

NEBOSH NATIONAL DIPLOMA IN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH

The new NEBOSH National Diploma aims to provide the knowledge and understanding that underpins competent performance as an Occupational Health & Safety Professional. It is a structured route to progress your career in health and safety, comprised of 4 units.

On successful completion of the National Diploma and registration for the Initial Professional Development (IPD), the designatory letters GradIOSH can be used. CMIOSH, a chartered status, is gained after successful completion of a 2 year IPD skills based portfolio and a professional review interview.

Who Is This Course Aimed For?

The National Diploma is designed for individuals who want to progress their career in health and safety and develop more in-depth knowledge and skills aiming to become health and safety practitioners.

Learning Outcomes

- Gain GradIOSH designatory letters which can be used once enrolment for a period of Initial Professional Development (IPD) is completed.
- Attain CMIOSH – chartered status is gained after successful completion of a minimum of 2 years of Initial Professional Development during which they will develop a skills based portfolio and undertake a professional review interview, subject to approval by the Privy Council.
- Be able to provide detailed advice for health and safety issues in line with current legislation and HSE guidance.
- Be able to assist the organisation in continual health and safety management and control measures.
- Have a broad range of detailed knowledge and the application of key health and safety issues.



Key Course Facts

Price: £5495 + VAT (*Includes lunch, refreshments, course materials & Certificate*)

Duration: 6 Block Release Weeks over the year, divided into 4 units.

Assessment System – The assessment consists of a 3-hour exam for each Units A, B & C and a workplace-based assignment for Unit D. All are set and marked by NEBOSH.

Pre-Selection Assessment – Course providers are required by NEBOSH to take reasonable steps to ensure the prospective course members have a good chance of successfully completing the course. It is recommended that delegates hold the NEBOSH National General Certificate, the NEBOSH International General Certificate, NEBOSH National Certificate in Construction Safety & Health or equivalent level 3 qualifications subject to agreement with CHSS Training Services

Availability of Time for Study – Experience has shown that candidates often underestimate the demands of such a course. Course members will be required to commit themselves to a prolonged period of intensive study, which is very demanding of their time and energy. Availability of work premises in which to carry out workplace-based assignment may be related to a workplace situation. Where this presents a difficulty it may be possible for CHSS to make arrangements with a local employer for such assignments.

Learning Contract – The Diploma programme is intensive, requiring 6 weeks attendance. In addition to preparing for 3 written exams, there will be 1 workplace-based assignment. Experience has shown that some prospective course members (and sometimes their employers) greatly under-estimate the commitment of time and effort involved. Every course member and their sponsor (if relevant) will be required to enter into a learning contact with CHSS, demonstrating commitment to the course.

Method of Study – The NEBOSH National Diploma is offered on a 6-week block release study programme. The 4 units will be covered by lectures, videos, discussion groups, web support and syndicate exercises. The study periods will allow for the experienced teaching team to cover the requirements of the syllabus and continually assess the performance of candidates as they progress towards the award of the National Diploma. Study weeks will be separated by periods where candidates will have the opportunity to consolidate their knowledge and complete the required assessments for the award.

Study Materials – Candidates will be provided with comprehensive supporting study notes. Candidates will be encouraged to make their own notes during the course programme. The course requires members to read as broad a range of health and safety materials as possible. The National Diploma therefore requires the course members have access to a reasonable library containing supporting texts on topics relevant to the syllabus. Many larger employers might already have well stocked libraries of health and safety information either in hard copy or on computer database.

Continuous Assessment & Tasks – The pass mark for each unit may vary accordingly to pre-determined criteria but it is normalised to 45% for the written papers Units A, B, & C & 50% for Unit D. Assignments that fail to meet this standard will be referred back to course members for modification and/or re-submission. Wherever possible, course members will be required to relate study topics to their own workplace particularly during assignments.

In addition to the marked assignment, course members will be required to complete ‘tasks’ which form part of the learning process. Assignments will be completed following the taught sessions with which they are associated. The tasks do not form part of the assessment but must be submitted to the course tutor for marking so that feedback can be provided.

It is considered that this approach offers a number of advantages:

1. The learning process involves 3 key components for effective learning to take place (i.e motivation, activity and feedback).
2. Course members will be carrying out their own research; this will be valuable practice in an important part of the Safety Practitioner’s role. The research will be guided by the study notes and constant feedback will be provided by the self-assessment questions as well as tutor support.
3. The tasks take the study process into the workplace. Course members therefore have the advantage of tutorial support when putting the learning into practice.

Unit 1 – Week 1 & 2

A1	Principles of Health & Safety Management
A2	Loss Causation & Incident Investigation
A3	Measuring & Reviewing Health & Safety Programme
A4	Identifying Hazards, Assessing & Evaluating Risk
A5	Risk Control
A6	Organisational Factors
A7	Human Factors
A8	Principles of Health & Safety Law
A9	Criminal Law
A10	Civil Law

Exam *Unit A – Managing Health & Safety (3 Hours)*

Unit B – Week 3 & 4

B1	Principles of Toxicology & Epidemiology
B2	Hazardous Substances & Other Chemicals – Assessment of Risk
B3	Hazardous Substances & Other Chemicals – Engineering Controls & Personal Protective Equipment
B4	Monitoring & Measurement
B5	Biological Agents
B6	Physical Agents (1) – Noise & Vibration
B7	Physical Agents (2) – Radiation
B8	Psychological Agents
B9	Musculoskeletal Risks & Controls
B10	Work Environment Risks & Controls
B11	Managing Occupational Health

Exam *Unit B – Hazardous Agents in the Workplace (3 Hours)*

Unit C – Week 5 & 6

C1	General Workplace Issues
C1	Principles of Fire & Explosion
C3	Workplace Fire & Assessment
C4	Storage, Handling & Processing of Dangerous Substances
C5	Work Equipment (General)
C6	Work Equipment (Workplace Machinery)
C7	Work Equipment (Mobile, Lifting and Access)
C8	Electrical Safety & Electricity at Work Regulations 1989
C9	Construction Hazards & Controls
C10	Workplace Transport & Driving for Work
C11	Pressure System Hazards & Controls.

Exam *Unit C – Workplace & Work Equipment (3 Hours)*

Unit D – Workplace Based Assignment (8000 words approx.)