

# NEBOSH International General Certificate in Occupational Safety and Health

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## Introduction

The NEBOSH International General Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety is one of the most popular and recognized health and safety qualification of its kind in the world, first introduced in 2005 it is held by more than 80,000 people worldwide. Each year, more people take the NEBOSH International General Certificate than any other NEBOSH qualification.

Holders of this accredited qualification are able to identify, evaluate and control a wide range of workplace hazards. The qualification encourages a pragmatic approach to managing risk and the content can be applied in workplaces anywhere in the world.

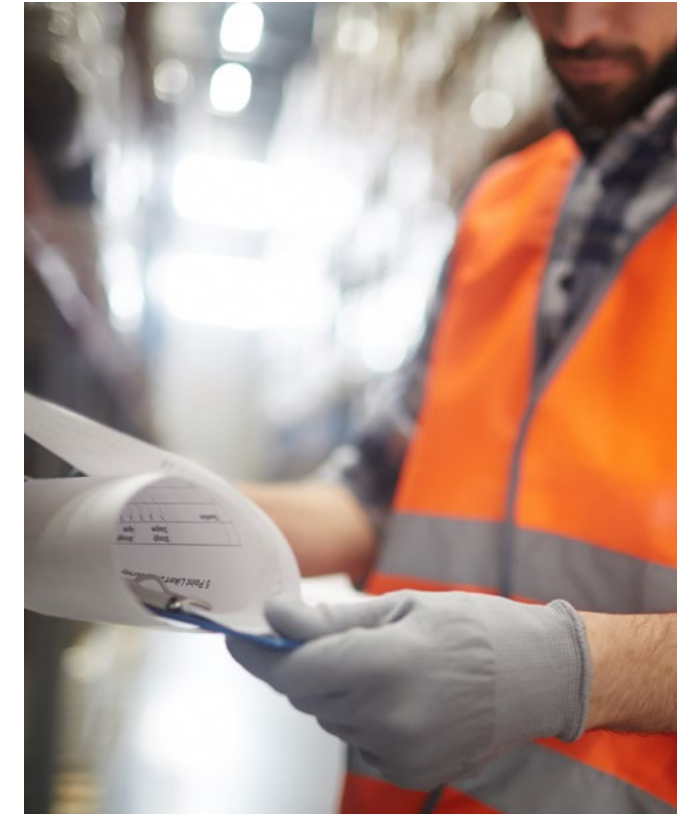
It is widely used throughout the world by people who seek recognition for their health and safety skills and knowledge.

Globally, employers find that the International General Certificate can improve the safety culture of their organization by providing line management and staff with a sound understanding of the principles of risk management.

The qualification is available in English and Arabic.

Our qualifications are developed based on extensive research with health and safety professionals, employers, professional bodies and regulators to ensure that they remain relevant and rigorous as well as achievable and practical.

You will be assessed on your ability to apply your skills and knowledge to a wide range of issues and how to deliver positive change to a real workplace.



## Program Objectives

**Knowledge** – Whether health and safety is your main responsibility, or just a part of what you do, the NEBOSH International General Certificate will give you vital knowledge to help you perform better in your role at work.

**Enjoyment** – You'll enjoy taking the NEBOSH International General Certificate. You'll discover skills and techniques that are useful and practical, not just theoretical.

**Recognition** – Holders of the NEBOSH International General Certificate in occupational Health and Safety are entitled to Associate Membership (AIOSH) of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH). The qualification also meets the academic requirements for Technical Membership (Tech IOSH) of IOSH.

**Career development** – For some, the NEBOSH International General Certificate is a first step towards a life-long career in health and safety. For others, it forms part of an important set of qualifications that brings them success and advancement in whatever field they choose.

## What will my employer gain from this qualification?

**A safer workplace** – Health and safety is important. It protects people from injury and loss of life. People with the NEBOSH International General Certificate know how to help their employer avoid prosecution, litigation, absence costs and loss of reputation, wherever they operate.

**Assurance** – An employer whose staffs are NEBOSH qualified is an employer committed to health and safety. The NEBOSH International General Certificate provides an assurance of safety - something that can help employers achieves recognised standards and can even win new business.

**Return on investment** – An employee with a NEBOSH International General Certificate has a practical set of skills that brings real value to the modern global workplace.

## Program Contents

The International General Certificate covers the principles relating to health and safety, identification and control of workplace hazards and the practical application of this knowledge. Local laws and cultural factors may form part of the study programmed where relevant and appropriate. Crucially, the practical element of the course requires students to complete a health and safety inspection of their workplace and complete a report to management regarding the inspection with recommendations.



The key topics covered by the qualification are:

- The importance of and key elements of health and safety management systems
- Principles and practice of risk assessment
- The identification of workplace hazards such as those associated with general workplace issues, fire, electricity etc.
- Methods for controlling identified workplace hazards

No previous health and safety knowledge is required. Candidates should note that the assessment includes a requirement to write a short report.

The qualification is divided into three units, each of which is assessed separately:

- IGC1: Management of international health and safety
- GC2: Control of workplace hazards
- GC3: Health and safety practical application

The syllabus is mapped to the National Occupational Standards for Health and Safety. These are maintained on a database which is managed by Skills Development Scotland [www.nebosh.org.uk/documents/international-general-certificate-syllabus-summary-english/igc-syllabus-summary-v1-nov-14-spec-for-trans64201611926.pdf](http://www.nebosh.org.uk/documents/international-general-certificate-syllabus-summary-english/igc-syllabus-summary-v1-nov-14-spec-for-trans64201611926.pdf)

Further details can be found in the syllabus guide which can be downloaded from the Resources section. The International General Certificate can be studied and assessed in multiple languages including:

- English
- Arabic

## Entry Requirements

Applicants must fill NEBOSH IGC application form. The form will be assessed by the subject matter expert and acceptance will be granted accordingly.

### Preferable that:

- have a degree in engineering
- have NEBOSH HSW certificate
- 5 years of experience of work experience in the field of Health & Safety



## Assessment and Certification

Students are assessed with written examinations for each of the two taught units, IGC1 and GC2. There is also a practical assessment for unit GC3, designed to help you apply your learning at work and add value for your employer.

Units IGC1 and GC2 are each assessed by a two-hour written examination. Each written examination consists of ten 'short-answer' questions and one 'long-answer' question. Scripts are marked by competent external examiners appointed by NEBOSH.

Unit GC3 is assessed by one two-hour practical examination carried out in the candidate's own workplace. The aim of this unit is to assess your ability to complete a safety inspection of your workplace and prepare a report to management with recommendations and improvements. The assessment must normally be taken within 10 working days of a written examination. The practical examination is internally assessed by your course provider and externally moderated by NEBOSH.

Candidates will be awarded a unit certificate for each unit passed. Once a candidate has successfully completed all three units (IGC1, GC2 and GC3), the overall qualification parchment will be issued.

### Our unit-based approach:

Our unit-based approach allows you to achieve new qualifications without having to study or be assessed on topics that you have already passed.

Some of our Certificate-level qualifications include 'common units'. For example, Unit NGC1 forms part of our National Certificate in Construction Health and Safety, and also part of the National Certificate in Fire Safety and Risk Management and the National General Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety.

If you have already passed unit NGC1 as part of your previous studies you will not be required to pass NGC1 again when studying for another certificate qualification it features in, provided that the declaration date (the date printed on your unit certificate) is within five years of the examination date for the new qualification.

This applies to all Certificate-level qualifications with common units, and also in some cases across our national and international variants.

### Examination registration

Learners must be registered before they can take an examination. All examination registrations must be completed by an accredited learning partner.

### Examination entry confirmation

Once your learning partner has registered you to an examination, they will send you an Examination Entry Confirmation that includes your learner number and the regulations for you as a learner. The learner number is the only identification that you may use on your examination scripts – scripts must not include your name.



The Examination Entry Confirmation is essential to gain entry to the examination room, you will need to show a form of photographic identification to the invigilator and then sign the Examination Entry Confirmation. Please contact your learning partner if you have not received your Examination Entry Confirmation.

## Examination Results

All results for assessments taken in English (including those for the practical application) should be received within 50 working days from the date of the examination or submission of assignment. The specific date is written on your examination entry confirmation.

For assessments taken in any language other than English, all results (including those for the practical application) should be received within 70 working days.

Certificate-level practical assessments must normally be taken within 10 working days of a written examination, so the practical result will be included with the result for the written examination.

## Target Audience

This qualification is for anyone who needs to gain a sound understanding of the principles of workplace health and safety, wherever in the world they may work.

For some, the International General Certificate is a crucial first step towards establishing a lifelong professional career in occupational health and safety. Many who take their International General Certificate progress on to one of our Diploma-level qualifications. Interestingly, a significant proportion of people who hold their International General Certificate are employed in roles whose primary function is not health and safety based.

The International General Certificate is now commonly seen as a very useful qualification for managers, supervisors and those who need to have a sound understanding of their health and safety responsibilities and who wish to implement sustainable health and safety improvements.



### WHO IS IT SUITABLE FOR?

- Managers
- Supervisors
- Employee representatives
- Newly appointed Health and Safety Advisers



### WHAT DOES THE COURSE COVER?

As well as covering a range of workplace hazards and methods of control, it includes international standards for safety and health management including International Labour Organisation codes of practice.



### DURATION

90 Hours

