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Overview

Safe site operations rely on vigilant oversight during the erection, maintenance, alteration, and dismantling of temporary structures. This Temporary Works Supervisor Training provides construction supervisors and site personnel with the core capabilities required to execute physical verification, implement procedural safeguards, and uphold BS 5975 principles on active job sites. Participants learn how to identify structural deviations, verify hold points, and manage permit systems before components are loaded or struck down. Field personnel gain the confidence to stop unsafe works and maintain rigorous quality control across all temporary installations. This course is delivered by Agile Leaders Training Center.

Who Should Attend

- Site supervisors, foremen, and field inspectors overseeing temporary structures.
- Appointed temporary works supervisors seeking structured procedural guidance.
- Civil, structural, and site engineers managing daily contractor activities.
- Safety inspectors and occupational health officers monitoring temporary groundworks and falsework.
- Subcontractor package supervisors executing formwork, scaffolding, or earthwork packages.

Departments and Industries

This program is designed for field personnel and site supervisory teams across structural and civil infrastructure environments.

- Field Supervision and Site Construction Operations
- Civil and Structural Site Engineering Departments
- Health, Safety, and Environmental Inspection Teams
- Quality Control and Site Assurance Units
- Infrastructure, Utility, and Heavy Civil Contracting

Learning Objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Supervise temporary installations in full compliance with BS 5975 guidance.
- Interpret design drawings, method statements, and risk assessments accurately on site.
- Conduct structured daily checks across formwork, falsework, scaffolding, and excavations.
- Implement permit-to-load and permit-to-dismantle authorization protocols.
- Communicate field observations and nonconformances effectively to coordinators.
- Stop unauthorized modifications and manage site alterations safely.

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Course Agenda

Day 1: Supervisory Principles and BS 5975 Fundamentals

- Introduction to temporary works classification and site failure mechanisms
- Core tenets of BS 5975 and their direct application to field oversight
- The four supervisory pillars: communication, coordination, cooperation, and competence
- Limits of authority and responsibilities of the site supervisor
- Interfaces between supervisors, coordinators, site management, and package contractors

Day 2: Risk Mitigation and Site Safety Oversight

- Integrating site health and safety standards into daily supervision
- Hazard identification and risk mitigation using hierarchy of control principles
- Enforcing method statements and safe systems of work on active work fronts
- Supervisory intervention protocols for unauthorized modifications or adverse conditions
- Review of real-world structural failures and operational lessons learned

Day 3: Procedural Controls and Design Verification Support

- Navigating the project temporary works register and tracking open packages
- Interpreting design briefs, check categories, and approved construction drawings
- Managing the interface between main contractors and trade subcontractors
- Pre-erection site preparation, ground condition checks, and foundation checks
- Establishing physical verification hold points during construction sequences

Day 4: Physical Inspection and Load Permit Execution

- Inspection practices for scaffolding, formwork, propping, and ground support
- Using standardized supervisory checklists to document physical verification
- Execution of permit-to-load and permit-to-dismantle sign-off stages
- Managing hold points, structural handover, and partial loading checks
- Addressing on-site nonconformances, component defects, and corrective actions

Day 5: Interface Coordination and Operational Reporting

- Managing multi-trade work interfaces and conflicting site activities
- Reporting mechanisms and documentation handover to site coordinators
- Supervisory walkdowns and ongoing maintenance inspections during service life
- Controlled dismantling sequences, component storage, and site demobilization
- Practical scenario assessment resolving typical site supervisory dilemmas

Practical Exercises

Participants apply supervisory checklists and verification protocols through site scenarios.

- Execute a pre-pour inspection exercise for suspended slab falsework and edge protection.
- Conduct a discrepancy check between an approved design drawing and a field installation.
- Complete a permit-to-load checklist and identify missing inspection hold points.
- Simulate an intervention scenario where unauthorized site modifications are identified.

FAQs

What specific qualifications or prerequisites are needed for participants before enrolling in the course?

Participants should have practical experience in site supervision, civil engineering, or construction safety. Familiarity with standard site documentation, drawings, and safe systems of work is recommended.

How long is each day's session, and is there a total number of hours required for the entire course?

Each day involves approximately four to five hours of structured instructional delivery and scenario review, totaling twenty to twenty-five hours over the one week.

What is the role of the Temporary Works Supervisor compared to the Temporary Works Coordinator?

The coordinator manages overall procedural governance, registers, design briefs, and appointment processes. The supervisor carries out direct physical inspections, monitors daily execution, enforces hold points, and reports field conditions to the coordinator.

Conclusion

Sound supervisory oversight on site is critical to avoiding structural failures and maintaining safe workplaces. By mastering physical inspection methods, strict permit enforcement, and disciplined communication protocols, supervisors protect personnel and ensure temporary structures comply with approved designs throughout their operational lifespan.

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