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HEALTH AND SAFETY (DISPLAY SCREEN EQUIPMENT) REGULATIONS 1992

APPLICATION TO TRAINEES

This Supplement to OC 202/1 draws attention to the arrangements for applying the Health and Safety (Display Screen Equipment) Regulations 1992 (DSE Regulations) to employment trainees.

1 The DSE Regulations apply to all employees who are defined as "users", i.e. those who habitually use display screen equipment.

2 Under the Health and Safety (Training for Employment) Regulations 1990, trainees are included as employees for the purposes of health and safety unless they are receiving instructions in educational institutions. Therefore, trainees would be subject to the DSE Regulations if they habitually use display screen equipment (DSE) as a significant part of their normal work. "Work" in this context refers to the training received by trainees.

3 Although use of DSE may be intensive for the duration of the training course, the length of the course may not be sufficient to establish that use was habitual and not all trainees would therefore be defined as "users".

4 The point at which a training course becomes long enough for those on it to be defined as "users" has not been tested in the courts. However, for trainees who meet the definition of a "user", all aspects of the Regulations, including the requirement for giving eye and eyesight tests would apply.

Annotation of instructions

5 [OC 202/1](#) - note "See OC 202/1 Supplement 1 for application to trainees".

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