

NEBOSH:

A guide to the National General Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety



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WHY NEBOSH?



Over 200,000 people hold a NEBOSH National General Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety. It's the gold standard in health and safety qualifications. The National General Certificate is designed to reflect the needs of today's employer, giving learners everything they need to know and do to make their workplace safer.

Relevant to every workplace, the NEBOSH National General Certificate is ideal for managers, supervisors and anybody with health and safety management responsibilities. It's also perfect for those embarking on a health and safety career.

The qualification covers:

- How to effectively manage health and safety.
- How to identify and control common workplace hazards.
- How to measure if you've been successful.
- The UK's key legal requirements.

Learners will be able to:

- Confidently carry out risk assessments.
- Develop and implement a detailed action plan.
- Manage and minimise workplace risks.
- Support and develop your company's health and safety culture.

"The course content is a real game changer and is relevant to every workplace. You will learn essential analytical and problem-solving skills that are immediately relevant to every industry. Whether you are on the corporate ladder, in a managerial role, or are a member of staff interested in health and safety, the NEBOSH General Certificate course will help you gain practical and transferable skills in any organisation as it gives you the tools to apply the key principles of occupational safety management. The NEBOSH qualification is a globally recognised and respected qualification and is fast becoming the minimum recruitment requirement."

Jamie Robinson, NEBOSH trainer, International Workplace



JAMIE ROBINSON
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Health and Safety Trainer,
International Workplace



A NEW WAY OF STUDYING – VIRTUAL CLASSROOM

Prior to the pandemic, the vast majority of our NEBOSH training was undertaken face-to-face in a traditional classroom setting, followed by a set examination at the end of the course. In 2020, we changed the delivery method to virtual classroom – and we've not looked back!

Virtual classroom is the name given to a form of blended learning that involves delivery using virtual meeting software, combined with other resources. Our virtual classroom courses are delivered using Microsoft Teams, which we've been using extensively since January 2019. The structure of the course is based around an interactive session taking place each week, which kicks off with a tutor-led session of approximately 90 minutes to introduce new subjects and set the agenda for the day. Students complete online exercises via our online academy and work together in small breakout groups, giving plenty of time to share knowledge and work through content at their own pace.

Our expert tutors are always on-hand to provide support, on tutorial days and throughout the week, setting and giving feedback on project work, and providing guidance on exam technique. Every student receives a 566-page full colour study guide through the post, to give them a comprehensive reference to accompany their studies.

In short, we provide you with everything you need, both to pass the exams and gain your NEBOSH National General Certificate, and to gain an appreciation of (and hopefully a passion for) health and safety practice and the benefits it delivers.

"I loved the virtual classroom! I work from home most of the time now and so the virtual classroom fits well with how I work. I am dyslexic so the ability to have all my notes, course books, revision etc. all around was very comforting."

Claire Wilson, CMS Law

Tutor-led virtual sessions take place on a set day each week over eight weeks.

An optional half-day revision session for the NG1 exam takes place a week after the course, giving you a final chance to get ready for the exam itself.

2020/21

More than
19,000
NEBOSH
qualifications
were awarded

Over 8,000
employers
supported
their workers
to undertake
NEBOSH
qualifications.

A NEW METHOD OF EXAMINATION – THE “OBE”

It's fair to say that learners generally don't enjoy the exam experience! When the National General Certificate was assessed by a closed book timed exam, a common complaint from learners was that it did not adequately allow them to put their knowledge to the best test. Many learners struggled to apply the knowledge they had learned in the paper-based timed assessment and were put off the whole course by the thought of failing an exam.

The NG1 online open book exam (OBE) takes place on a set day after the course. The exam platform opens at 9am UK time, and students have 24 hours to complete the assessment. Students are contacted by our tutors within three to four days of the OBE for a short verification interview. The deadline for students to submit the NG2 practical assessment project is usually within two weeks of the OBE.



Against the backdrop of a global pandemic, NEBOSH needed to ensure that anyone taking an assessment could do so safely, without risk to their health and in line with local and government regulations. The solution was an online assessment platform where learners could access question papers and submit their answers from anywhere in the world.

In August 2020, it introduced digital assessments for its most popular qualifications, the NEBOSH National and International General Certificates.

The new open-book examination (OBE) NEBOSH assessment is designed to test what learners know but also what they can do with their knowledge.

Learners are expected to apply their learning to a realistic workplace scenario and demonstrate analytical, evaluation and creative skills as well as critical thinking – everything that's required by a health and safety professional in the real world.

“The scenario style definitely promotes the candidates’ understanding and evaluation. In my opinion, businesses don’t need someone spouting the law, they need somebody to review arrangements for that specific situation, analyse and recommend. It’s definitely a positive change, ensuring safety professionals’ competence in real life industry.”

Rebecca Docker, NEBOSH examiner

“The new style open book exams are designed to reflect real life and put you at the heart of a scenario. Instead of sitting in a stuffy classroom recalling each element from memory, learners receive a hypothetical workplace situation and a set of questions. As it’s an open book exam you’re given 24 hours to use study materials to prepare your own arguments and observations. The biggest advantage of this is that you’re no longer required to remember entire pieces of legislation concerning health and safety. Instead, you're required to analyse the situation and determine causation, identify positives and negatives and make recommendations for improvement.”

*Jamie Robinson, NEBOSH trainer,
International Workplace*

A TASTE OF OUR CONTENT

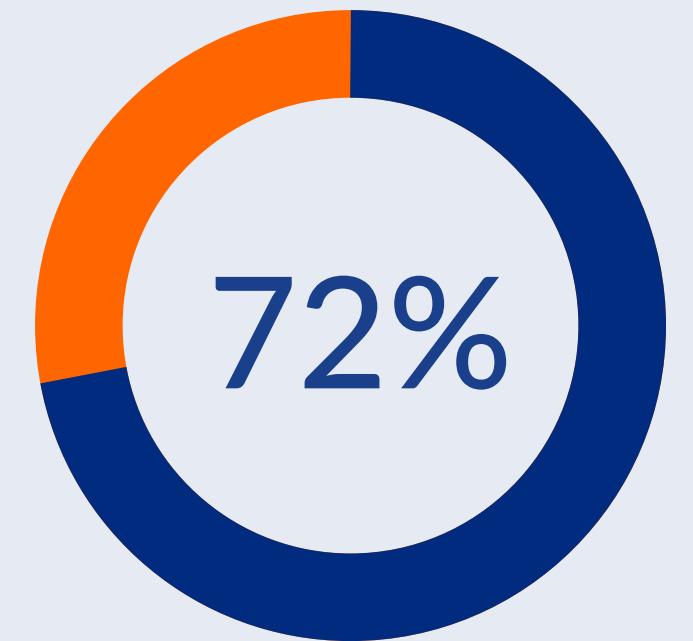
A serious examination

As part of the course, learners watch a three-part film specially commissioned for the NEBOSH National General Certificate, depicting an incident that occurs at a printing press. One of the press' employees, Jimmy, is seriously injured whilst trying to repair an electrical fault. Over the course of the films, learners get to see the run-up to the incident, and establish the root causes behind it. They also get to see the consequences of the incident, and what it meant for the company, the employee, and his colleagues.



"The course content was really interesting and I feel I related to it very well. It was extremely relevant to my role and it will certainly help me both in the short and long term to improve H&S within the workplace. The content is relevant to a wide variety of industries and it was delivered extremely well by a teacher who was passionate and dedicated in ensuring all of the class was best placed to gain the qualification. I'd strongly recommend training through International Workplace to anyone who wants to gain further knowledge and a qualification. If anyone can make a Health and Safety qualification enjoyable and fun, International Workplace can!"

Graeme S Clark, East Village Management Ltd



Overall pass rate

Over the past year our pass rates have averaged **82% for NG1** and **73% for NG2**, with an **overall pass rate of 72%**. In one cohort alone we achieved a **100% and 91% pass rate** for NG1 and NG2 respectively, which goes to show just how successful our NEBOSH learners are.

BENEFITS FOR THE LEARNER AND THE ORGANISATION

The NEBOSH National General Certificate gives learners invaluable knowledge and skills and a globally respected qualification that supports their current role and long-term career.

The qualification is:

- Relevant to every workplace.
- Ideal for managers, supervisors, or anybody with health and safety management responsibilities.
- Perfect for those embarking on a health and safety career.

In 2017, NEBOSH undertook a 'jobs barometer' and discovered that **90% of job advertisements** for safety, health and environmental (SHE) roles specified one or more NEBOSH qualifications, up from **83% the year before**.

Holders of the National General Certificate are entitled to:

- Associate Membership (AIOSH) of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH). It also meets the academic requirements for Technician Membership of IOSH (TechIOSH).
- Associate Membership (AIIRSM) of the International Institute of Risk and Safety Management (IIRSM).

Jamie says:

“Learners often tell me that the knowledge gained from the course has boosted their confidence. They have taken key aspects of the course and gone on to improve their organisation’s management systems, whilst others have used the qualification as a starting point for a career change into health and safety management. The course requires a lot of commitment in terms of classroom and personal study time. It’s been proven time and time again that those students who put the effort in, ask lots of questions and do the homework assignments perform much better than those that miss the sessions and don’t do the assignments. Parts of the course may seem tough but stick with it, you will be coached and supported at every step.”

ABOUT YOUR TRAINER



Jamie has over 20 years of practical experience in the areas of occupational health and safety management, security operations and facilities management within commercial, education and retail sectors. These vast and varied backgrounds and years of industry experience have given him knowledge of real business situations in practice that he can pass onto learners.

WHY INTERNATIONAL WORKPLACE?

Courses rated

4.8



International Workplace is a NEBOSH Silver approved learning partner with a **15-year history of delivering NEBOSH certificate courses**. Our expert tutors all have practical experience of health safety in the workplace, and thanks to their valued teaching and support **our courses are rated 4.8 out of 5** by our students.

We're also recognised as a leader in learning technologies, having won silver at the eLearning Awards in 2011 and a number of accolades at the Learning Technologies Awards and Learning Awards in 2017, 2018 and 2019.

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technologies
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Here's what our learners have to say:



"Thank you, International Workplace, for the excellent delivery of my NEBOSH virtual classroom course. The delivery was professional and supported me with my training needs. I have to say I have attended a lot of training sessions and never come across such an honest, open and dedicated person as Jamie; he is so encouraging and wants all his learners to be the best they can. I really enjoyed the quizzes before we started our sessions – this helped my brain get into gear. Jamie is very supportive – he always responds to every email and is happy to help and guide."

Stefana Ivan, Cleaning and Waste Manager, OCS



"The structure, content and tutor support was amazing with fantastic engagement throughout. It was an enjoyable way to learn such an enormous subject. I would highly recommend the International Workplace NEBOSH course for anyone looking to gain a reputable health and safety qualification."

*Gary Middlehurst,
Brookfield Properties*



"It was a big decision for me to take on the full-on and demanding NEBOSH NGC course but the excellent teaching and support from Jamie and International Workplace made the eight weeks fly by. I now feel prepared and ready as can be for my exam and practical assessments!"

Claire Wilson, CMS Law

NEBOSH NATIONAL GENERAL CERTIFICATE

from International Workplace

THE NEBOSH NATIONAL GENERAL CERTIFICATE COVERS:

- Why we should manage workplace health and safety
- How health and safety management systems work and what they look like
- Managing risk – understanding people and processes
- Health and safety monitoring and measuring
- Physical and psychological health
- Musculoskeletal health
- Chemical and biological agents
- General workplace issues
- Work equipment
- Fire
- Electricity

To find out more about the course, visit www.internationalworkplace.com/nebosh-training or call 0333 210 1995.

FURTHER READING

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[NEBOSH Annual Report](#)

[NEBOSH – Professional qualifications still key prerequisite for success...](#)



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