



ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE WAY FOR FUTURE

SAATCA 4 Hour CPD POINT ONLINE WORKSHOP

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Artificial intelligence (AI)?

No longer a feature of science-fiction, artificial intelligence (AI) is here – and it's here to stay. While the world attempts to grasp the ramifications of the technology in its current iterations, AI continues to evolve at blistering pace. Whether in the realm of industrial automation, scientific research or the creative industries, the far-reaching effects of AI are still to be determined. However, it is already impacting our daily lives.

Amid the hyperbolic language that surrounds AI, many people struggle to understand what it is and what it means for them. For a better understanding of what is AI, how it works, its practical applications – and why standards are crucial to its safe onward development.

Significant changes to the existing OHS Act of 1993

The Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Amendment Bill of 2020, published by the Department of Employment and Labour, introduces several significant changes to the existing OHS Act of 1993. Key amendments and substitutions include:

1. **Enhanced Employee Rights:** The Bill empowers employees to refuse work if they believe the environment is dangerous or unsafe, without fear of victimization by employers.
2. **Introduction of a Health and Safety Management System:** A new system is proposed to coordinate and integrate elements of OHS policy and objectives, aiming for optimal management of workplace health and safety.
3. **Strengthened Enforcement Mechanisms:** The Bill proposes stricter penalties and fines for non-compliance, aiming to deter violations and promote adherence to safety standards.
4. **Updated Definitions and Technical Corrections:** Certain definitions are revised, and technical corrections are made to align the Act with current international trends and address modern workplace challenges.
5. **Increased Involvement of Health and Safety Representatives:** The Bill mandates greater participation of health and safety representatives in workplace inspections and safety management processes.
6. **Revised Composition of the Advisory Council for Occupational Health and Safety:** Changes are proposed to the structure and function of the Advisory Council to enhance its effectiveness in overseeing OHS matters.
7. **Breakdown of the regulation substitution and amendments.**

These amendments aim to modernize South Africa's Occupational Health and Safety Framework, ensuring better protection for workers and alignment with international best practices.

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