

The NEBOSH National General Certificate in Occupational Safety and Health

This qualification has been specially established for managers with both general and specific responsibilities for health and safety at work within their companies; in particular personnel managers, company secretaries, engineers, quality assurance managers, and all grades of supervisory management.

Course Aims

The course is appropriate for staff that have received little or no formal, structured training, or who wish to acquire an internationally recognised qualification. Included in this group are those managers who may hold the company position of safety advisor as part of their duties.

Many companies are now taking the concept of incorporating the General Certificate in Occupational Safety and Health course as an integral feature of their development programme, with the principal objectives of increasing management awareness of its responsibility, ensuring both legal compliance and reducing the costs of accidents and ill health at work.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, candidates will be able to:

- * identify common and obvious hazards in the workplace, and be able to recommend remedial actions;
- * investigate accidents (including near misses), and make logical, cost-effective recommendations to prevent recurrence;
- * identify the main items of health and safety legislation that apply to workplaces;
- * recognise the human and organisational problems that must be overcome to achieve a safe and healthy environment;
- * use information sources to advise managers on safety matters.

Course Style

The primary method of learning will be via guided study and exercises to develop the knowledge and skills required for the final assessment. Considerable use will be made of videos and slide shows. Homework will be set at the end of every day, which will require 45-90 minutes study per evening.

Delegates' progress will be monitored through continuous assessment and evening work.

Assessment

All participants will be required to carry out a 30 minute inspection of a real workplace area, after which they will be given 90 minutes to prepare a written report on their findings, using a report form provided, covering the hazards observed and remedial action recommended.

A written examination in the form of two individual papers will be sat on the final day, Part 1 am, Part 2 pm. Both papers are of 2 hours' duration.

The course tutors will mark the practical inspection reports in accordance with NEBOSH criteria and NEBOSH will mark the two written papers. Results will be advised within 10 weeks of examination date by NEBOSH.

Reference Material

Each delegate will receive a course manual, which is designed to follow and complement the NEBOSH syllabus.

Recommended Reading

Introduction to Health and Safety at Work: The Handbook for Students on NEBOSH and other Introductory Health and Safety Courses by Phil Hughes and Ed Ferrett.

ISBN-10: 0750666234. Typical cost: £30.00

Who are NEBOSH?

NEBOSH (the National Examination Board in Occupational Safety and Health), is an independent examining body which was formed in the UK in 1979. NEBOSH has established itself as the authoritative national body in occupational safety and health, and its examinations are regularly sat by candidates from the UK and abroad.

Who are BSS?

British Safety Services are major suppliers of training in the field of occupational safety and health both in the UK and abroad. The current programme includes:

- * NEBOSH Construction Certificate courses
- * NEBOSH Fire Safety and Risk Management Certificate courses
- * Safety for Senior Executives (IOSH)
- * Managing Safely (IOSH)
- * Working Safely (IOSH)
- * Risk Assessment - Principles and Practice (CIEH)
- * ECITB Passport to Safety courses (CCNSG)
- * Various CITB courses
- * One, two and three day courses on a range of various occupational health and safety subjects.

BSS staff are specialists in their respective fields, and offer a range of presentation styles and techniques to make attendance as enjoyable and worthwhile as possible.