



**AssentTECS is a registered training organisation (National Provider # 5387).
AssentTECS is registered to deliver and assess the nationally accredited
competencies for the role of Fire Safety Advisor as required in the
*Building Fire Safety Regulations 2008.***

On the 1st July 2008 new Building Fire Safety Regulations were introduced into Queensland. These regulations require the appointment of a Fire Safety Advisor for high occupancy buildings and AssentTECS can qualify your nominated staff member/s for this role.

AssentTECS believes the best people to attend this training are existing Chief Wardens or Evacuation Co-ordinators as the training provides knowledge and skills in areas familiar to these roles.

The training will cover the following areas:

- Developing or arranging for a written Fire and Evacuation plan for the building which includes procedures for responding to, management of and evacuation during emergency incidents
- Conducting or arranging training in basic evacuation processes and operation of first response equipment, such as fire extinguishers, hose reels and fire blankets
- Conducting or arranging training in evacuation coordination procedures that have been developed in the Fire and Evacuation plan, such as Warden training
- Conducting or arranging for emergency prevention processes, such as hazard identification and analysis, and risk assessment for potential emergency incidents that may occur in the building
- Understanding the maintenance and training recording requirements for the building

Examples of a high occupancy building are a building that (but is not limited to):

- Is an apartment building, accommodation building or hotel that is more than 25 metres high (more than 8 floors)
- Is a building that is a workplace where 30 or more workers are normally employed for a period of 40 days or more in any one year
- A building that has been deemed high risk by the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service (QFRS) Commissioner.

The Building Fire Safety Regulations 2008 have been introduced to improve the knowledge and skills of occupants (in buildings) for responding to emergencies, evacuation processes, emergency prevention and emergency management to minimise the risk of injury or death that can occur in fires and hazardous materials incidents.

The occupier/s of the building, such as the owner, executive managers, senior managers or tenants still have the responsibility to ensure all instructions, training and exercises are conducted as required in the *Building Fire Safety Regulations 2008*.

The Fire Safety Advisor (FSA) training has been designed to assist occupiers in 'high-occupancy' buildings in meeting some of their obligations by either delivering, or arranging the delivery of, instructions, training and exercises for evacuation response and management processes. The FSA may also assist or arrange for the development of a Fire and Evacuation Plan for the building.

AssentTECS has been authorised to deliver the FSA training as it is an RTO with highly experienced trainers and assessors from the emergency management industry.

The current competencies required for the FSA role are:

- PUAWER001A Identify, prevent and report potential workplace emergency situations
- PUAWER002A Ensure workplace emergency prevention procedures, systems and processes are implemented
- PUAWER003A Manage and monitor workplace emergency, procedures, equipment and other resources
- PUAWER004A Respond to workplace emergencies
- PUAWER005A Operate as part of an emergency control organisation
- PUAWER006A Lead an emergency control organisation
- PUAWER007A Manage an emergency control organisation
- PUAWER008A Confine small workplace emergencies

Other requirements of the occupiers/managers of the building under the *Building Fire Safety Regulations 2008*, which is beyond the scope of the accredited training completed by the FSA includes:

- Meeting requirements about the means of escape and evacuation routes in and from the building
- Having a written Fire and Evacuation Plan (Emergency Management Plan) that meets the specified requirements detailed in the *Building Fire Safety Regulations 2008* for the building and aligned to AS3745 - 2002
- New Evacuation Signs and Diagrams requirements for the building
- Maintenance requirements for the fire safety equipment, features and installations that are in the building
- Recording requirements for the maintenance, training, exercises and instructions conducted in the building

AssentTECS can provide advice and products in all of these areas as the consultants are all from the emergency management industry, each with over 15 years experience.