Third Party Health and Safety Assessment Schemes

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- First went through the CHAS scheme as a contractor in February 2004
- Accredited Assessor with the CHAS scheme since 2008
- 2,903 completed assessments
- CHAS and SSiP trained
The necessity

- **Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 1994**
  Regulation 8 (3) – No person shall arrange for a contractor to carry out or manage construction work unless he is reasonably satisfied that the contractor has the competence to carry out, as the case may be, manage, that construction work.

- **Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2007**
  Regulation 4 (1) – No person on whom these Regulations place a duty shall –
  
  (a) appoint or engage a CDM co-ordinator, designer, principal contractor or contractor unless he has taken reasonable steps to ensure that the person to be appointed or engaged is competent;
  
  (b) accept such an appointment or engagement unless he is competent;
  
  (c) Arrange for or instruct a worker to carry out or manage design or construction work unless the worker is (i) competent, or (ii) under the supervision of a competent person.
Competence standards

- ‘Core Criteria’ set out for the first time in the Approved Code of Practice (ACOP) supporting the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2007 (CDM 2007).

- ACOP recommends a 2 stage assessment format.

- Safety Schemes in Procurement – discussions regarding the development of a UK-wide approach to providing a baseline accreditation service.

- PAS 91 (Publically Available Specification) – set of questions to be asked by buyers of potential suppliers to enable prequalification for construction projects.
Original Schemes

- Constructionline – established by the then DTI in 1998 as the UK’s register of prequalified construction services. Originally concentrated on establishing financial and legal criteria. Formed a link with CHAS in 2002.

- Contractors Health and Safety Assessment Scheme (CHAS) – created in 1997 in partnership with the Association of London Government. The National launch was June 2001 at the Royal Festival Hall.
And today...
Assessment Criteria

- Prosecutions and Enforcement Notices
- Health and Safety Policy and Organisation for Health and Safety
- Arrangements for Health and Safety
- Access to Competent Health and Safety Advice
- Training and Information
- Individual Qualifications and Experience
- Monitoring, Audit and Review
- Workforce Involvement
- Accident Reporting and Investigation
- Sub-Contracting
- Risk Assessment Leading to a Safe Method of Work
Questions?