

What does the qualification cover?

The NEBOSH National Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety provides the core health and safety knowledge (transferable across industry, commerce and the public sector) which, combined with understanding and appropriate application, underpins the competent performance of an Occupational Health and Safety Practitioner.

There are no formal entry requirements for this qualification, however candidates should consider that this is a professional level qualification, approximately equivalent to Level 6. Achievement of the NGC or direct equivalent prior to undertaking the Diploma course is highly recommended.

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

Unit A: Managing health and safety

Unit B: Hazardous agents in the workplace

Unit C: Workplace and work equipment safety

Unit D: Application of health and safety theory and practice

Students may choose to take individual units in any order over a five year period

How is it assessed?

Units A, B and C are each assessed by one three-hour written examination. All questions are compulsory. Candidate scripts are marked by external examiners appointed by NEBOSH.

Unit D is assessed by a written assignment of approximately 8,000 words, designed to test knowledge across the syllabus by assessing application of health and safety theory and practice (Unit D).

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Management of health and safety in the workplace is not only a legal obligation and a moral imperative, it also makes good business sense. Qualified health and safety professionals are an asset to their organisations, reducing costs by preventing accidents and ill health of employees, without incurring unnecessary expense by over-reacting to trivial risks.

Courses leading to the NEBOSH National Diploma can be taken in a variety of formats and at a pace to fit around the needs of the business. The unitised structure of the qualification recognises success as the student progresses. Its practical approach promotes the application of the knowledge acquired on the course to problem solving in the student's own workplace.

The NEBOSH National Diploma in Occupational health and Safety 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 10 with 48 SCQF credit points.