

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for Enforcement of Approved Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

1. What are legislations related to PPE approval from Department of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH)?

The requirements for PPE approval are stipulated in Factory and Machinery Act 1967, Occupational Safety and Health Act 1994 and its Regulations. These legislations can be referred from [Legislations on PPE](#).

2. OSHA (Amendment) Act 2022 was gazzeted on 16 March 2022. Is the PPE approval under FMA Act 1967 still required?

Yes, PPE approval under FMA Act 1967 is still required until the date appointed by the Minister by notification in the Gazette for Amendment of OSHA and Repeal of FMA.

3. What is the scope of DOSH approval?

It is applicable for all PPE products using in the workplaces, including both imported and locally made PPE products.

4. What types of PPE need DOSH approval?

There are 7 types of PPE that require the approval from Director General of DOSH which includes respiratory, hearing, eyes, hands, foot, body and head protection. Summary of approval requirement is as below:

Type of PPE	Required Approval	Not Required Approval
Head	All type of head protection	None
Foot	Chemical hazard protection	Others than handling chemicals
Hearing	All type of hearing protection Include with earmuff with noise cancellation	None
Eye	Chemical hazard protection	Mechanical Hazard protection
Hand	Chemical hazard protection	Mechanical & Electrical Hazard protection Example: Electrical hazard protection glove and cut resistant glove
Body	Safety harness, life lines and all devices for the attachment of life lines. Include any accessories such as Pack Rope Shock Absorber	Bosun Chair
	Chemical hazard protection	Mechanical Hazard protection
Respiratory	Chemical hazard protection	Particulate respirators used for Covid-19 outbreak control and

		Self-Contain Breathing Apparatus, Emergency Life Support Apparatus
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5. When is the enforcement date of the use of approved type of PPE?

The enforcement date as below

- a) Head and Foot Protection-since 1st June 2020
- b) Respirator Protection (Particulate Filter)- start 1st June 2021
- c) Body Protection (Safety Harness and Accessories)- start 1st June 2021
- d) Others type of PPE -start 1st June 2022
 - i. respiratory protection (other than particulate)
 - ii. hearing protection
 - iii. eye protection (chemical hazard)
 - iv. hands protection (chemical hazard)
 - v. body protection (chemical hazard)

Employer must ensure all PPE use in workplaces have DOSH-SIRIM certification marks. The requirement for PPE supplier or manufacture to obtain DOSH-SIRIM approval has been introduced by DOSH in 2016.

6. What happen to existing PPE without DOSH approval?

PPE without DOSH approval is allowed to use until it's expiry. The next purchase of PPE must have DOSH approval with DOSH-SIRIM certification marks.

7. How to apply for PPE Approval with DOSH?

Please refer <http://mykkp.dosh.gov.my/> > Log masuk ke MySKUD > Pendaftaran dan Pembaharuan Kelengkapan Pelindung Diri (KPD).

For further info, refer flowchart for DOSH-SIRIM Approval please refer [DOSH-SIRIM approval flowchart.](#)

8. Where to get the list of approved PPE?

Please refer website <http://mykkp.dosh.gov.my/>> OSH Information Centre > Approved & Recognized list or direct to this link <https://www.dosh.gov.my/index.php/recognized-list>

9. How to get product certification from SIRIM QAS International Sdn. Bhd.?

Please refer website <http://www.sirim-qas.com.my> or direct to this link <https://www.sirim-qas.com.my/our-services/product-certification/personal-protection-equipment-scheme/>

10. Is PPE with CE certification/mark from overseas third party testing equivalent to SIRIM testing?

Currently DOSH only recognizes product certification license and test report from SIRIM QAS International Sdn. Bhd.

11. How can DOSH facilitate and encourage PPE industry to comply to the DOSH approval requirement?

DOSH will further review the following points -

- (a) Phased approach to lessen the burden for the industry

- (b) To allow product grouping of family of similar type.
- (c) Ways to reduce burden to the industry in term of cost (product test & factory audit) and time.