



***The listed Safety Assessment Federation (SAFed) Member companies  
operate in Essential Sectors and/or provide Essential Services,  
and therefore are Critical / Key Workers.  
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This paper presents in its simplest form the justification that SAFed Members provide essential services and/or work within essential sectors, and as such are Critical / Key Workers. This paper is in anticipation of more restrictive and prohibitive measures being adopted and that SAFed Members:

- require freedom of movement to travel to perform their duties.
- have their eligibility recognised for access to full-time, on-site provision of education and childcare.

***What do SAFed member companies do and how can this be deemed within the Essential definition?***

SAFed Members provide statutory examinations and inspection services to national legislation standards, to ensure the safety of machinery, plant and equipment, and the health and welfare of operatives, personnel and the public. In simplistic terms, SAFed Members ensure that those they support comply with law, and in doing so have plant and equipment available for continued safe use.

The industries considered to be essential within the Government guidelines and supported by SAFed Members in their regulatory duties are as follows, noting that SAFed Members operate in all sectors:

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|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| - Health and social care  | - Food and other    | - Utilities, communication |
| - Education and childcare | necessary goods     | and financial services     |
| - Key public services     | - Public safety and | - Transport                |
| - Local and national      | national security   |                            |
| government                |                     |                            |

Further, SAFed Members are within the definition of Essential Services in the Republic of Ireland as *Professional, scientific and technical activities*, and in particular sections (a) *the provision of engineering, technical testing activities and analysis (including the performance of physical, chemical and other analytical testing of materials and products)*; and 11 (c): *regulation, inspection and certification services, in accordance with law, of a particular sector by a body created by statute for that purpose*. Note. Clarification is being sought on 11(c) due to amended wording from an earlier issue.

***SAFed Members as Critical / Key Workers***

The Critical / Key Worker status was introduced in March in some areas for the purpose of childcare provision to the parents whose work was critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) response. As guidance developed it highlighted that a Critical / Key Worker is anyone whose work is within an Essential Sector or who is providing an Essential Service.

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Allianz Engineering  
Ashdale Engineering UK Ltd  
Assess Ireland  
Aviva Insurance Limited  
Axiom Engineering Associates Limited  
British Engineering Services  
Bureau Veritas UK Ltd  
Code A Weld Inspection Ltd  
Engineering Safety Inspection Services  
ERNE Lifting Services  
Gamma Independent Inspection Services Ltd  
HF Electrical (Belfast)  
HSB Engineering Insurance Services Ltd  
InCon – Inspection Consultants Ltd  
JD McGeown Ltd  
Lloyds British, a Speedy Business  
Lloyd’s Register Aberdeen  
Minton, Treharne & Davies Ltd  
PHS Compliance Ltd  
Safety Check Engineering Ltd  
Safety Inspection (UK) Ltd  
SGS UK Ltd, Industrial Division  
Southdown Material Testing Limited  
Structural Weld Testing Services Ltd  
TUV Rheinland UK Ltd  
TUV UK Ltd  
The Parr Group  
WQ Inspection Certification Ltd  
Zurich Engineering

Advanced NDT Solutions Ltd  
Alan Boswell Risk Management Ltd  
CTS Statutory Inspection Ltd  
DAG Statutory Inspection Services Ltd  
Elevtec  
ELTI UK Limited  
Gamble Group  
GSB Inspections Ltd  
ITS Plant Tech Ltd  
Independent Safety Evaluation Ltd  
Industrial Safety Inspections Limited  
Inspection Services (UK) Ltd  
JG Statutory Inspection Services LTD  
LECS (UK) Ltd  
LMP Technical Services Ltd  
MAND (PLS) Ltd  
NDT Services Ltd  
PRO-SPEC (Engineering Inspections) Ltd  
PTS (TQM) Ltd  
Plant Inspection Services Ltd  
Plant Risk Services  
Safety Inspection Solutions Ltd  
Scotia NDT Services Ltd  
Stallion Testing Company  
Tech Cert Services  
Thurra Limited  
Ultrascan NDT Ltd  
Welding Inspection Services Limited