



Course information

Orientation to Audiometric Surveillance (WA)

1-day program

About the workshop

This 1-day workshop provides an orientation to the new Work Health and Safety (WHS) regulations (2022) for conducting workplace audiometry 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**, conducted on employees working in high-noise workplaces.



Work-related hearing “shift” (deterioration) is viewed as an injury or illness and government regulations across Australia increasingly require companies to take action to monitor hearing and prevent hearing loss.

Audiometry requirements and protocols

Currently, the WA Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS) requires mining companies to implement an “ongoing hearing testing program” within a Health and Hygiene Management Plan (HHMP).

Commencing in March 2022, the requirement for audiometric surveillance testing will apply to all high-noise industries under Work Health and Safety regulation 58 (Audiometric testing).

Key changes include the introduction of mandatory testing at least every two years, a reduction in the exposure standard (“action level”) for noise and new guidance documents describing how to measure hearing shift (deterioration). These are very different requirements to those specified under WorkCover WA regulations.

Testing practices are gearing up for the changes in clinical practice, documentation and advice to customers.

- **Does your hearing testing service comply with government and industry expectations?**
- **Do your audiometric testers know how to correctly analyse results and compare with a baseline?**
- **Is your business applying a best practice audiogram comparison protocol?**

Orientation to Audiometric Surveillance content

This one-day workshop provides a detailed description of the new audiometry requirements and guidance in how to implement into testing practices.

Workshop topics	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audiometry surveillance basics and terminology • Noise and other hazards that cause hearing loss • Audiometry legislation and requirements in WA (existing and future) • Australian Standards and Codes of Practice • Introduction to measuring “hearing shift” • Company requirements following hearing shift 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AS/NZS1269.4 and OSHA hearing shift protocols • Percentage loss of hearing • Audiogram comparison protocols • Can a WorkCover WA hearing test be used for audiometric surveillance? • Clinical and other factors affecting test accuracy and audiogram comparison

Who would benefit from attending the workshop?

This workshop will be valuable for in-company personnel involved with implementing audiometric surveillance programs for noise-exposed workers. Consultants and health assessment providers will also gain valuable information for developing targeted products and accurate advice to industry clients.

Relevant industry sectors: The new regulation applies to all high noise industries in WA such as mining, oil and gas, building/construction, agriculture, aviation, vehicle and equipment maintenance and manufacturing.

Relevant roles: Health/medical practice managers, Occupational Physicians and doctors with an interest in occupational audiometry, Occupational Hygienists, health/injury management advisors and any managers involved in planning and delivering health programs.

Pre-requisites: There are no pre-requisites for this workshop. Those with some background audiometry will have a head start on terminology however the workshop is designed for anyone with an interest in monitoring audiometry programs and service delivery in WA.

Note: If you're a current WorkCover WA Approved Audiometric Officer (AAO) and want to achieve testing compliance with the new regulations, please see our new [2-day course: Advanced Audiometric Surveillance](#).

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 government
- Worked examples and scenarios
- Practical worksheet exercises
- Question/answer and discussion opportunities
- Review of current audiogram comparison software

The 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.

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Cost and registration

Payment in full is required to register into the course. As places are limited, we encourage early registration to secure your place.

Cost: \$880.00 (inc GST)

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