

ACCESS SCAFFOLDING INSPECTION CHECKLIST

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Ensuring Compliance with SANS 10085 and Safety Legislation

1. Understand Types, Applications & Compliance

- Identify and describe types of access scaffolding (including specially designed) and their characteristics/applications
- Confirm limitations of scaffolding types in accordance with SANS 10085
- Identify components and verify their safe working loads and applications per SANS 10085
- Determine platform classifications and loading limitations (especially for multi-level platforms) per SANS 10085
- Verify stability requirements (bracing, ties, foundations, plumbness) per regulatory framework and SANS 10085

2. Role & Responsibilities of the Inspector

- Confirm inspector's role and responsibilities as defined in SANS 10085
- Check required documentation and signage (e.g., Inspection Register, Handover Certificate, Green Tag)
- Ensure compliance with workplace scaffold inspection policies and procedures
- Reference Occupational Health and Safety Act requirements during inspection

3. Interpret Drawings & Specifications

- Read and interpret scaffold design details, dimensions from drawings/sketches
- Identify required equipment per drawings, client requirements and specifications
- Calculate safe working loads on platforms and total loads on standards/uprights
- Verify proposed modifications against original specifications if applicable

4. Conduct the Inspection

- Inspect entire scaffold for compliance with drawings, specifications, client requirements and SANS 10085
- Check foundations, base plates, sole boards and ground conditions
- Verify standards are plumb, properly braced and tied
- Inspect ledgers, transoms, couplers, platforms and access (ladders/stairs)
- Confirm fall protection, toe boards, guardrails and safe loading
- Identify any defects, damage or non-compliance and tag unsafe areas

5. Re-Inspection & Special Designs

- Re-inspect any modified/alterd scaffolding systems per SANS 10085
- Obtain Engineer's Certificate/Report for special design scaffolds when required

6. Handover & Documentation

- Complete Access Scaffolding Inspection Register accurately
- Issue and sign Handover Certificate if compliant
- Affix Green Tag (or appropriate signage) for safe use
- Report any non-compliance and recommend corrective actions
- Hand over to responsible person with full briefing on status



Essential Inspection Tools & Documents (Minimum Requirements)

- Tape measure, spirit level, plumb line and torque wrench
- Drawings/specifications, client requirements and SANS 10085 reference
- Inspection Register, Handover Certificates and Green/Red Tags
- PPE: Helmet, harness, safety boots, gloves
- Calculator for load verification

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