

NEBOSH International General Certificate in Occupational Health & Safety



The NEBOSH approved International General Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety provides an unrivalled opportunity to demonstrate competence in Health and Safety issues relevant to your place of work. This course has been designed to provide an appropriate breadth of underpinning knowledge for non-specialists in occupational health and safety working in an international context, to enable them to discharge more effectively their organisational duties or functions with respect to workplace health and safety. It has been designed for managers, supervisors, employee representatives and others who require a basic knowledge and understanding of occupational health and safety.

The International General Certificate qualification meets the academic requirements for Technician Membership (Tech IOSH) of Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH) and Associate membership (AIIRSM) of the International Institute of Risk and Safety Management (IIRSM). A NEBOSH qualification is one of the most accredited qualifications in Health and Safety in Europe.

The NEBOSH International General Certificate is rated at level 6 on the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF). The Irish awarding bodies and qualifications authorities and the UK awarding and qualifications regulatory bodies undertook an exercise to facilitate the comparison of qualifications in the qualifications framework in the UK and Ireland. The document, *Qualifications can cross boundaries - a rough guide to comparing qualifications in the UK and Ireland* was published, and compares SCQF Level 6 to Level 5 on the Irish National Framework of Qualifications. In addition there is a recently launched [European-wide website](#), which supports this comparison of different national education systems.

Successful completion of the Certificate will allow you gain direct access to the NEBOSH International Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety.

The course consists of 10 days intensive training to give candidates a good grounding in health and safety and prepare candidates for the NEBOSH International General Certificate examinations. The practical assessment (IGC3) is held on the morning of the 11th day with a revision session in the afternoon in preparation for the next written examinations. Extensive training materials are provided for the course.

The taught element of the course is 80 hours but candidates need to further undertake a minimum of 50 hours private study.

The exams for this course consist of two written papers (IG1 and IG2) and a practical assessment (IG3). **The pass rate for our SQT students was 100% for all three exams for the last (Sept 2010) exams, well in excess of NEBOSH averages.** The NEBOSH pass rate for Sept 2010 at all NEBOSH centres was 54%, 63% and 100% respectively.

The *International Certificate* course syllabus covers International legal frameworks and codes of practice but our **SQT course also covers Irish legislation.** Other centres in Ireland run the *National Certificate* which is based on UK legislation.

Founded in 1979, NEBOSH (National Examination Board in Occupational Safety and Health) is an independent awarding body attracting 15,000 candidates each year. NEBOSH qualifications are recognised and respected by employers in all sectors and provide the benchmark standard against which others are compared. You can therefore be assured that a NEBOSH qualification provides evidence of real achievement. For further information on NEBOSH, see www.nebosh.org.uk

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Those seeking a formal qualification in the field of Health & Safety
- Health & Safety Officers and Managers
- Safety Representatives and Safety Engineers
- Facilities Managers
- Personnel Managers
- Middle to Senior Management with H&S Responsibilities

There are no barriers to entry to the NEBOSH International General Certificate programme (It should be noted that the examination includes a short report therefore a good standard of written English is essential).

PROGRAMME TUTORS

This course is presented by our training partners Antaris who specialise in management systems training, consultancy and software solutions.

Their areas of expertise include Health & Safety, Quality, Environmental and Energy Management. In addition they also have expertise in Accessibility. As active consultants, they bring a wealth of practical experience and extensive knowledge of a wide variety of sectors and industries to each training programme.

Antaris Consultancy has assisted a large number of companies to implement OHSAS 18001, the Health & Safety Management Systems Standard. Antaris has undertaken risk assessments, have prepared method statements and have assisted many organisations in complying with their Health & Safety Legislative requirements. Clients include multinational and indigenous organisations, both manufacturing industry and service providers, and Local Authorities and State Bodies.

The tutor team have a wide range of technical expertise and qualifications including membership of IOSH, qualifications in Health & Safety Management and certification as Health & Safety auditors. All tutors have practical experience in managing H&S issues in major Irish organisations. Tutors develop the sort of relaxed atmosphere that encourages involvement and ensures effective learning. This, coupled with the hands-on practical experience which tutors bring to the programme, guarantees an excellent learning experience. The tutors also present IOSH and IRM-Approved courses.

Antaris has also developed the highly successful Pegasus Legal Register, an innovative software solution to help companies assess their legal requirements in the area of Environment and Health & Safety. A large number of leading Irish and UK companies are now using this Antaris service.

Antaris itself is certified to ISO 9001, ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18001 and is also an IRCA certified training organisation.

Course Programme

The course consists of 3 units:

- Unit IGC1 Management of international health and safety
- Unit IGC2 Control of international workplace hazards
- Unit IGC3 International health and safety practical application

The first two units are divided into elements as follows:

Element Number	Title	Number of hours
	Unit IGC1 Management of international health and safety	37
1	Foundations in health & safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The scope and nature of occupational health & 	6

	<p>safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The moral, social and economic reasons for maintaining and promoting good standards of health and safety in the workplace • The role of national governments and international bodies in formulating a framework for the regulation of Health & Safety • The nature and sources of information on health and safety • The key elements of a health and safety management system 	
2	<p>Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The purpose and importance of setting policy for health and safety • The key features and appropriate content of an effective health and safety policy 	3
3	<p>Organising for health & safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisational health and safety roles and responsibilities • Consultation with employees 	3
4	<p>Promoting a positive health & safety culture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concept and significance of safety culture • Factors influencing safety culture • Factors influencing safety related behaviour • Improving health & safety culture • Internal and external influences on health and safety management standards 	4
5	<p>Risk assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aims and objectives of risk assessment • Identifying hazards • Principles and practice of risk assessment 	6
6	<p>Principles of control</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General principles of control and risk reduction • Safe systems of work • Permit- to-work systems • Emergency procedures • First Aid 	5
7	<p>Monitoring, review and audit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active and reactive monitoring procedures • Workplace inspections • Review of health and safety performance • Auditing 	6
8	<p>Occupational incident and accident investigation, recording and reporting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The process and purpose of investigating occupational incidents • The organisational requirements for recording and reporting occupational incidents 	4
Unit IGC2 Control of international workplace hazards		43
1	<p>Movement of people and vehicles – hazards and control</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movement of people 	4

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movement of vehicles 	
2	Manual and mechanical handling hazards and control <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manual handling hazards and risks • Minimising manual handling risks • Safety in the use of lifting and moving equipment 	5
3	Work equipment hazards and control <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General principles for selection, use and maintenance of work equipment • Hazards and controls for hand-held tools • Machinery hazards • Protection from machinery hazards 	6
4	Electrical hazards and control <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hazards and risks associated with the use of electricity in the workplace • Control measures 	3
5	Fire hazards and control <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic fire principles, hazards and risks in the workplace • Fire prevention and prevention of fire spread • Fire alarm system and fire-fighting equipment • Means of escape • Evacuation of the workplace 	6
6	Chemical and biological health hazards and control <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forms and classification of hazardous substances • Risks associated with hazardous substances • Occupational exposure limits • Acute and chronic health effects • Control measures • Waste disposal and control of pollution 	7
7	Physical and psychological health hazards and control <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Musculoskeletal health • Welfare and work environment issues • Noise, Vibration, Heat & Radiation • Stress, violence at work • Effects on health and safety of alcohol and drugs 	6
8	Construction activities – hazards and control <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General construction hazards and control • Working at height/Evacuations • Health hazards commonly encountered in construction activities 	6

Unit IGC3 is the practical application, see assessment section below.

Further information including a full course syllabus is available on the NEBOSH Website:

<http://www.nebosh.org.uk/qualifications/certificate/default.asp?cref=59&ct=2>

REGISTRATION / ASSESSMENT / EXAMINATIONS

All students need to register with a NEBOSH International General Certificate approved centre to sit the exam (SQT/Antaris are an approved centre).

COURSE ASSESSMENT

The assessment process for delegates consists of an examination (2 papers; IGC1 and IGC2), both of which are

taken on the same day and each lasts 2 hours. In addition there is a practical health and safety assessment of a workplace, (IGC3). Delegates must achieve the pass standard in both examination papers and in the practical assessment to be awarded the International General Certificate.

There are two NEBOSH examinations dates; June and December.

The aim of the practical assessment is to test your ability to complete a health & safety assessment of a workplace. It requires you to carry out a safety inspection, suggesting appropriate and cost effective remedial action and then prepare a report that persuasively urges management to take appropriate action.

PROFESSIONAL BODY MEMBERSHIP

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COURSE FEES

€2,350

(Fees include refreshment, lunch and all training materials)

COURSE TIMES

9am to 5.30pm

Separate Fees Payable to Nebosh

Nebosh Examination Fees:

£40 per Unit and £20 Practical Assessment

(Fees valid from 1 Sept 2011 to 31 Aug 2012)