

DSE Assessments for employers

The display screen equipment assessment is for regular users of display screen equipment.

What is a Display Screen Equipment Assessment?

Display screen equipment are devices or equipment that have an alphanumeric or graphic display screen and includes display screens, laptops, touch screens and other similar devices.

Why is it needed?

To comply with the Display Screen Equipment Regulations (1992) and local employer's policy. Also best practice to ensure employees welfare.

What are the health risk with DSE?

Some workers may experience fatigue, eye strain, upper limb problems and backache from overuse or improper use of DSE.

These problems can also be experienced from poorly designed workstations or work environments. The causes may not always be obvious and can be due to a combination of factors.

Who needs one?

- Existing or pending employees who meet the criteria of DSE 'user' where they are habitual operators of DSE screens for significant part of normal work.
- Users of CCTV and those using laptop computers for prolonged periods.

- Employees have the right to request an appointment with an optician, irrespective of whether they are assessed by OH, even though no permanent damage is likely to be caused by DSE use.

How often is it needed?

- On recruitment to work involving DSE use (irrespective of use of a home PC).
- Typically two yearly vision tests will be offered.
- At the employee's request if they complain of headaches, eye strain or other visual symptom

What is the process?

- Arrange an appointment on site or via a Hobson Health clinic via your Hobson Health administrator.
- Allow a 15 minute appointment per person.
- Can be completed by OH adviser, screening nurse or a appropriately trained professional.
- Management will be provided with a written report, specifically indicating if an eyesight test with an optician is recommended and if lenses are likely to be required specifically for DSE use.

A workstation risk assessment with the local health & safety risk assessor or via OH may be recommended in the event of musculo skeletal health symptoms.

**For further information, or if you have any questions about
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