



ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

INTRODUCTION

"Climate change doesn't discriminate. Whether you're a business, a government, or an individual, it is a threat to us all and therefore a challenge for us all. I believe that collectively we can meet this challenge."

(Environment Minister)

With global warming, pollution and greenhouse gases being discussed on a daily basis, environmental impact is now firmly on the agenda for many organisations as both a corporate responsibility and sustainability issue. "We're in this Together" is an important approach to many organisations that have achieved or are striving to achieve the Environmental Management System Standard, ISO14001. The Environmental Awareness module covers the main issues that face organisations in their attempts to better manage their environment risks by helping managers and employees to understand the part they can play in meeting their organisations obligations and lessen impacts on the environment.

The main theme within the module is that by improving environmental awareness, everyone in the organisation can contribute to the reduction of impacts on the environment and play a positive part in the future of our environment.

Did you know that between 1970 and 2004, total carbon dioxide emissions fell by 18%? Much of this decline has come from a reduction in emissions attributable to industry which declined by 49% since 1970. Emissions caused by domestic users have declined by 22% since 1970, but those attributable to transport have more than doubled! So based on these statistics, impacts on the environment can actually be reduced if there is a desire to do so.

AIMS OF THE MODULE

'ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS' from Praxis42 will explain the main issues that impact the environment and what governments, agencies and individuals are doing to improve these risks. It will also provide the trainee with an awareness of the environment, explain how their actions at work can affect it and what they can do to reduce environmental impacts. With this aim in mind Praxis42 believe that the module could form part of the training requirement described within the Environmental Management System Standard ISO 14001.

