

Appendix C – Confined spaces definition template

Table C1 – Is the space a confined space?

10 or more points = CONFINED SPACE

- (i) An answer of 'no' to any of the questions below does not necessarily mean that the space is safe to enter. The general provisions of the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 may apply.
- (ii) Where there is any uncertainty as to whether the confined space criteria is met, either:
- seek more information as required, or
 - consider the criteria to be met and apply Part 3.4 of the OHS Regulations.

An example of how this template can be used to determine whether a particular space is a confined space is available on page 9 of this compliance code.

Note: A space that is a shaft, trench or tunnel that is a mine or is part of the workings of a mine is not a confined space under the OHS Regulations.

Description of space	Confined space criteria						Confined space? If the answer to A, B, C and at least one of the questions in D is yes, then the space is a confined space.
	A Is the space enclosed or partially enclosed?	B Is it likely to be entered and is it at normal atmospheric pressure?	C Does the space have a limited or restricted entry or exit?	D Does the space contain, or is it intended to contain:			
				a harmful level of atmospheric contaminants?	an unsafe oxygen level?	substances that could cause engulfment?	
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