

Employer Guide: AS/NZS 1337 & 1337.6 Compliance

Why This Matters

Certified eye protection isn't optional. AS/NZS 1337.1 covers non-prescription safety eyewear. AS/NZS 1337.6 covers prescription safety eyewear. Using the wrong eyewear can expose your business to avoidable injury claims, shutdowns and compliance breaches.

The Two Standards

- AS/NZS 1337.1 – Non-prescription safety eyewear
- AS/NZS 1337.6 – Prescription safety eyewear made ONLY in certified optical labs

Medium Impact Requirement

Medium impact protection is required for construction, trades, workshops, engineering, lab work, and many healthcare environments. Lenses and frames are tested using a 6.35mm steel ball at 45 m/s.

How to Check Certification

- ✓ Frame clearly marked AS/NZS 1337.1 or 1337.6
- ✓ Lens impact markings (I, V, O, F depending on manufacturer)
- ✓ Certification slip for prescription safety eyewear jobs
- No markings = Not compliant safety eyewear

Common Employer Mistakes

- Allowing normal prescription glasses on site instead of certified safety eyewear
- Ordering prescription lenses from non-certified or overseas labs
- Putting ordinary prescription lenses into safety frames (this voids certification)
- Not using sealed or goggle-style eyewear in dusty, grinding, chemical or infectious environments

- Certified frame to AS/NZS 1337.1 or 1337.6
- Certified lenses matched to the frame impact rating
- Medium impact protection where required by risk assessment
- Prescription safety eyewear supplied through a certified lab
- Damaged, scratched or poorly fitting eyewear replaced promptly