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# OHTA Update and Achievements

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# Who is OHTA?



## Not-for-Profit Charity

Established in 2010 and run by a global group of volunteer occupational hygienists who serve as subject matter experts and members of the leadership team.



## International Training

Offers internationally acclaimed OH training material targeted to the professional technician with in-person and online courses offered in **over 50 countries with course manuals and online exams in multiple languages**.



## Professional Pathway

Offers the **ICertOHTA qualification** and opens a path to the CIH and other national credentials, creating career advancement opportunities in occupational health.

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# Key OHTA Committees



## US Chapter

Chair: Mark Katchen (US)



## OHTA Marketing & Communications

Chair: Debbie Dietrich (US)

The News/PR team work on promoting OHTA globally for the benefit of all stakeholders through three main channels:

- Global Link newsletter
- Social media (X and LinkedIn)
- 'Team Talk' Bulletins



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# OHTA Support Services

Administration Services are provided by Fitwise Management Ltd. in the UK including:

- Secretariat support
- Financial administration
- Marketing and Communications
- Management of approved trainers

Secretariat Services are provided by Vicky Upstell on behalf of Fitwise Management Ltd.

OHTA's email address:

[team@ohtatraining.org](mailto:team@ohtatraining.org)

# OHTA Achievements 2010-2024



14+

## Years of Service

Continuous dedication to improving global occupational health since 2010

50+

## Countries

OHTA training materials and courses delivered across more than 50 countries worldwide

15,278

## Exam Candidates

Students undertaking OHTA assessment demonstrating their new knowledge

100,000+

## Stakeholders

Stakeholders impacted by OHTA's work

OHTA's impact continues to grow with each passing year, expanding its reach and influence in protecting worker health across industries, borders and continents. The organization's commitment to providing accessible, high-quality training has created a global network of occupational health & safety professionals and change agents.

# Key Metrics

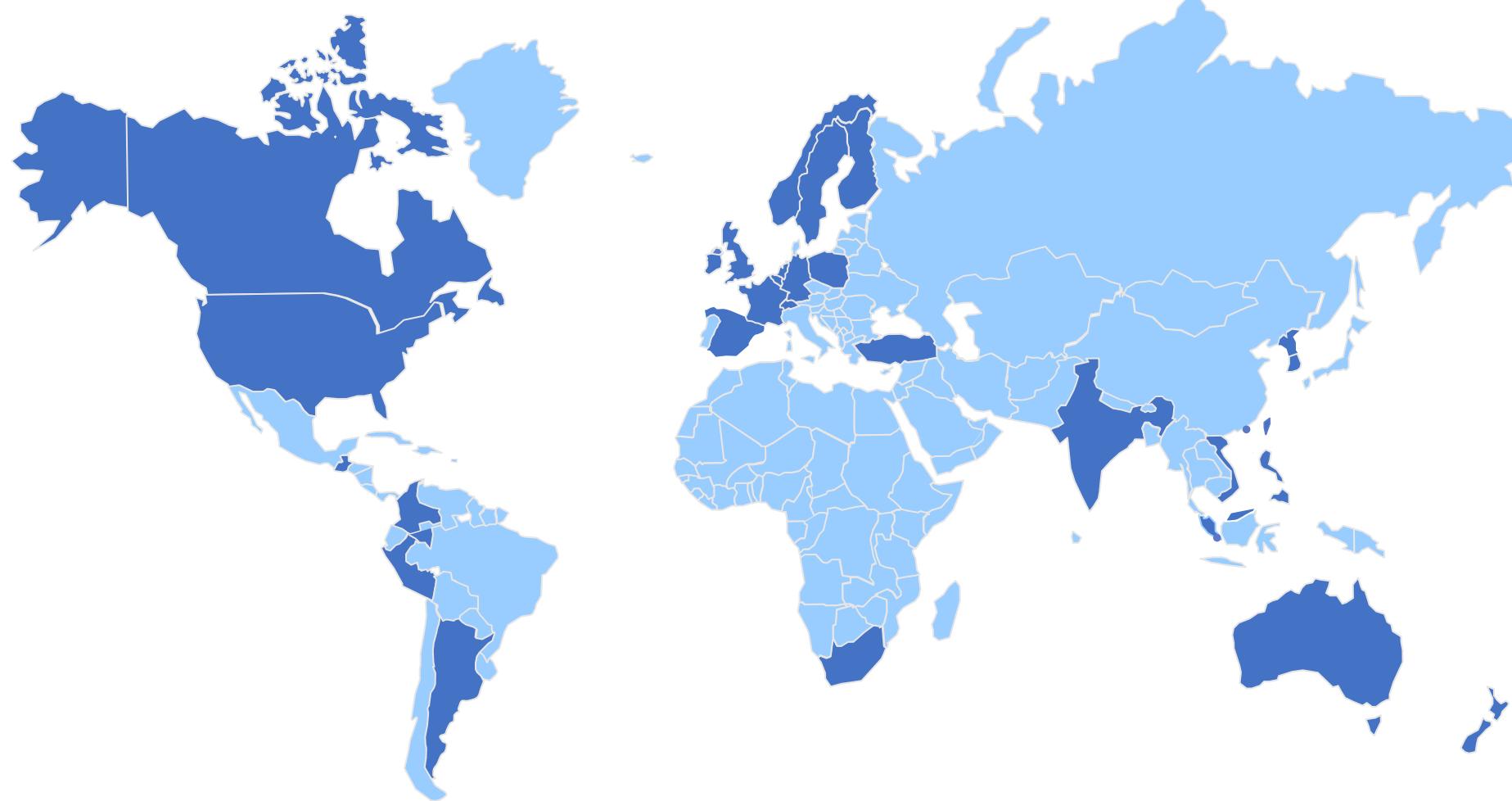
## Since February 2025

- In the last 12 months, 13,000 student manuals were downloaded in 107 countries, this being 54% of the 195 countries worldwide.

## Since February 2024

- 360 courses were conducted around the world
- 154 students passed (6) OHTA courses to qualify for the ICertOHTA qualification
- 13 ICertOHTA awardees went on to pursue the new OHTA pathway to the Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH) credential
- New Specialist course on the Mining and Mineral Processing Industries was released.
- 9 course manuals and training materials were translated into Spanish.

# OHTA Member Associations



All countries highlighted in **dark blue** are home to an OHTA Member Association.

34 Member Associations as of October 2025

# Innovation to meet Global Demand



## OHTA Growing IH/OH Capacity

- Courses are now offered On-line, Classroom & Hybrid with a mix of on-line training and face to face for practical exercises.
- OHTA courses are now offered in new countries where limited IH/OH training was available and in local languages. Countries include as Senegal and Francophone Africa, Nigeria, Angola, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Fiji and China.
- Students include site IH/OHs technicians, HSE Managers, government inspectors and regulators, occupational health doctors and nurses as well as engineers.

**A total of 1100 exams were completed by 3Q25 with many students on the pathway to a ICertOHTA.**



IEH (Institute of Ergonomics and Hygiene), training course OHTA505 in Brunei for National Inspectors



NZOHS leading training in Fiji with OHTA201 course.

# Technology Led Changes to Exams



## Advanced LMS Platform

- MCQ exams introduced in 2024, based on an LMS system used globally by universities.
- Exam results and OHTA certificates now available within 24 hours for Trainers to send to students.

## Global Reach through Translations

- New **Artificial Intelligence** (AI) technology allows the OHTA MCQ exams to be translated to multiple languages. Currently using exams in French, Spanish, Turkish and Indonesian.



Turkey National Association, ETOK-HIDER, training course  
OHTA501 for Occupational Health Doctors

# A Career Through OHTA Courses



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## Professional Industry Focused Courses

OHTA1001-Mining and Mineral Processing Industry 2025

OHTA1002-Oil & Gas Industry 2026

OHTA1003-Pharmaceutical Industry 2026

## Professional Technician

OHTA501-507 courses

## ICertOHTA

Six OHTA500 series courses

## Awareness Level

- Health, Safety Awareness
- Silica Awareness

## Foundation

OHTA201 Basic Principles

## Professional Technician

- OHTA501: Measurement
- OHTA502: Thermal Environment
- OHTA503: Noise
- OHTA504: Asbestos
- OHTA505: Control
- OHTA506: Ergonomics
- OHTA507: Health Effects

# New courses for 2025 and 2026



## OHTA 1001 Mining & Mineral Processing Industries

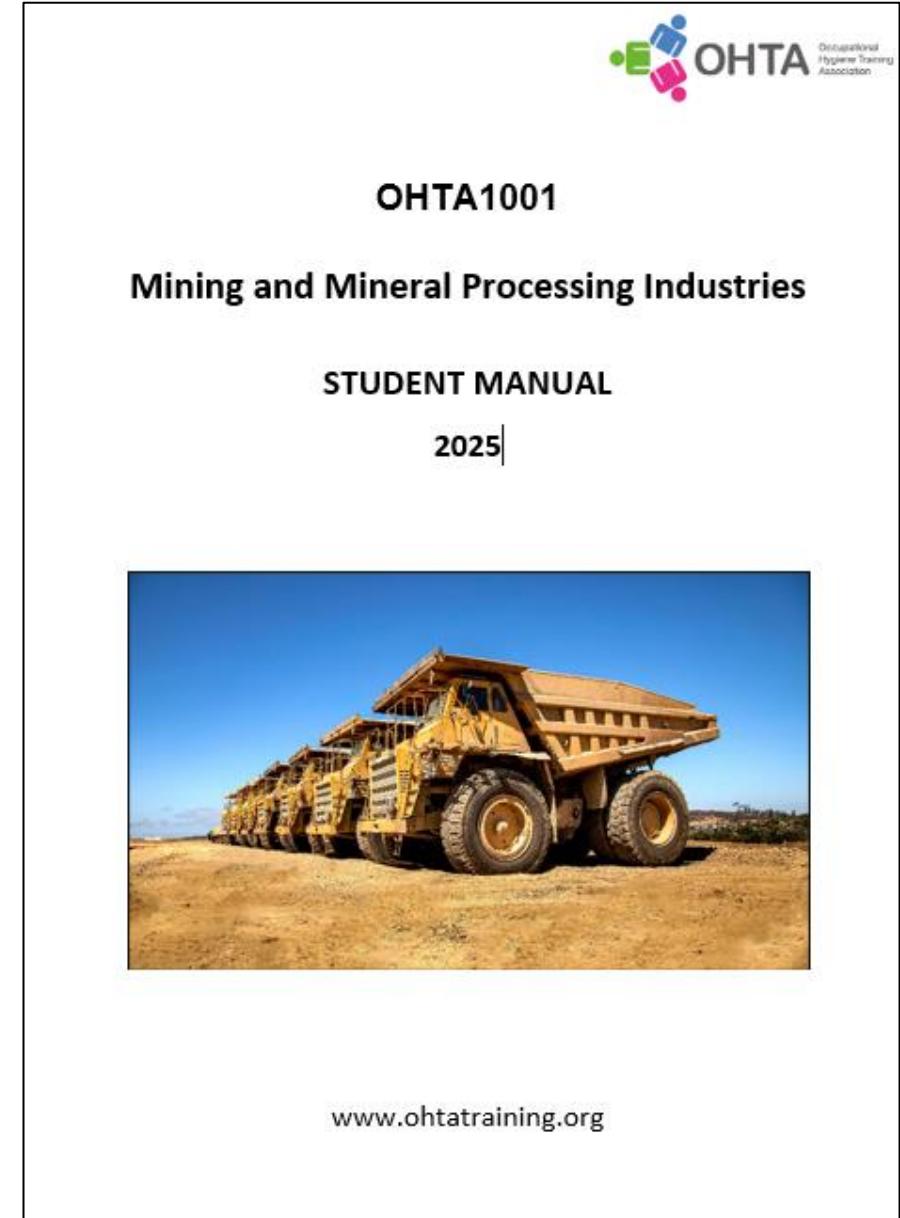
This course is now available and designed for people working at mine sites such as IH/OH technicians, medical and emergency staff, HSE & contractors. It gives a practical overview of IH/OH hazards and risks in the mining resource industry.

MCQ exam is available and can be translated.

## OHTA 1003 – OHTA1003–Pharmaceutical Industry

This course is designed for contractors and supply companies. It is planned to be available 1Q26.

MCQ exam will be available and can be translated.

A rectangular box containing the cover of the OHTA1001 Mining and Mineral Processing Industries Student Manual for 2025. The cover features the OHTA logo in the top right corner. The title "OHTA1001" is at the top, followed by "Mining and Mineral Processing Industries" in bold. Below that is "STUDENT MANUAL" and "2025". At the bottom is a photograph of a large yellow mining dump truck driving on a dirt road under a clear blue sky.

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# ICertOHTA Qualification



## Pathway to Professional Recognition

**The ICertOHTA has become the preferred technician training certificate with 150 successful students globally starting their career.**

The ICertOHTA is achieved after successful completion of 6 OHTA courses and there are no fees for the Certificate

## Gateway to Advanced Credentials

The ICertOHTA and OHTA training modules also count toward the IH/OH coursework requirement for the **CIH credential** awarded by the Board for Global EHS Credentialing.

They also contribute to **other credentials** offered by national IOHA NAR recognized accreditation schemes.

# OHTA Supporting Careers in IH/OH



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## 1. Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH)

In 2024, OHTA announced a new partnership with AIHA (aiha.org), Workplace Health Without Borders-US (whwb-usa.org), and the Board for Global Credentialing (gobgc.org).



This partnership aims to **help qualified applicants in emerging economies** achieve the prestigious CIH credential.



## 2. Emerging Economies

OHTA sponsors and supporters enable OHTA consider adjustment to exam fees to support countries where students cannot afford to pay the standard fee, \$125 USD/£100.



## 3. OHTA also supports IOHA national associations to become Approved Trainers to build national capacity and expertise.



# Key Tasks of OHTA PR and Communications

## Global Link Bi-Monthly Newsletter

- Content: News on OHTA Courses or Community
- 810 Subscribers as of mid-year 2025
- >45% of recipients open Global Link email; industry standard is >35% for a good newsletter

## Social Media including LinkedIn and X

- OHTA has over 7,300 followers on LinkedIn
- Posts are done 2-3 times/week with an emphasis on new ICertOHTA awardees
- Reposts from our trainers and sponsors are done almost daily

# OHTA Communications to Sponsors

- OHTA uses social media and personal contact to gain corporate sponsors and individual supporters.
- OHTA PR team then promotes sponsors in Global Link newsletter, social media posts, and website.
- OHTA communicates directly with sponsors providing them updates on our activities and progress.

# Call to Action

## Help Us Elevate Quality of Global OEHS Practitioners

- Join our team and help develop courses
- Review courses and proofread translated materials
- Support our developing world students and partners

# Thank You To Our Sponsors



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