

## **FÁS Safe Pass Tutor Accreditation Programme**

FÁS provides training for tutors who wish to deliver the FÁS Safe Pass Programme to Construction Industry personnel. All tutors who wish to deliver the Programme must be approved (see below for approval process). Applicants who fulfil the criteria for Tutor Accreditation are then entitled to deliver the FÁS Safe Pass Programme and administer the required assessment to Construction Industry personnel and register those personnel who have successfully completed the Safety and Health training required by legislation.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

Persons seeking Safe Pass accreditation to deliver the Safe Pass Programme must meet one of the following criteria:

- Possess a current FÁS Safe Pass card; a third level qualification in health and safety at work; be in possession of a FÁS recognised training/education qualification with a minimum of 5 years recent and relevant on-site construction experience in the last seven years;
- or**
- Be construction managers/supervisors with a minimum of 5 years recent and relevant on-site construction experience in the last seven years; have successfully completed the CIF Managing Safely in Construction Programme; be in possession of a current FÁS Safe Pass card; have a FÁS recognised training/education qualification;
- or**
- Be construction safety representatives with a minimum of 5 years recent and relevant on-site construction experience in the last seven years; possess a current FÁS Safe Pass card; the FÁS Construction Safety Representatives Certificate; a FÁS recognised training/education qualification.

The eligibility criteria for the Safe Pass Programme is set by the Construction Industry Group

The Construction Industry Group has defined recent and relevant on-site experience as:

- Direct involvement in one of the following job categories for the last five years within the last seven years: General Operative, Skilled worker, Safety Representative, Manager/Supervisor. Technican, Professional (Engineers, Surveyors, etc.)
- Or**
- In addition to one of the above, have been employed in the education, training, industrial relations or consultancy work directly related to the construction industry for five years within the last seven.

### **Approval Process**

Completed application forms should be forwarded to the Registrar, FÁS/EI National Register of Trainers, FÁS, Birr Technology Centre, Mill Island, Birr, Co. Offaly.

Following initial desk check by NRT, applications are reviewed by a Safe Pass Tutor Technical Committee which comprises representatives from the FÁS/EI National Register of Trainers and the Construction Industry Group. Where applications meet the set criteria, the Committee recommend the application for approval by the FÁS/EI National Register of Trainers. Following approval, Tutors must attend a three-day FÁS Safe Pass Tutor Programme.

### **Construction Industry Group**

The Construction Industry Group is an advisory group reporting to the Board of FÁS on matters relating to Training and Employment in the Construction Industry. The Group is chaired by an independent Chairperson and includes representatives from FÁS, the Construction Industry Federation, Irish Congress of Trade Unions, the Health and Safety Authority, Local Authorities, the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government and IBEC.

### **FÁS/EI National Register of Trainers**

The FÁS/Enterprise Ireland National Register of Trainers was established in 2004 following a FORFAS report on future skill needs. The role of the FÁS/EI National Register of Trainers Committee is to operate as an independent approval mechanism for the inclusion of Training Organisations and Trainers on the National Register. The FÁS/EI National Register of Trainers is chaired by an independent chairperson and includes representatives from FÁS, Enterprise Ireland, IBEC, the Irish Congress of Trade Unions, the Construction Industry Federation and the Department of Education.