

# OSHA Construction Terminology



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# Construction Work

**Construction work means work for construction, alteration, and/or repair, including painting and decorating.  
(§1926.32(g))**

# Authorized Person

**Means a person approved or assigned by the employer to perform a specific type of duty or duties or to be at a specific location or locations at the jobsite. (1926.32(d)) General Safety and Health Provisions**

# Competent

**Competent:** means possessing the skills, knowledge, experience, and judgment to perform assigned tasks or activities satisfactorily as determined by the employer. (1926.65 App E)

# Competent Person

**Certain activities or safety procedures at a construction site require design, inspection or supervision by a competent person.**

**(1926.32(f), .450(b), .650(b), .751) General safety and health provisions; Excavations; Scaffolds; Steel erection**

# Competent Person

The OSHA Construction Standard defines a competent person as someone who is:

- capable of identifying existing and predictable hazards in the surroundings, or
- working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous to employees, and
- who has authorization to take prompt corrective measures to eliminate them.

# Qualified

**Qualified means one who, by possession of a recognized degree, certificate, or professional standing, or who by extensive knowledge, training, and experience, has successfully demonstrated his/her ability to solve or resolve problems relating to the subject matter, the work, or the project.  
(1926.32(m), .450(b), .751))**

# Qualified Person

The OSHA Construction Standard defines a qualified person as someone who:

- **By possession of a recognized degree, certificate, or professional standing,**
- **Or who by extensive knowledge, training, or experience,**
- **Or has demonstrated their ability to solve or resolve problems related to the subject matter, the work, or the project.**