

Why is Competence important?

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Many organisations invest heavily in equipment, systems, procedures, and technology — yet incidents, failures, and operational problems still occur.

Why? Because organisational performance ultimately depends on people being competent to perform their roles.

Competence is important because it directly influences:

- Safety
- Operational reliability
- Quality
- Productivity
- Compliance
- Decision-making
- Organisational resilience

In high-hazard industries, competence can be the difference between controlled operations and a major accident.

Procedures alone do not prevent incidents.

People must be capable of understanding, applying, and adapting those procedures in real operational conditions — particularly during abnormal situations, emergencies, or periods of pressure.

A lack of competence can lead to:

- ✗ Human error
- ✗ Poor decision-making
- ✗ Unsafe interventions
- ✗ Inadequate supervision
- ✗ Failure to recognise warning signs

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- ✗ Ineffective emergency response
- ✗ Increased operational risk

Importantly, competence is not just about frontline personnel.

Managers, supervisors, engineers, assessors, permit issuers, leaders, and decision-makers all require clearly defined competence expectations.

Strong organisations recognise that competence is a critical business and safety asset. They therefore establish structured competence management systems that:

- ✓ Define expectations
- ✓ Assess capability
- ✓ Identify gaps
- ✓ Support development
- ✓ Verify performance
- ✓ Maintain ongoing assurance

Competence builds confidence.

Confidence improves performance.

Performance protects people, assets, reputation, and the environment.

Competence is not simply a training issue.

It is a leadership responsibility.

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