

# Level 2 Certificate in Display Screen Equipment Risk Assessment

## Syllabus

### Description

The Health and Safety (Display Screen Equipment) (DSE) Regulations 1992 require employers to assess both the workstation and the working environment of employees who regularly use computer workstations and display screen equipment.

The BSC Awards Level 2 Certificate in DSE Risk Assessment aims to provide supervisors and employers with knowledge and understanding of the DSE risk assessment process and the skills required to undertake a suitable and sufficient risk assessment.

The specification is based on the Health and Safety Executive's guidance to the regulations and the relevant national occupational standards, and has been accredited by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA) at Level 2 in the National Qualifications Framework.

Assessment is for purpose. The workplace-based risk assessment task relates directly to the candidates workplace and tests the application of learning in a practical context.

While the BSC Awards Level 2 Certificate in Display Screen Equipment 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, Fire and Manual Handling, and vertical progression to the BSC Awards Level 3 Certificate in Occupational Safety and Health.

### Subject Content

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

- Explain the reasons for conducting suitable and sufficient DSE risk assessments.
  - Moral, legal, economic.
- Outline the main legislation relating to fire risk assessment.
  - Health and Safety (Display Screen Equipment) Regulations 1992.
  - Duty to analyse workstations.
  - Duty to ensure workstations meet requirements.
  - Users and operators.
- Describe a range of health effects relating to DSE use.
  - Headaches, eyestrain, fatigue, upper limb disorders, back ache.
- Outline the main causes of ill health relating to DSE use.
  - Prolonged static postures, incorrect postures, unsuitable DSE equipment.
- Define the term 'Display Screen Equipment'.
  - Alphanumeric or graphic display screen.
- Define the term 'Workstation' as it applies to display screen equipment use.
  - DSE, optional accessories, chair, desk, telephone, printer, immediate work environment.

- Outline the principles and benefits of good ergonomic design within workstations.
  - Adjustability for comfort.
  - Regular breaks.
  - Reduced cases of ill health.
- Outline the minimum requirements for workstations.
  - Equipment, environment, interface.
- Outline the competencies required of DSE risk assessors.
  - Knowledge, skills, experience.
- Conduct a DSE Risk Assessment using an appropriate checklist.
- Make recommendations based on the findings of a DSE Risk Assessment.
  - Improvements to reduce risks.
- Record the findings of a DSE Risk Assessment.
- Review and revise a DSE Risk Assessment when necessary.