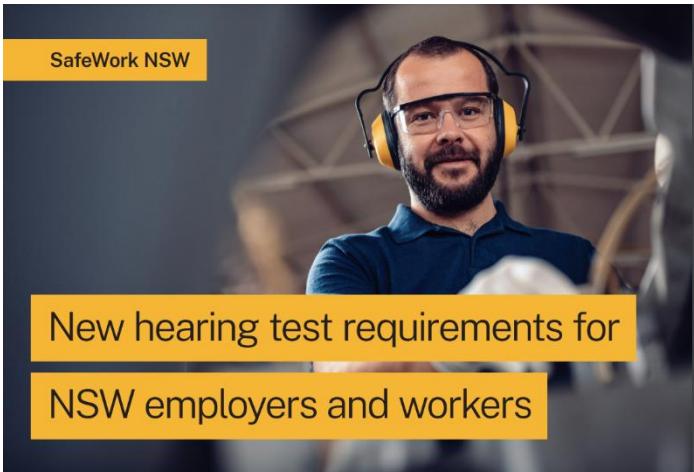


SAFETY MEMO

Title:	Audiometric testing requirements in NSW		
Date:	Thursday, 1 February 2024	Memo Ref	SM010224
Direction to:	NSW Contractors		
Background:	<p>Exposure to persistent, loud noise at the workplace can increase the risk of noise related injuries and can even lead to permanent hearing loss. PCBUs have a responsibility to ensure exposure to noise is reduced as much as possible and risks are managed effectively.</p> <p>From 1 January, 2024, the NSW Government under the Work Health and Safety Regulation 2017 commenced Clause 58, that requires all PCBUs to provide audiometric testing to any of their workers who are frequently required by them to use hearing protection to protect the worker from the risk of hearing loss associated with noise that exceeds the exposure standard.</p> 		
Direction to Contractors:	<p>Meet your legal obligations by providing audiometric testing to all workers frequently using hearing protection as a control measure where noise exceeds the exposure standard. Review noise sources and where practicable, apply controls to eliminate or minimise the risk of hearing loss. Resources to help you prepare are available on the NSW SafeWork site and can be found here.</p> <p>Fact sheet: New hearing test requirements for NSW employers and workers.</p> <p>Code of practice: Managing noise and preventing hearing loss at work</p>		
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