Presentation Instructions

Who is this presentation for?

The trainer and learners.

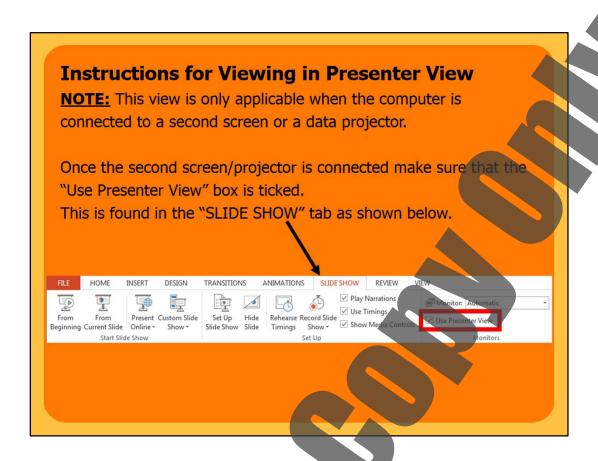
What is in this Presentation?

- Course information that matches the Learner Guide content.
- · Review questions and model answers.
- Slides contain summarised content, with full notes and information for the trainer, visible when the slide show is shown in "Presenter View" (see instructions on next slide).
- Use this presentation to support and reinforce the training information from the Learner Guide.

What do you need to do before you use it for the first time?

- 1. Rebrand the presentation.
- 2. Review the presentation as part of your validation process.











1.1 Introduction

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Materials may be added or removed from an area to create the desired surface and level.

When material such as earth or rock is removed it is described as 'cut', and when materials are added they are referred to as 'filled'.

A job involving both cutting and filling may require workers to fill areas with the same materials which were removed from other sections of the worksite.

Forming of existing materials.

Forming involves using materials to create the desired configuration. This may involve using a range of materials including existing materials from the area, materials bought in from off-site or a mixture of both.

Replacement of unsuitable materials.

Some materials on site cannot be reused as part of the work due to their composition and must be replaced with something more appropriate for the

job.

Stabilisation of unsuitable materials.

When unstable materials are not entirely removed from the earthworks site they must be stabilised using other materials, plant and equipment.

Use of geo-synthetic materials.

Synthetic materials may be used to stabilise the area where earthworks are being completed. These require specialised preparation to ensure they remain in good condition.

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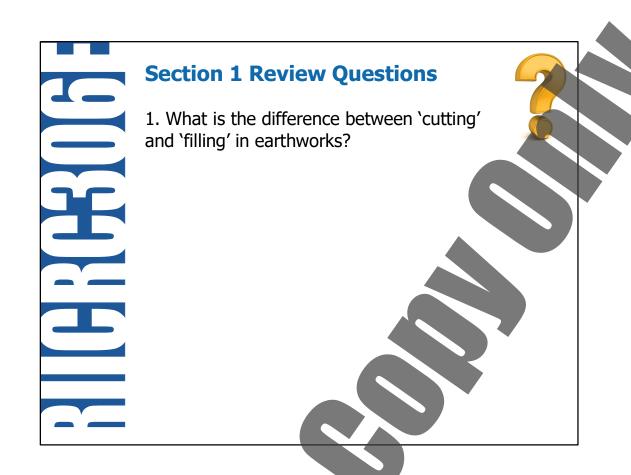
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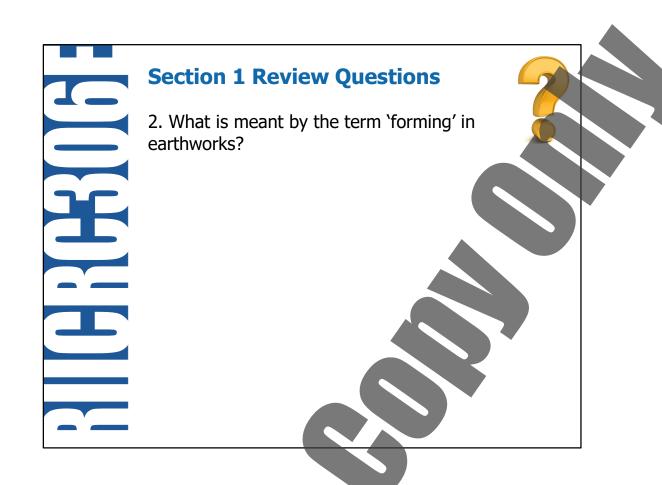




Section 1 Review Questions

1. What is the difference between 'cutting' and 'filling' in earthworks?

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2. What is meant by the term 'forming' in earthworks?

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- ◆ The Site Is there clear access for all equipment? Are there buildings, structures, facilities or traffic in the way?
- ◆ The Weather Is there wind, rain or other bad weather? Is it too dark?
- Facilities and Services Are there power lines or underground services to think about?
- ◆ Traffic Are there people, vehicles or other equipment in the area that you need to think about? Do you need to get them moved out of the area? Do you need to set up barriers or signs?
- Hazards Are there dangerous materials to work around or think about? Will you be working close to traffic or machinery?

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- ◆ The Task What type of earthworks needs to be conducted? How big is the area? How long will it take?
- ◆ Equipment and Materials What type of equipment will be used? How big is it? How much room does it need? Are there any special materials or chemicals that will be used?
- Communications How are you going to communicate with other workers?
- Procedures and Rules Do you need any special permits or licences?
 Are there site rules that affect the way you will do the work?

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