

# Questions and answers on SCC\*/ SCC\*\*/ SCCP/ SCP occupational safety certification

Our experts have answered important questions on the subject of SCC\*/ SCC\*\*/ SCCP/ SCP occupational safety certification. Are you interested in the subject? **Feel free to contact us!** 

# 1. WHAT BENEFITS DOES A MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY OFFER?

The aim of occupational safety certification is to provide evidence of an intact occupational health and safety system. The purpose of this system is to prevent accidents. The SCC\*, SCC\*\*, SCCP and SCP regulations set out

clearly defined threshold values for the frequency of accidents and place your up-to-date accident statistics at the center of the evaluation.

Certification in accordance with the regulations proves to your clients that you are a company whose top priority is the health and safety of your employees.



# 2. HOW DO I OBTAIN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY CERTIFICATION?

SCC\* / SCC\*\* / SCCP and SCP occupational safety certification follows a question catalog process. The scope of the audit and the number of compulsory questions is based on the number of employees (including interns, temp workers, and vocational trainees). To obtain certification, specific requirements must be met by your company's employees and managerial staff. For example, operational employees in the SCC or SCP certified areas are required to successfully complete a HSE (health, safety and environmental protection) exam. The exams must be conducted by personnel certifiers accredited by the Deutschen Akkreditierungsstelle GmbH (DAkkS) accreditation body.

# 3. WHEN IS A SCC\*/SCC\*\* OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY CERTIFICATION RELEVANT FOR ME?

Are you a technical service provider, performing your services on-site at your client's premises? With SCC (Safety Certificate Contractors) certification, you can prove to your clients that you have a functioning occupational health and safety strategy in place. SCC\* is a restricted certificate for companies with a maximum of 35 employees that do not employ the services of sub-contractors in the certified area. On the other hand, SCC\*\* is an unrestricted certificate for companies with more than 35 employees.

# 4. WHEN IS A SCP OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY CERTIFICATION RELEVANT FOR ME?

Are you a personnel service provider? You can score extra points with your clients with SCP (Safety Certificate Personnel Leasing) certification.

### 5. WHEN IS A SCCP OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY CERTIFICATION RELEVANT FOR ME?

Are you a technical service provider in the petrochemical industry or in refineries? If so, you will have to meet additional specific occupational safety requirements. SCCP (Safety Certificate Contractors for Petrochemicals) certification qualifies you to work in this industry.

# 6. WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF SCC\*/SCC\*\*/ SCCP/SCP OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY CERTIFICATION?

Occupational safety certification can help you to systematically reduce accidents at work. You can also improve your employees' safety awareness and offer systematic training. Save yourself the costs of providing individual verification to your clients and establish a basis of trust.

#### 7. WHAT DOES HSE MANAGEMENT STAND FOR?

Health, safety and environmental protection management is part of the SCC regulations and is inspected directly at the place of work. It stands for the protection of health, safety and the environment. An HSE management system significantly reduces the accident and absenteeism figures. Operational employees in the SCC or SCP certified areas are required to successfully complete an HSE exam.

#### 8. DOES THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS POSE ANY SPECIFIC DEMANDS?

To obtain SCC\*, SCC\*\*, SCCP and SCP occupational safety certification, additional requirements must be met by your company's employees and managerial staff. For example, operational employees in the SCC/SCCP or SCP certified areas are required to successfully complete HSE exams. The exams must be conducted by personnel certifiers accredited by the Deutschen Akkreditierungsstelle GmbH (DAkkS) accreditation body.

To obtain SCC certification, specific requirements relating to the frequency of accidents must be met. An occupational accident is defined as an accident resulting in the injured employee missing one or more days of work (not including commuting accidents). The accident frequency is calculated as follows and may not exceed 40 for first-time certification: Accident frequency (AF) = (Number of occupational accidents/a x 106) / number of hours worked.

# 9. WHAT REQUIREMENTS APPLY FOR SCC\* AS A RESTRICTED CERTIFICATE?

If your company employs less than 35 workers (including interns, temp workers and vocational trainees), you will receive a restricted certificate, the SCC\*, which only applies if you do not employ the services of any subcontractors on the basis of contracts for work and services. To obtain the certification, your management activities relating to health, safety and environmental protection (HSE) are inspected directly at the place of work. 27 marked obligatory questions in the SCC questionnaire must be answered in full (100 %). Would you like to know how good the HSE management system in your company is? We offer a free 'SCC Online Quick Check'. This will give you an overview of your company's performance in the areas of 'occupational health, safety and environmental protection'.

# 10. WHAT REQUIREMENTS APPLY FOR SCC\*\* AS AN UNRESTRICTED CERTIFICATE?

If your company employs 35 workers or less (including interns, temp workers and vocational trainees) and you employ sub-contractors under contracts for work and labor as technical service providers or employ more than 35 workers, you will receive the unrestricted SCC\*\* certificate. Our auditors will assess your HSE management activities at the place of work and your HSE management system. 40 marked obligatory questions in the SCC questionnaire must be answered in full (100 %). In addition, at least five of the nine marked supplementary questions must be answered positively. Would you like to know how good the HSE management system in your company is? We offer the free TÜV Rheinland 'SCC Online Quick Check'. This will give you an overview of your company's performance in the areas of 'occupational health, safety and environmental protection'.

# 11. WHAT REQUIREMENTS APPLY FOR SCCP AS AN UNRESTRICTED CERTIFICATE FOR PETROCHEMICALS?

You will be evaluated based on the SCC\*\* criteria and required to meet additional specific demands pertaining to the petrochemical industry and refineries. 44 marked obligatory questions in the SCC questionnaire must be answered in full (100 %). In addition, at least three of the five marked supplementary questions must be answered positively.

# 12. WHAT REQUIREMENTS APPLY FOR SCP AS A CERTIFICATE?

Certification in accordance with the SCP standard is suitable only for personnel service providers who have already introduced an HSE management system. 29 marked obligatory questions from the SCC questionnaire must be answered in full (100 %). In addition, at least three of the six marked supplementary questions from the SCC questionnaire must be answered positively.

# 13. WHAT AREAS DOES THE SCC\*/SCC\*\*/SCCP QUESTIONNAIRE COVER?

- Chapter 1: HSE: Policy, Organization and Management Commitment
- Chapter 2: HSE Risk Assessment
- Chapter 3: HSE Training, Information and Instructions
- Chapter 4: HSE Awareness
- Chapter 5: HSE Project Plan
- Chapter 6: Environmental Protection
- Chapter 7: Emergency Preparedness
- Chapter 8: HSE Inspections
- Chapter 9: Occupational Physician Services
- Chapter 10: Procurement and Inspection of Machines, Devices, Equipment, and Work Materials
- Chapter 11: Procurement of Services
- Chapter 12: Reporting, Recording and Investigating Accidents, Near Accidents and Unsafe Situations

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DO YOU HAVE ANY UNANSWERED QUESTIONS? OUR EXPERTS WILL BE HAPPY TO ASSIST WITH ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS. FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US!

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