

Life-Saving Rule

Work Authorisation

Work with a valid permit when required



- I have confirmed if a permit is required
- I am authorised to perform the work
- I understand the permit
- I have confirmed that hazards are controlled and it is safe to start
- I stop and reassess if conditions change

Additional Guidance & References

Work authorisation is more than just a person in charge signing a Permit to Work form: it is seeking and having authorisation to start, resume, or hand-over a task.

The person in charge of the work confirms that it is safe to start, that controls are in place and effective, and the task can be performed as planned.

Further reading:

- IOGP Report 189 Guidelines on permit to work systems
- IOGP Report 577 – Fabrication site construction safety practices – Hazardous activities provides simple requirements for Job Safety Analysis
- UK HSE: HSG 250 Guidance on permit-to-work systems: A guide for the petroleum, chemical and allied industries