

FACTSHEET ON WSH ASSIST

Background

Administered by the Workplace Safety and Health (WSH) Council, the WSH Assist is a scheme for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to help them build WSH capabilities and improve WSH standards. The programme will help SMEs gain a better understanding of their responsibilities under the WSH Act, identify any WSH gaps within their company, and advise them on relevant WSH financial assistance and WSH training.

2 Upon applying for WSH Assist, two WSH Consultants will be deployed to the workplace to provide initial WSH assessments as well as recommend solutions and guide SMEs to the appropriate funding and safety programmes under the WSH 2018 Fund.

Implementation of WSH Assist

3 WSH Consultants will be engaged to educate and give customised advisory services to SMEs. These consultants will act as facilitators to help companies develop action plans for implementation. The consultants will also recommend and help SMEs apply for relevant WSH financial training programs and assistance.

Key Features

4 The WSH Assist will comprise the following key features:

a) Initial site assessments and identification of WSH gaps

On-site visits will be conducted by certified WSH consultants to assess the company's workplace risks as well as their current WSH status. Based on these observations and assessments, the consultants will help identify WSH gaps in the areas of:

- i. compliance with Workplace Safety and Health Act (WSHA); and
- ii. raising WSH capabilities to improve WSH standards.

b) Formulate action plans and educate SMEs on WSH information

Subsequently, the WSH consultants will help companies to develop their own action plans to address the WSH gaps identified. Latest developments in WSH will be shared to keep SMEs up-to-date on current and emerging WSH issues. WSH consultants will also educate the companies on the relevant WSH laws, training courses, assistance funds and safety programmes available under the WSH2018 Fund. Education materials will also be disseminated to companies to increase their awareness of the current WSH practices in the industry.

c) Assist companies to tap on WSH2018 Fund

The WSH consultants will recommend suitable schemes under the WSH2018 Fund and assist with the application process for these schemes. Leveraging on these schemes, SMEs will then be able to build their WSH capability and raise WSH standards.

5 Refer to the process flow of WSH Assist below.

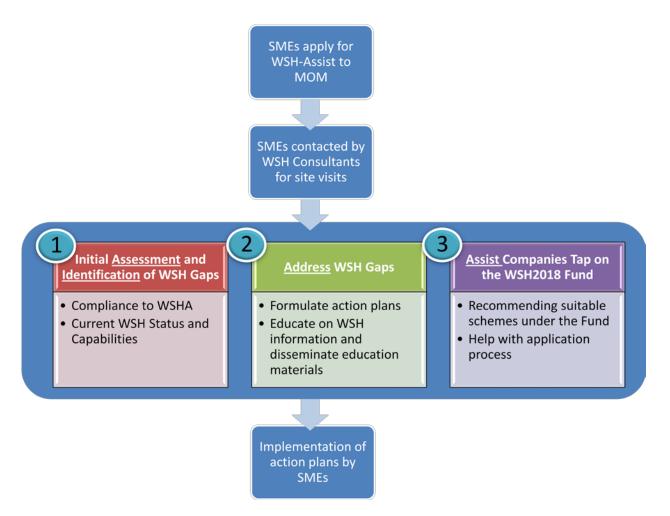


Chart 1: WSH Assist flowchart.

6 To indicate your interest and if you have any queries, please email now to <u>contact@wshc.sg</u>. Applications will be opened in September.