

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES – DURING WORKPLACE LEARNING

What activities are prohibited?

Students must not undertake any of the following activities during workplace learning:

- use of machinery or equipment which is dangerous for new or young workers to operate, unless each of the following occurs:
 - the activity is first risk-assessed as suitable for student operation by the host employer
 - the student has been given appropriate information, instruction and training and a checklist for the safe operation and handling of the equipment
 - the equipment is in safe working order, complete with required safety devices or guards
 - a suitably qualified or experienced person in the workplace who has good communication skills and the ability to give clear instructions provides on-going close supervision.
- the service of alcohol unless the student is over 18; the activity is essential to the placement and has been agreed to by the school or TAFE NSW institute and the student has completed the Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) Training Course
- travel by helicopter
- air travel on charter flights and aircraft other than those providing a regular public transport service (ie on a regular route with paying passengers)
- travel outside the 12 nautical mile limit at sea
- scuba and deep-sea diving
- the following 'high risk construction work' as defined in the NSW OHS Regulation (2001): construction work in tunnels or involving the use of explosives or work in and around gas and electrical installations; near traffic or mobile plant, or demolition work other than simple stripping of walls etc.
- any excavation work at a depth of one metre or more; at a depth under one metre without direct supervision by a competent person; near utilities
- work on caissons or coffer dams (permanent or temporary structures respectively, used to enable construction work in marine environments)
- work on a roof
- any activities involving or adjacent to the repair, removal or demolition of any construction work containing asbestos or in the clean-up process following the activity
- attendance at a site while chimney stacks or buildings are being demolished
- scheduled work as set out in Chapter 9 of the NSW OHS Regulation 2001, unless there are exceptional circumstances and the student, aged 18 or over, already has achieved the necessary certification
- any activity requiring a licence (eg; a driver's licence), permit or certificate of competence unless:
 - the student already has the relevant current licence, permit or certificate
 - the activity is directly related to the learning outcomes of the placement

- the activity is included in the Student Placement Record prior to approval.
 - Note: students are not expected to drive their own vehicles while undertaking activities on behalf of the host employer.
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- Any work of a sexual or explicit nature.