



# Audiometric Surveillance Workshop (WA)

## One-day program

### About the workshop

This one-day workshop provides up-to-date, practical guidance on complying with industry requirements for conducting audiometric surveillance testing in Western Australia.

### What is audiometric surveillance?

Audiometric surveillance, or monitoring, is the process of conducting periodic hearing tests to **identify changes in hearing from the baseline**, usually conducted on employees working in noisy workplaces.

Work-related **hearing “shift” (decline) is viewed as an injury**. Government regulations require companies to take action to monitor hearing and prevent future hearing loss.



### Audiometry requirements and protocols

Within WA, existing and emerging laws describe requirements for monitoring hearing. It's clear that simply conducting a hearing test and archiving the results is not enough.

In the resources sector, for instance, the WA Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS) guides companies to implement an **“ongoing hearing testing program”** within a Health and Hygiene Management Plan (HHMP).

Soon, other noise-generating industries will face similar requirements. The WA government recently passed the Work Health and Safety Bill, with upcoming regulations likely to include periodic audiometric monitoring.

- **Does your hearing testing program meet DIMRS expectations for the mining industry?**
- **Are your audiometric testers familiar with how to analyse results and compare with a baseline?**
- **Is your business applying an industry-standard audiogram comparison protocol?**

### Audiometric Surveillance Workshop content

This one-day workshop provides companies with guidance in managing audiometric monitoring programs. We cover regulatory requirements plus hands on practice using industry-recognised audiometry protocols.

Session 1: Overview and requirements	Session 2: Practice and implementation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Audiometry surveillance basics and terminology</li> <li>• Workplace hazards that cause hearing loss</li> <li>• Audiometry legislation and requirements in WA (existing and future)</li> <li>• Australian Standards, Code of Practice and “hearing shift” protocols for high-noise industries</li> <li>• Company requirements following hearing shift</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AS/NZS1269.4 and OSHA hearing shift protocols</li> <li>• Percentage loss of hearing</li> <li>• Hands-on audiogram comparison exercises</li> <li>• Can a WorkCover WA hearing test be used for audiometry surveillance?</li> <li>• Clinical and other factors affecting test accuracy and audiogram comparison</li> </ul>

## Who would benefit from attending the workshop?

The workshop will be valuable for in-company personnel involved with planning or implementing audiometric surveillance programs for noise-exposed workers now and into the future. Businesses providing consulting or health monitoring services will also gain valuable information for delivering relevant products and advice to industry clients.

**Relevant industry sectors:** mining, oil and gas, building and construction, agriculture, aviation, vehicle and equipment maintenance, manufacturing and any other industries that generate high levels of noise.

**Relevant roles:** audiometric testers, health service practice managers, health/injury management advisors, supervisors of noise-exposed workers, health and safety representatives and health program policy makers.

**Pre-requisites:** There are no restrictions to registration. Existing audiometric testers will have a head start on some of the terminology, however the workshop is designed for anyone with an interest in monitoring audiometry programs and service delivery in WA.

## Workshop format and presenter

The course combines theory and practical training in a compact, workshop format:

- Slide presentation by industry experts
- Up-do-date information from WA government
- Worked examples and scenarios
- Practical worksheet exercises
- Question/answer and discussion opportunities
- Review of current audiogram comparison software

The workshop presenter is Glenn Johnson, Director and Principal Audiologist at The Hearing Company, based in WA. Glenn has designed and presented audiometry courses around the world and is widely regarded as a dynamic and engaging educator. As a specialist Occupational Audiology consultant, Glenn advises a wide range of clients in the corporate and government sectors.

The Hearing Company Pty Ltd is Australia's most experienced and respected audiometry training and consulting business. We have over 1,200 course graduates practicing audiometry in organisations ranging from small medical practices through to Australia's largest industrial and resources corporations.



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## Cost and registration

**Audiometric Surveillance Workshop: \$770.00 inc GST (\$700.00 ex GST).**

**Registration:** Not yet open (pending easing of government restrictions on travel, gatherings and venues)

## Workshop dates in 2020 – currently seeking expressions of interest

With COVID-19-related restrictions we're unable to confirm workshop dates, however feedback from industry indicates strong demand for this workshop.

To register your interest in attending please contact Course Manger, Lynne Miles. We can then get in touch with you directly with the latest on dates, registration and venue as soon as we know more.

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