

Faculty of Asbestos Management of Australia & New Zealand Limited (FAMANZ) Core Competencies

Competency name	Definition
Asbestos	A group of naturally occurring, fibrous minerals, hazardous to health. The term asbestos includes actinolite, amosite, chrysolite, crocidolite, fibrous anthophyllite or tremolite, or any mixture containing these minerals.
Asbestos Management	Specialist advice and services in relation to the management, identification and measurement of asbestos. This may include personal exposure monitoring, bulk sampling or clearance sampling.
Compliance with Legislation	Working with organisations to ensure that they are aware of and take steps to comply with relevant health and safety laws and regulations.
Dust and Fibre Control	Advice and services about the management and measurement of the release of dust and/or fibres from work processes. This can include advice on control measures or conducting personal and/or personal and/or area sampling.
Hazard or Risk Assessment	Hazard identification, risk assessment and management: A systematic process to identify hazards and assess/quantify the likelihood, consequence/severity of harm and put in place appropriate controls.
Health and Safety Advice	An opinion or recommendation about managing a business' health and/or safety risks.
Health and Safety Assessment	A health and safety assessment evaluates risk generated in the workplace or in the work process with objectives to remove, reduce and replace the source of risk with safer equipment or processes, or to lessen the risk to the health and safety of the workers This may include assessment at an organisational, business unit or site specific level.
Health and Safety Assurance	Evaluating health and safety management system effectiveness to provide confidence to management on whether the system is fit-for-purpose.
Mentoring	Providing a learning partnership between an experienced professional person (mentor) and a less experienced person (mentee) for the purpose of sharing knowledge and information.
Remote / Isolated Work	Advising on remote or isolated work. Work can be remote or isolated from the assistance of other persons because of location, time, or the nature of the work. Work can be isolated without being remote, and be remote without being isolated. Remote or isolated work includes working alone or separated from colleagues, working in a geographically isolated or inaccessible area - where the nearest emergency help (e.g. fire service or hospital) is some distance away, working outside normal business hours or shift/night work, and working in locations where communication is difficult.
Risk Management Systems	Providing advice about systems that enable the setting of priorities based on risk assessment, establishing efficient and consistent risk reduction policies, evaluating the range of risk reduction alternatives, identifying cost-effective risk reduction measures, and identifying risk mitigation and contingency measures.
Slips, Trips and Falls	Slips are loss of traction events (usually with the feet); trips are when a step is disrupted by contact with an object. Both slips and trips may result in a fall, though falls may also occur for other reasons. Falls are when a loss of balance or other event occurs, causing the body to fall due to gravity onto a lower surface.
Training / Education	Providing education, training or facilitation in health and safety-related topics.
Weather Conditions / Events	Weather conditions/events are the atmospheric conditions that comprise the state of the atmosphere in terms of temperature, wind, clouds, and precipitation. Adverse weather conditions/events can effect a person's ability to work safely by introducing hazards such as slips, darkness, wind etc. The management of these hazards is an integral part of risk assessment, particularly with work that is outside.