



# Breathing Apparatus Operational

## QUESTION 01

Can I bring my own Breathing Apparatus equipment?

All Self-Contained Supplied Air Breathing Apparatus equipment must comply with AS/NZS 1716:2012 CABA. Safety 'n Action provides a tested and certified range of equipment that has been cleaned and checked prior to each use. (Only available at certain regions). It is possible to bring your own equipment.

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## QUESTION 02

With the health issues around COVID-19 can I bring my personal facemask?

Safety n Action uses Draeger Self-Contained Supplied Air Breathing Apparatus equipment, and your mask may not be compatible. Contact the administration team to discuss. Safety n Action clean all equipment after each use, but we can provide hygienic cleaning wipes to clean any contact surfaces prior to using

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## QUESTION 03

Will I be trained in rescue techniques on the day?

This training is a low impact introductory course to provide instruction on the correct setup and use of Self-Contained Supplied Air Breathing Apparatus (BA) and does not include rescue techniques. We do provide instruction on developing rescue plans, that are a requirement when conducting any entry using BA equipment.

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## QUESTION 04

I only use the BA set occasionally, so do I still need to do the full training course?

The Health and Safety at Work Act 2015, and the Health and Safety at Work (General Risk and Workplace Management) Regulations 2016, state there is a duty for the PCBU to identify hazards, and then apply/maintain/review control measures to reduce potential of harm to people, the environment and the organization. There is also a duty to ensure that as far as is reasonably practicable, the provision of information, training, instruction or supervision to protect all persons from risk to their health and safety. AS/NZS 1716:2012 CABA also states that anyone using a supplied air system must be trained. If there is any potential for requiring the use of Self-Contained Supplied Air Breathing Apparatus equipment all people involved must have current NZQA 25044 or equivalent qualifications.

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## QUESTION 05

What will I be required to do for the physical assessment?

Moderate fitness and flexibility are a requirement of the course and there will be points for clarification that will be identified in the medical declaration sent out prior to the course date and will be done before the course commences ensuring nothing has changed. This course is classed as a low impact course but does contain some physical activity. This will include donning and removing the Self-Contained Supplied Air Breathing Apparatus equipment, some walking, ascending and descending stairs/ladders. There may be some movement of small containers to simulate work tasks. All training will be conducted in a safe environment under the supervision and monitoring of your trainer.

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