

Social Affairs

DISPLAY SCREEN EQUIPMENT

Council Directive [\(90/270/EEC\)](#) of 29 May 1990 on the minimum safety and health requirements for work with display screen equipment

Objective

To lay down minimum safety and health requirements for work with display screen equipment.

Relevance for the hospitality industry

Employers must ensure that their workers have proper medical eyesight tests.

State of progress

The Council Directive was adopted on 29 May 1990. Member States had until 31 December 1992 to bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions to comply with this Directive.

Content

The Directive provides that:

- employers must ensure that the workers daily routine is interrupted in such a way as to reduce the workload at a display screen;
- workers shall be entitled to eyesight tests before commencing work with a display screen, at regular intervals thereafter and if they experience visual difficulties; and
- employers undertake an evaluation of the safety and health conditions of the workstations, particularly as regards possible risks to eyesight.

For a summary of this Directive you can visit [SCADplus](#) website (European Commission).

HOTREC position

HOTREC is of the opinion that this issue is better dealt with at national level.

Official reference

Council Directive [\(90/270/EEC\)](#) of 29 May 1990 on the minimum safety and health requirements for work with display screen equipment, (Fifth individual Directive within the meaning of article 16 (1) of Directive 87/391/EEC), O.J. L 156, 21.6.1990.