

Reports of Thorough Examination expiries

ALLMI has been consulting the HSE regarding the thorough examination of lifting equipment during the Coronavirus outbreak. A statement from the HSE on this subject can be viewed at www.allmi.com/hse-statement. Whilst ALLMI would encourage everyone to read the document in full, the key points include:



- Inspection bodies may prioritise businesses essential to the national infrastructure or to protect vulnerable groups in society.
- All reasonable effort should be made by duty holders to arrange thorough examinations within the statutory time limits.
- Provided the equipment is to be used to supply or support an essential service, if no engineer can be sourced and if no other system of work can be used, then it is acceptable for the equipment to be operated, subject to a robust risk assessment determining it is safe to do so. The HSE statement provides guidance on the risk assessment content.
- Detailed records must be kept in relation to the efforts made to source a thorough examination, and the risk assessment undertaken.
- Provided the above conditions are met, the HSE's standard enforcement response will be to take no action if the only failing is that the Report of Thorough Examination has expired.

ALLMI technical manager, Keith Silvester said: "We recognise that many ALLMI manufacturer/service company members are offering cover for thorough examinations of this nature (i.e. for equipment involved in critical/essential work) and that fleet owners are unlikely to require a risk assessed approach. However, should the need arise, we are happy to assist with any practical interpretation of the HSE's statement."

Membership subs rebate

ALLMI is to discount membership subscription fees for the 2020/21 financial year by 25 percent.

ALLMI chairman, Alan Johnson said: "We have had continual dialogue with members throughout the Coronavirus outbreak and have made it clear that we want to support them to every extent possible. We recognise and appreciate the financial challenges being experienced across our industry and so reducing fees for the year is a measure we are pleased to take. This has received the unanimous backing of the ALLMI board, as it provides a practical and direct form of assistance, as well as further demonstrating our total commitment to helping the membership during this difficult period."



Online courses now available

In the interests of maintaining its range of industry services as much as possible during this period of social/physical distancing, ALLMI has made its Appointed Person (AP) and Manager courses (Appointed Person and Thorough Examiner versions only) available online.

Chief executive Tom Wakefield said: "We look forward to continuing the delivery of these popular training courses, using a combination of live video conferencing and pre-recorded tutorials. We are aware that many companies are still looking to equip and qualify their workforce at this time and moving these courses online allows us to meet this need."

It is worth noting the following rules regarding the Government's Job Retention Scheme: 'Furloughed employees can engage in training, as long as in undertaking the training the employee does not provide services to, or generate revenue for, or on behalf of their organisation. Furloughed employees should be encouraged to undertake training.' Please check any issues relating to training for furloughed employees with your Human Resources advisor.

For information on Appointed Person training, visit: www.allmi.com/aptraining or www.allmi.com/courses-for-managers for Manager course information.

Membership satisfaction survey

ALLMI has collated the results of its 2020 Membership satisfaction survey.

Marketing officer Fiona Parnell said:

"We are very grateful to the large number of members that participated and delighted with the results which show an extremely high level of member satisfaction, while providing valuable feedback on how we can further develop services and products for the good of the industry."

The results covered a broad range of areas, but highlights include 95 percent of respondents stating they are very likely to recommend ALLMI membership, 100 percent confirming that ALLMI's products and services are of a 'high' or 'very high' quality, 92 percent scoring ALLMI as either 'very' or 'extremely' responsive to industry issues and 96 percent saying that communication on industry issues/association activities is either 'excellent' or 'above average'.

"We see this as a valuable process and intend to carry it out annually," adds Parnell. "The survey data provides a helpful benchmark against which to measure our progress, allowing us to ensure we are meeting members' needs and that our activities are in line with the wants of the industry."

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