

MSMWHS216

Operate Breathing Apparatus

THE MSMWHS216 – OPERATE BREATHING APPARATUS COURSE PROVIDES PARTICIPANTS WITH THE SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED TO SAFELY INSPECT, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN BREATHING APPARATUS EQUIPMENT IN HAZARDOUS OR CONFINED ENVIRONMENTS. IT FOCUSES ON PRACTICAL, HANDS-ON TRAINING IN USING RESPIRATORY PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT, MONITORING AIR SUPPLY, AND RESPONDING EFFECTIVELY IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS WHERE AIR QUALITY MAY BE COMPROMISED. KEY FEATURES INCLUDE STRONG ALIGNMENT WITH WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY (WHS) REQUIREMENTS, HAZARD AWARENESS, AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROCEDURES, ENSURING WORKERS CAN OPERATE SAFELY IN HIGH-RISK CONDITIONS. THE COURSE BENEFITS PARTICIPANTS BY ENHANCING PERSONAL AND TEAM SAFETY, ENSURING COMPLIANCE WITH INDUSTRY REGULATIONS, AND PREPARING WORKERS FOR ROLES IN CONSTRUCTION, MANUFACTURING, EMERGENCY SERVICES, MINING, AND UTILITIES WHERE ATMOSPHERIC HAZARDS ARE PRESENT.



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Course Description

This unit of competency covers the skills and knowledge required to operate and maintain breathing apparatus and equipment in an irrespirable atmosphere, as defined by the Australian Standard AS/NZS 1715:2009 Selection, use and maintenance of respiratory protective equipment.

This unit of competency applies to operators who are required to wear breathing apparatus because they are working:

- in a confined space
- with hazardous gases/vapours
- in an oxygen deficient atmosphere
- in other situations requiring the wearing of breathing apparatus.

Operators may also be required to wear breathing apparatus in emergency situations, however, this is not the prime focus of this unit.

This unit of competency applies to an individual working alone or as part of a team or group and working in liaison with other shift team members and the control room operator, as appropriate.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Target Cohort / Entry Requirements

This course is intended for:

- Workers in hazardous or confined environments (e.g. construction, manufacturing, mining, and utilities)
- Emergency response personnel, including fire and rescue teams and site emergency wardens
- Maintenance and shutdown crews required to work in areas with poor air quality or contamination risks
- Confined space entry workers who must use breathing apparatus for safe access
- Supervisors and safety officers responsible for managing high-risk work environments
- Industrial and plant operators working in areas with fumes, gases, or low oxygen levels
- Personnel required to respond to workplace incidents involving hazardous atmospheres or respiratory risks

Entry requirements may include:

- Language, literacy, numeracy and digital skills (LLND test may apply)
- Minimum age of 18 (If under 18 parental consent is required).
- Physical requirements - A participant must be in good health and medically fit for work.
- All students participating in VET qualifications are required to have a Unique Student Identifier (USI).
- The RTO will provide the prospective student with a Course Suitability Checklist that will help the student and the Trainer / Assessor if the course is relevant and applicable to students' needs.
- The RTO will provide constructive and honest feedback to the prospective student if it is decided that the VET student does not yet have the LLN+D skills or meet the entry requirements to cope with the rigor of the training and assessment material and process.

Selection Criteria

Learners should demonstrate:

- Reading and writing ability in varied contexts
- Oral communication and comprehension skills
- Basic numeracy and mathematical problem-solving

Course Duration & Delivery

- **Delivery Mode:** Face-to-face
- **Delivery Location:** 1/6 Pippita Close Beresfield NSW 2322
- **Duration:** 4 hours (1/2 day)

Assessment Information

Assessment methods may include:

- Written tasks
- Practical demonstrations
- Simulated tasks

Resources to be provided by the VET Student

- Transport to training facility.
- Appropriate clothing, closed-in footwear.
- Students will be required to provide their own digital devices, able to access reliable internet

Resources and services to be provided by the RTO

- A safe, inclusive and engaging learning environment.
- Pre-enrolment processes to ensure the course is appropriate and suitable for VET Students' needs.
- Access to LMS with personal secure login
- All Learning and Assessment resources.
- Public liability Insurance Cover (for on- and off-site training).
- Risk assessed facilities, equipment and processes for safety and duty of care, including accessibility.
- Policies and procedures to ensure and monitor delivery of high-quality services.

Course Fees

- **Total Course Fee:** \$325.00 per person

Please note all course fees must be paid before issuing qualifications.

Refund Policy

Refer to the Enrolment Agreement or Student Handbook for full terms, including refund conditions and withdrawal procedures. This can be accessed via the website <https://newcastlerescue.com.au/resources/>.

Support Services

All students have access to:

- LLND support.
- Wellbeing and counselling referral.
- Trainer support (via email enquiries@newcastlerescue.com.au, phone 1300 356 686, or online platform <https://newcastlerescue.com.au/resources/>).
- The enrolment application process identifies any support needs and possible matters which may impact training and assessment via the Suitability Checklist.
- Contextualisation and additional support needs are reviewed for reasonable adjustment and implementation prior to training commencement.
- Support, progression and adjustments are reviewed throughout the nominal duration of the training.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) & Credit Transfer

All students may apply for RPL or Credit Transfer.

More information is available in the Student Handbook or from Newcastle Rescue and Consultancy Pty Ltd and RTO Website <https://newcastlerescue.com.au/resources/>.

Units of Competency

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The RTO reserves the right to adjust elective units to meet training package requirements.

Please refer to the Enrolment Form, for the terms and conditions of enrolment, which includes Enrolment and Selection; Training Guarantee; Course Fees, Payments and Refunds; Course Fees paid in Advance; Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) or Credit Transfer