

National Examination Board of Occupational Safety & Health (NEBOSH) – National General Certificate

What kind of people take the NEBOSH National General Certificate?

Many people take the NEBOSH National General Certificate because it gives them the skills and know-how to fulfil their

health and safety responsibilities. For others, it's a first step towards a life-long career in occupational safety and health. Some take the Certificate because it's what their employer expects, while others simply want to learn something new and interesting that's useful vocationally.

Whatever your reason, you're certain to benefit from holding one of the most widely recognised health and safety qualifications in the world.

What will I gain from this qualification?

Knowledge – Whether health and safety is your main responsibility, or just a part of what you do, the NEBOSH National General Certificate will give you vital knowledge to help you perform better in your role at work.

Enjoyment – You'll enjoy taking the NEBOSH National General Certificate. You'll discover skills and techniques that are useful and practical, not just theoretical.

Recognition – Holders of the 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 IOSH.

Career development – For some, the NEBOSH National General Certificate is a first step towards a career as a health and safety professional. For others, it forms part of an important set of qualifications that will bring them success and advancement in whatever field they choose.

What does the course cover?

It covers the main legal requirements for safety in the UK, a range of workplace hazards, and methods of control.

The qualification is divided into three units. Unit NGC1 consists of five elements; Unit GC2 into eight elements; and GC3 a work based practical exercise.

Unit NGC1: Management of health and safety

Element 1: Foundations in health and safety

Element 2: Health and safety management systems - Plan

Element 3: Health and safety management systems - Do

Element 4: Health and safety management systems - Check

Element 5: Health and safety management systems - Act

Unit GC2: Controlling workplace hazards

Element 1: Workplace hazards and risk control

Element 2: Transport hazards and risk control

Element 3: Musculoskeletal hazards and risk control

Element 4: Work equipment hazards and risk control

Element 5: Electrical safety

Element 6: Fire safety

Element 7: Chemical and biological health hazards and risk control

Element 8: Physical and psychological health hazards and risk control

How is the course assessed?

Candidates are assessed with written examinations for each of the two taught units, NGC1 and GC2. There is also a practical assessment, GC3, to help you apply your learning at work.



Upon successful completion NEBOSH will issue an internationally recognised certificate.

If you want a career in health & safety, or you just want to have a better understanding of your responsibilities, you will find no better place to start. The course is a 12-day duration, including the examination day. There is an optional study day which can help you to prepare for the exam and the exam technique required.