



Level 2 Certificate in Risk Assessment

Course Content

The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 require every employer and self-employed person to make a suitable and sufficient assessment of the health and safety risks to employees and others not in their employment to which their undertakings give rise, in order to put in place appropriate control measures.

This course aims to provide supervisors and employees with knowledge and understanding of the risk assessment process and the skills required to undertake a suitable and sufficient risk assessment.

The specification has been developed by British Safety Council Awards in consultation with the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and other interested parties.

The specification is based on the Health and Safety Executive's *Five Steps to Risk Assessment* and the National Occupational Standards for Health and Safety, and is accredited by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA) at Level 2 in the National Qualifications Framework.

While the BSC Awards Level 2 Certificate in Risk Assessment is a stand-alone qualification, it allows for lateral progression to other BSC Awards Level 2 qualifications covering specific risk assessments in COSHH, DSE, Fire and Manual Handling, and vertical progression to the BSC Awards Level 3 Certificate in Occupational Safety and Health.

On completion of the qualification, candidates should be able to:

- ❖ Explain the moral, ethical, cultural, legislative and economic reasons for conducting suitable and sufficient risk assessments
- ❖ Outline the main legislation that is related to risk assessment, such as the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999, and determine when there is a requirement for further assessment, for instance, when a chemical is used in a process and requires a separate assessment to the process itself
- ❖ Explain the difference between a hazard and a risk
- ❖ Apply a range of techniques used to collect evidence for a risk assessment such as personal observation, workforce consultation, interpretation of accident statistics and secondary sources
- ❖ Outline the limitations of the techniques used to collect evidence for a risk assessment
- ❖ Describe a range of health and safety hazards that are of a physical, chemical, biological, ergonomic and psychosocial nature
- ❖ Identify who may be harmed, such as employees, non-employees or young persons, and how
- ❖ Calculate an appropriate risk rating by multiplying the severity and the likelihood



- ❖ Outline the factors affecting the severity of harm, such as the duration and frequency of exposure and the availability of first aid
- ❖ Outline the factors affecting the likelihood of harm being caused, such as the competence of any persons involved or the time an incident occurs
- ❖ Identify and evaluate existing control measures and, where necessary, propose additional control measures in order to reduce risk to an acceptable level
- ❖ Apply the hierarchy of control described in the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999, with elimination as the best control
- ❖ Revise a risk rating to reflect additional controls
- ❖ Record the findings of a risk assessment
- ❖ Review and revise a risk assessment when necessary
- ❖ Make recommendations based on the findings of a risk assessment

Course Duration

One day (6-8 hours)

Who Should Attend?

Anyone carrying out risk assessments in the workplace now or who will be required to do so in the future

Location

The course can be delivered to a maximum of twelve delegates at any one time either on the employer's premises or using QTS' training facility in Colwyn Bay

Entry Requirements

None

Accreditation

Accreditation will be awarded to candidates who successfully complete a workplace based risk assessment

Booking Information

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