

NEBOSH Diploma

Prior Learning Requirements

Introduction

This guidance pack has been designed for those wishing to enrol on the NEBOSH Diploma, but who **do not have** a formal entry qualification such as the NEBOSH Certificate or equivalent. The pack is designed to allow you to assess your suitability for direct entry onto the NEBOSH Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety. You may decide it would be more appropriate for you to start with one of the NEBOSH Certificate courses.

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The NEBOSH Diploma is a demanding programme that assumes a certain level of knowledge is in place when students start the course. If you do not have this knowledge you will find it very difficult to succeed with the Diploma. As such, it is in your interests to be realistic in assessing your current knowledge.

If you have achieved a NEBOSH Certificate, there is no need to complete this pack. Simply attach a copy of your NEBOSH Certificate to your completed Enrolment Form and return it to RRC.

If you have not achieved a NEBOSH Certificate, you will need to review the Level 3 knowledge outlined in the following pages and confirm that you have an understanding of the topics covered. **It is vital that you are honest in your assessment of whether or not you have this knowledge. The knowledge covered in the NEBOSH Certificate courses, although touched on to some extent, is not taught in depth in the Diploma but will be examinable in the Diploma. Therefore, if you do not enter the programme with a sufficient level of knowledge, you are likely to struggle throughout the programme.**

If, having reviewed this pack, you are confident that you have the required underpinning knowledge, complete the Prior Learning Requirements Confirmation at the end of this pack and return to RRC with your enrolment form.



Level 3 Learning Outcomes

The following table outlines the key course content for the current NEBOSH General Certificate (a Level 3 qualification). You need to ensure that you have sufficient knowledge in the specified areas.

Management of Health Hazards	
ELEMENT	LEVEL 3 KNOWLEDGE REQUIREMENTS
<p>1</p> <p>Foundations in Health and Safety</p>	<p>The scope and nature of occupational health and safety.</p> <p>The moral and financial reasons for promoting good standards of health and safety in the workplace.</p> <p>The legal framework for the regulation of health and safety including sources and types of law.</p> <p>The scope, duties and offences of employers, managers, employees and others under the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974.</p> <p>The legal and organisational health and safety roles and responsibilities of clients and their contractors.</p>
<p>2</p> <p>Health & Safety Management Systems 1 - Policy</p>	<p>The key elements of a health and safety management system.</p> <p>The purpose and importance of setting policy for health and safety.</p> <p>The key features and appropriate content of an effective health and safety policy.</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Health & Safety Management Systems 2 - Organising</p>	<p>The organisational health and safety roles and responsibilities of employers, directors and managers.</p> <p>The concept of health and safety culture and its significance in the management of health and safety in an organisation.</p> <p>The human factors which influence behaviour at work in a way that can affect health and safety.</p> <p>How health and safety behaviour at work can be improved.</p> <p>The need for emergency procedures and the arrangements for contacting emergency services.</p> <p>The requirements for, and effective provision of, first aid in the workplace.</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Health & Safety Management Systems 3 - Planning</p>	<p>The importance of planning in the context of health and safety management systems.</p> <p>The principles and practice of risk assessment.</p> <p>The general principles of control and a basic hierarchy of risk reduction measures.</p> <p>The key sources of health and safety information.</p> <p>The factors that should be considered when developing and implementing a safe system of work for general activities.</p> <p>The role and function of a permit-to-work system.</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Health & Safety Management Systems 4 – Measuring, Audit & Review</p>	<p>The principles, purpose and role of active and reactive monitoring.</p> <p>The purpose of, and procedures, for health and safety auditing.</p> <p>The purpose of, and procedures for, investigating incidents (accidents, cases of work-related ill-health and other occurrences.)</p> <p>The legal and organisational requirements for recording and reporting incidents.</p> <p>The purpose of, and procedures for, regular reviews of health and safety performance.</p>



Controlling Workplace Hazards

ELEMENT	LEVEL 3 KNOWLEDGE REQUIREMENTS
1 Workplace Hazards and Risk Control	<p>Common health, welfare and work environment requirements in the workplace.</p> <p>The risk factors and appropriate controls for violence at work.</p> <p>The effects of substance misuse on health and safety at work and control measures to reduce such risks.</p> <p>The hazards and control measures for the safe movement of people in the workplace.</p> <p>The hazards and control measures for safe working at height.</p> <p>Explain the hazards of, and control measures for, excavation.</p>
2 Transport Hazards and Risk Control	<p>The hazards and control measures for the safe movement of vehicles in the workplace.</p> <p>The factors associated with driving at work that increase the risk of an incident and the control measures to reduce work related driving risks.</p>
3 Musculoskeletal Hazards and Risk Control	<p>Work processes and practices that may give rise to work-related upper limb disorders and appropriate control measures.</p> <p>The hazards and control measures which should be considered when assessing risks from manual handling activities.</p> <p>The hazards, precautions and procedures to reduce the risk in the use of lifting and moving equipment with specific reference to manually operated load moving equipment.</p> <p>The hazards and the precautions and procedures to reduce the risk in the use of lifting and moving equipment with specific reference to mechanically operated load moving equipment.</p>
4 Work Equipment Hazards and Risk Control	<p>General requirements for work equipment.</p> <p>The hazards and controls for hand-held tools.</p> <p>The main mechanical and non-mechanical hazards of machinery.</p> <p>The main control measures for reducing risk from machinery hazards.</p>
5 Electrical Safety	<p>The principles, hazards and risks associated with the use of electricity in the workplace.</p> <p>The control measures that should be taken when working with electrical systems or using electrical equipment in normal workplace conditions.</p>
6 Fire Safety	<p>The principles of fire initiation, classification and spread.</p> <p>The principles of fire risk assessment.</p> <p>The basic principles of fire prevention and the prevention of fire spread in buildings.</p> <p>The appropriate fire alarm system and fire-fighting equipment for a simple workplace.</p> <p>The factors which should be considered when implementing a successful evacuation of a workplace in the event of a fire.</p>



Controlling Workplace Hazards (Continued)

ELEMENT	LEVEL 3 KNOWLEDGE REQUIREMENTS
<p data-bbox="277 495 293 517">7</p> <p data-bbox="188 539 384 663">Chemical and Biological Health Hazards and Control</p>	<p data-bbox="440 383 1313 443">The forms of, the classification of, and the health risks from exposure to, hazardous substances.</p> <p data-bbox="440 461 1345 521">The factors to be considered when undertaking an assessment of the health risks from substances commonly encountered in the workplace.</p> <p data-bbox="440 539 1377 600">The use and limitations of Workplace Exposure Limits including the purpose of long term and short term exposure limits.</p> <p data-bbox="440 618 1345 678">Control measures that should be used to reduce the risk of ill-health from exposure to hazardous substances.</p> <p data-bbox="440 696 1090 725">The hazards, risks and controls associated with specific agents.</p> <p data-bbox="440 743 1206 772">The basic requirements related to the safe handling and storage of waste.</p>
<p data-bbox="277 824 293 846">8</p> <p data-bbox="177 869 395 992">Physical and Psychological Health Hazards and Risk Control</p>	<p data-bbox="440 808 1353 837">The health effects associated with exposure to noise and appropriate control measures.</p> <p data-bbox="440 855 1393 884">The health effects associated with exposure to vibration and appropriate control measures.</p> <p data-bbox="440 902 1425 963">The health effects associated with ionising and non-ionising radiation and outline appropriate control measures.</p> <p data-bbox="440 981 1222 1010">The causes and effects of stress at work and appropriate control measures.</p>

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Confirmation

I confirm that I have carefully reviewed the knowledge requirements laid out in this document and am confident that I have the underpinning knowledge required to undertake the NEBOSH Diploma.

I understand that the knowledge covered in the NEBOSH Certificate will not be covered in depth during my Diploma studies but will be examinable in the Diploma assessment and that it will be my responsibility to complete additional study in the event of any gaps in my knowledge.

I also understand that if I'm accepted on the programme having given false information and consequently have difficulties, it will be my responsibility to seek and pay for any additional support.

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Signed:

Date:

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When completed, please return this form with your enrolment form to RRC at the address below, with any supporting certificates or documents that will assist us in processing your application.

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