

NEBOSH National General Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety

Accreditation	NEBOSH
Course duration	11 Days plus exams
Certificate valid for	Never expires

Who should attend

Managers, supervisors and staff from all types of organisations who need a broad understanding of health and safety issues. The certificate helps them manage risks effectively. Many people take the NEBOSH National General Certificate as a first step in a career in health and safety. It provides a valuable overview, and is a sound basis for further professional study.

Course information

Overview

The NEBOSH National General Certificate covers the main legal requirements for health and safety in the UK, identification and control of workplace hazards, and the practical application of this knowledge. No previous health and safety knowledge is required but candidates should note the assessment includes a requirement to write a short report.

The qualification is divided into three units, each of which is assessed separately:

- Management of Health and Safety (NGC1)
- Controlling workplace hazards (GC2)
- Health and safety practical application (GC3)

Minimum standard of English required for candidates

The standard of English required by candidates studying for the NEBOSH National General Certificate must be such that they can both understand and articulate the concepts contained in the syllabus. It is important to stress that the onus is on accredited course providers to determine their candidates' standards of proficiency in English. NEBOSH recommends to accredited course providers that candidates undertaking this qualification should reach a minimum standard of English equivalent to an International English Language Testing System score of 6.0 or higher in IELTS tests in order to be accepted onto a National General Certificate programme.

For further information please see the latest version of the IELTS Handbook or consult the IELTS website: http://www.ielts.org/institutions/test_format_and_results.aspx

Candidates wishing to assess their own language expertise may consult the IELTS website for information on taking the test: <https://www.ielts.org/about-the-test/two-types-of-ielts-test>

Exemptions

The National General Certificate consists of three units; NGC1, GC2 and GC3.

Exemptions available for Unit NGC1 from:

Qualification

- National Certificate in Fire Safety and Risk Management - *mark achieved for Unit NGC1*
- National Certificate in Construction Health and Safety - *mark achieved for Unit NGC1 OR Paper 1 if the qualification was achieved before 2008)*
- National Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety Unit A - capped at 45%

Exemptions available for Unit GC2 from:

- International General Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety - *mark achieved for Unit GC2 or IGC2*

Exemptions available for Unit GC3 from:

- International General Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety - *mark achieved for Unit GC3 or IGC3*

Learner Numbers

In order to ensure the interaction between the learners and the tutor is spread evenly and effectively, the maximum number of learners allowed on a course is twelve.

Assessment

Units NGC1 and GC2 are taught units each assessed by a two-hour written examination. Each written examination consists of ten 'short-answer' questions and one 'long-answer' question. All questions are compulsory. Candidate scripts are marked by external examiners appointed by NEBOSH.

Unit NGC3 is assessed by one two-hour practical examination carried out in the candidate's own workplace. The assessment must normally be taken within 10 working days of a written examination. The practical examination is internally assessed by the programme organiser and externally moderated by NEBOSH.

Candidates will be awarded a unit certificate for each unit passed. Once a candidate has successfully completed all three units (NGC1, GC2 and GC3), the overall qualification parchment will be issued.

Certification

NEBOSH National General Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety.

Holders of NEBOSH National General Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety are entitled to Associate Membership (AIOSH) of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH). The qualification also meets the academic requirements for Technical membership (Tech IOSH) of the Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH – www.iosh.co.uk) and Associate membership

(AIIRSM) of the International Institute of Risk and Safety Management (IIRSM – www.iirsm.org).

More details

What are the benefits for employers?

A safer workplace – Health and safety is important. It protects people from injury and loss of life. People with a NEBOSH General Certificate know how to help their employer avoid prosecution, litigation, absence costs and loss of reputation, wherever they operate.

Assurance – Employers whose staff are NEBOSH qualified is an employer committed to health and safety. A NEBOSH General Certificate provides an assurance of safety - something that can help employers achieve recognised standards and can even win new business.

Return on investment – An employee with a NEBOSH General Certificate has a practical set of skills that brings real value to the modern global workplace.

The modular qualification structure and variety of available course formats enables candidates and employers to arrange training around the needs of the business. Many NEBOSH training providers will offer in-company courses, to allow the inclusion of material specifically relevant to the organisation's workplace.

Is this qualification recognised?

Holders of the National General Certificate are entitled to Associate Membership (AIOSH) of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH). The qualification also meets the academic requirements for Technical Membership (Tech IOSH) of IOSH and Associate Membership (AIIRSM) of the International Institute of Risk and Safety Management (IIRSM).

The NEBOSH National General Certificate has been accredited and credit rated by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA). It sits in the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF) at SCQF Level 6 with 15 SCQF credit points.

SCQF Level 6 is comparable to NQF/QCF Level 3 in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. See the “Qualifications Can Cross Boundaries” chart issued by the UK regulators, available here: http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/files_ccc/QualificationsCanCrossBoundaries.pdf

Where appropriate, the SQA logo will appear on certificates awarded for this qualification. The SCQF logo, credit and level information will appear on the unit result notification. For further information on SCQF credit and levels see: <http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/71374.html>.