed with them might provide a course of action for remedies.

For practitioners

What training courses does HASANZ recognise/approve?

This is not our role. We recommend that you contact the relevant [professional association](#) to get advice on what qualifications and courses they recognise.

How can I be trained as a workplace health and safety professional?

Workplace health and safety is a complex field and requires specialist training. To find out more, talk to our member organisations about your particular area of interest. Other useful information can be found on the [Careers NZ](#) and [NZQA](#) websites.

I am a health and safety rep and want to become qualified – how do I go about this?

There are different pathways you could follow. As a first step we recommend contacting the relevant [professional association](#).