

Level 1 Certificate in Health and Safety Work

Syllabus

Description

- A nationally accredited qualification, which is universally accepted as a badge of professionalism and commitment.
- A syllabus based on the national occupational standards and designed in consultation with employers, which cover the basics of health and safety in the workplace.
- A flexible learning model which allows organisations and training providers to prepare learners as they wish using learning materials supplied by The British Safety Council.
- An in-company, on demand examination scheme whereby organisations administer examinations on a date and at a time of their choice.
- A syllabus designed to provide the underpinning knowledge for the health and safety element of a range of sector-specific NVQ's and work-based learning requirements.

Entry Requirements

This qualification pre-supposes no previous health and safety knowledge on the part of the learner. Learners will come from diverse educational and work experience backgrounds and could work for employers ranging from large multi-nationals to small businesses. Learners will also come from schools and colleges of further and higher education.

Specification of Learning Outcomes

The Legal Position

- Know the duties of employees and employers under The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974.
- Know the implications of breaching The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 for people at all levels.

The Working Environment

- Know the responsibilities of the employer regarding the provision and maintenance of a safe working environment.
- Know the main methods of preventing materials or persons falling.
- Know the main methods of preventing slips, trips, and falls.
- Know the main methods of preventing workplace transport accidents.

Workplace Accidents

- Know what is meant by an accident and a near miss.
- Know why accidents occur.
- Understand the impact of accidents on individuals and organisations.
- Understand the need to report accidents and near misses.
- Know the procedure for reporting accidents and near misses.

Reducing Workplace Injuries

- Know the main causes of workplace injury.
- Know how to reduce the risk of workplace injury.

Risk Management

- Know the principals of risk management.
- Know what is meant by a hazard and a risk.
- Be able to identify basic hazards in a workplace.
- Know about the Health and Safety Executive's Five Steps to Risk Assessment.
- Know the hierarchy of control measures.

Personal Protective Equipment

- Know the main types of personal protective equipment and the main hazards they offer protection against.
- Know the principals of provision, maintenance, storage, and replacement of personal protective equipment.

Fire Safety

- Know the most common causes of fire.
- Know what can be done to reduce the risk of fire.
- Know the actions to take upon discovering a fire.
- Know the main types of fire extinguisher and what fires they can be used upon.

Hazardous Substances

- Know the main types of hazardous substance.
- Know how hazardous substances can enter and affect the body.
- Know the main duties of employers and employees regarding hazardous substances.
- Know the main labels associated with hazardous substances.

Safety Signs and Signals

- Know the main safety signs and signals.

Manual Handling

- Know the most common injuries associated with manual handling activities.
- Know the main duties of employers and employees regarding manual handling.
- Know the main hazards and risks associated with manual handling.
- Know the main methods of reducing the risks associated with manual handling.

Workstations and Display Screen Equipment

- Know the main health risks associated with workstations and display screen equipment.
- Know the main duties of employers regarding the workstations and display screen equipment.
- Know how to reduce the risks associated with workstations and display screen equipment.

Work Related Ill Health

- Know the main work-related ill-health effects.
- Know the causes and effects of work-related stress.
- Know the responsibilities of employers and employees regarding violence and bullying.

Workforce Consultation

- Know the benefits of consultation.
- Know the role of safety representatives and safety committees.

Special arrangements can be made for learners with dyslexia, visual impairment, physical impairment, or other recognized conditions causing difficulty in organisations. The examination consists of forty multiple-choice questions, whereby the learner must answer at least twenty-six questions correctly in order to pass. The British Safety Council will normally issue the results and certificates within five working days of the examination taking place.