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Construction Site Safety Manual

**Safety Training for Construction Workers of Specified Trade
(Silver Card Course)**

To ensure skilled workers of rigging, signalling and concreting possess proper safety training commensurate with their duties, clause 8(2)(A)(i) of the Particular Specification (PS) at Appendix III, Chapter 3 of the Construction Site Safety Manual (CSSM) has been updated (at **Annex A**) to extend the Silver Card Course to cover two additional trades, viz. rigger and signaller, and concretor. The updated PS clause at Annex A will be incorporated into the CSSM in its next updating exercise.

Effect on Public Works Contracts

2. The updated PS clause at Annex A shall be incorporated in all public works contracts (including capital works contracts and maintenance contracts) of which tenders are to be invited **on or after 3 February 2023**. For public works contracts tendered before 3 February 2023, project officers should incorporate the updated PS clauses as far as reasonably practicable. For existing public works contracts, contract administrators should explore the feasibility of implementing the updated PS clause at Annex A with the contractors.

3. Please bring this memo to the attention of the project officers who are responsible for the preparation of tenders for public works contracts and the project officers, consultants and resident site staff supervising public works contracts.

Enquiries

4. Any enquiries on the above should be addressed to Mr LEE Man-yiu, Assistant Secretary (Works Policies 5) 5 at 3509 8305.

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Chapter 3

**Appendix III – PARTICULAR SPECIFICATION ON SITE
SAFETY**

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(2)(A)(i) In addition to clause 8(2) above, skilled workers of specific trades set out below in this sub-clause who are employed on the Works or in connection with the Contract whether in the employ of the Contractor or sub-contractors of all tiers shall attend the relevant Safety Training Course for Construction Workers of Specified Trade (also known as the Silver Card course) organised by the Construction Industry Council (CIC):

- painter and decorator
- carpenter
- demolition worker (building)
- plumber
- bar bender and fixer
- plasterer and tiler
- bamboo scaffolder and metal scaffolder
- curtain wall installer
- construction materials rigger
- lift mechanic (installation and maintenance)
- tower crane worker (erecting, dismantling, telescoping & climbing)
- tunnel worker
- rigger and signaller
- concreter

Any other recognised courses as notified by the Architect/Engineer*.