

Bulletin

General construction induction training (White Card)

This information bulletin provides a guide to White Card training in the Northern Territory.

The Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Regulations requires workers performing construction work to hold a White Card.

The approved units of competency are:

- **CPCCWHS1001 Prepare to work safely in the construction industry**

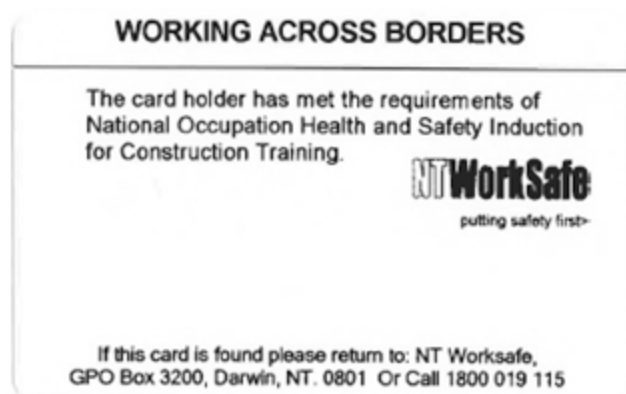
The training can only be delivered by a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) that has the national training unit within their scope in the Northern Territory. For information about RTOs please refer to information bulletin *RTO – General Construction Induction Training*.

Following the successful completion of the training, the applicant may apply to the Territory Business Centre (TBC) for a White Card. Applicants are required to complete an application form – *Application for a NT General Construction Training Card* and supply a Statement of Attainment or Written Declaration stating they have completed the training within the preceding 60 days.

A person conducting a business or undertaking (PCBU) must ensure that workers, who carry out construction work, either have a White Card or has evidence they have completed the approved training.

A worker carrying out construction work must keep their White Card available for inspection.

NT white cards are accepted by all jurisdictions.



Caption: Sample front and back of NT White Card

NT white cards will have:

- Name, date of birth and signature of the card holder
- Issue date
- Card number, and
- RTO number.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is induction for construction work training?

General induction training provides persons entering the construction industry with a basic knowledge of, the common hazards and risks likely to be encountered on construction sites and how these risks should be controlled.

When should I complete induction training?

Prior to commencing construction work in the NT, the PCBU must ensure all new workers have completed general construction induction training. A worker that has successfully completed training more than two years previously, but has not carried out construction is also required to complete the training.

I already have an interstate card; do I have to get a NT White Card?

NT WorkSafe recognises all interstate cards if they remain valid in the issuing State/Territory. If a PCBU has concerns over the legitimacy or level of competence, they may request that the training be re-completed.

Do I/my workers still have to do the task and site induction training?

Yes, the White Card is only an induction into the industry. Workers must also do task and site specific induction training.

Will there be any refresher training required for construction industry workers.

There is no requirement for workers to undergo refresher training as site and task-specific training will supplement “once off” induction training.

Who needs to undertake general construction induction training?

General Induction Construction Training Recommended	Yes	No
Government Inspector fulfilling statutory functions		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Casual, part-time or labour-hire persons performing construction work	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Owner carrying out construction work	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Owner on-site to inspect progress (accompanied)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Installation of joinery, pre-cast concrete panels, windows	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Components being manufactured off-site, kitchen cabinets, pre-cast panels		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Delivery drivers dropping off materials in designated areas		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Delivery drivers dropping off materials inside the construction zone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Engineers or architects observing work (accompanied)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Engineers and surveyors who undertake preparatory site work	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

General Induction Construction Training Recommended	Yes	No
Cleaning and maintenance of structures under construction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Work experience students undertaking construction work	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Practical visits by students not undertaking construction work and under escort		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Traffic control for on-site construction work	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Traffic control not related to construction work (e.g. school crossings)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Finishing and fit-out work such as painting, tiling, carpet laying, floor sanding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Sign-writing, carpet cleaning		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Landscaping	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Maintenance of existing lawns and gardens		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Installation of temporary amenities, on-site catering		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Volunteers		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

(Source: National Code of Practice for Induction for Construction Work)

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