

DHF launches Smas Worksafe as a new member benefit

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Tamworth-based trade association, the Door & Hardware Federation (DHF), has announced the launch of a new member benefit: [Smas Worksafe](#). Established in 2006, Smas is one of the UK's leading providers of health and safety assessments and a national frontrunner in offering full form SSIP (Safety Schemes in Procurement) services. They have extensive experience in assisting businesses to efficiently manage their health and safety obligations through tailored packages and training, and developing the correct documentation to enable businesses to secure industry-recognised accreditations to meet regulatory requirements.

In addition, Smas offers Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) services aligned with the PAS91 framework. This addition is aimed at streamlining the pre-qualification process for construction-related procurements, making it easier for businesses to meet industry standards and win tenders.

Comprehending the complexities and often-overwhelming nature of health and safety management, Smas prioritises simplicity and efficiency in its processes. Every Smas assessor, for example, undergoes rigorous SSIP Assessor Training, followed by an audit conducted by an independently appointed SSIP Auditor.

"Gaining Smas SSIP accreditation not only proves your commitment to health and safety but also opens doors to connect with these clients through the Smas portal," explains DHF's Commercial Director, Patricia Sowsbery-Stevens. "This accreditation is a signal to potential clients of your serious approach to H&S management, going beyond legal obligations to nationally recognised standards. As well as receiving 15% discount on training course from iHasco, a 10% discount at Trade Point and savings with Fuel Card Services, members will also be able to gain access to a free Work Wallet account. This new partnership represents a shared commitment to advancing safety standards within the industry and will bring exclusive benefits to DHF members who will receive preferential rates with Smas Worksafe."

Commenting on the new partnership with DHF, Ricky Couling, Head of Commercial at Smas Worksafe said:

“We are delighted to join forces with DHF, a dynamic federation committed to excellence. Together, we will continue to raise the bar for safety and standards in the industry, providing our members with unparalleled industry insights and a gateway to a network that values quality and innovation.”

What does SSIP mean for the industry?

SSIP stands for *Safety Schemes in Procurement*; it is not an accreditation in itself, but a membership forum for health and safety assessment schemes operating in the UK and the Republic of Ireland.

Founded in May 2009, SSIP is an umbrella organisation that pulls together multiple occupational health and safety schemes with the aim of reducing costs and duplication for both suppliers and buyers, particularly in the construction industry.

Since its inception, SSIP has saved buyers and suppliers more than £142 million, a number that is continuing to grow year-on-year.

For more information regarding this new member benefit visit: <https://bit.ly/DHFMemberBenefits>