

Contractors Health and Safety Assessment Scheme (CHAS)

- Do you need to make a CHAS application to get on a tender list?
- Are you unsure about how to gain CHAS accreditation, CHAS Compliance / become CHAS registered?
- Are you worried about the high failure rates for those making CHAS applications?
- Are you unsure if you have the necessary systems and records required by CHAS for assessment?
- Do you want to tender for contracts for clients who require you to be CHAS compliant / CHAS accredited
- Have you already failed your CHAS assessment and don't know what to do next?
- Are you confused by the difference between CHAS registration, CHAS compliance and CHAS accreditation?
- Do you want professional assistance with your CHAS application?

CHAS is a national database of contractors that have been through a health and safety assessment, and have demonstrated adequate compliance and management standards. Contractors on the CHAS database are therefore approved to work on contracts for local authorities and other members, subject to other checks such as financial probity. UKHSE has considerable experience in assisting clients with gaining access to this database.

We specialise in helping small and medium sized companies through the CHAS Registration and assessment process to help them achieved CHAS Compliance or CHAS Accredited status which allows them to use the CHAS logos.

A simple telephone conversation can identify if you are ready for assessment and if not clarity on what needs to be put in place prior to the application is obtained.

The level of documentation required will depend on the size and complexity of your organisation, but some applications can be successful with just half a dozen sheets of paper whereas others require considerably more.

The table below shows the main areas that will be assessed as part of your application, though in all cases documented evidence and examples need to be provided:

- General Policy Statement
- Health & Safety Arrangements
- Workplace Inspections
- Access to Competent H&S Advice
- Work Equipment
- Health Surveillance
- Method Statements and Risk Assessments
- Training Records and Plans
- Competence
- Fire Risk Assessment & Emergency Arrangements
- Accident Reporting & Statistics

- Consultation Arrangements
- Risk Assessments & COSHH Assessments
- First Aid
- Manual Handling
- Asbestos Awareness and Management
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Fire and Emergency Procedures
- Monitoring, Audit and Review
- Work Equipment
- Electrical Safety
- Subcontractor Management

Once you have obtained CHAS you may wish to consider using this to make an application for Safecontractor or Constructionline as all are part of the Safety Schemes in Procurement (SSIP).

So if you have any queries, regarding CHAS or the CHAS Assessment process, call Crystal Safety, for friendly professional help and assistance in getting you through the CHAS Assessment process.

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