

Are you **sure** that the RPE you provide to your employees **fits** them properly

Are you getting **value** for money from your **RPE**

Are you **sure** that the **face fit** test was carried out **competently**

“ You ought to be, because the **health** of your employees could be at **serious risk** ”



Statement from the HSE. "In preparing the Fit2Fit RPE fit testers accreditation scheme, BSIF and other industry stakeholders have worked closely with the experts in Health and Safety Executive (HSE). Following this scheme is not compulsory and employers are free to take other action to comply with the law. But if you follow this scheme, you will be doing enough to demonstrate good practice."



TSI, sponsors of the Fit2Fit RPE Fit Test Providers Accreditation Scheme



RPE Fit Test Providers Accreditation Scheme
for Respiratory Protective Equipment



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Recent market research indicates that up to 50% of all RPE used does not offer the wearer the level of protection assumed.

Why? - One of the major reasons is that it simply does not fit! Yet, under the regulations RPE must be correctly selected and this includes a facepiece fit test for many types of RPE, which must be conducted by a competent person. But, how can you be sure the person conducting the fit test is competent? All too often fit testing is undertaken by the most 'experienced' employee or someone untrained but has 'read the book'. Certainly not the best of training and experience shows it often only compounds fundamental flaws.

If a fit test is not conducted correctly the health of your employees may be put at risk (& of course penalties may affect your company and you personally).

In view of these major concerns the British Safety Industry Federation, along with the HSE and other industry stakeholders have developed a competency scheme for Fit Test Providers.

Fit2Fit RPE Fit Test Providers Accreditation Scheme

A scheme designed to confirm the competency of any person performing facepiece fit testing.



- **Competent** - because they have passed an industry recognised exam and therefore demonstrated that they have a thorough knowledge of the HSE guidance on fit testing;
- **Competent** - because they have demonstrated that they know how to fit test in practical circumstances;

If you are using RPE that requires a face fit test, are you sure that your Fit Tester knows what they are doing? Don't forget that you, as an employer, are still responsible!

Why risk it? Be sure your RPE Fit Test Provider is competent. Only use a tester who can show you Fit2Fit Accreditation credentials.



Fit2Fit Accreditation Credentials.

There are four types of RPE fit testing methods covered by the scheme. You must ensure your Fit2Fit accredited provider is certified for the testing method being used.

The four main types are:-

- Qualitative Method (Taste Test)
- Quantitative Method (Ambient Particle Count / Portacount test)
 - with N95 Companion or equivalent
 - without N95 Companion or equivalent
- CNP (Controlled Negative Pressure)

Fit2Fit Accredited testers can hold accreditation for one, two, three or all four methods. Ensure your tester is appropriately qualified for the testing you want.

