

# NEBOSH International General Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety Factsheet



NEBOSH has updated the International General Certificate – the most trusted health and safety qualification of its kind in the world. It's designed to reflect the needs of today's employer giving learners everything they need to **know and do** to make their workplace safer.

90,000 people already hold a NEBOSH International General Certificate (IGC). Why? Because it's the gold standard in health and safety qualifications.

The new syllabus has been streamlined to allow core skills to be considered in greater depth. It covers how to effectively manage health and safety, and how to identify, reduce and control the key hazards in every kind of workplace. Risk assessment is central to the IGC qualification making sure it reflects the real-life roles people perform.

## Key Features

- Developed by NEBOSH experts with input from 3,000 of the world's leading employers and health and safety professionals
- A qualification that is rooted in today's real-world needs
- Employer and learner friendly - has a pragmatic mix of theory and practical
- The syllabus has been streamlined to concentrate on core key skills
- Uses straightforward terms and language
- Learner choice – can be completed by eLearning, face to face, block or day release
- Assessed by a combination of:
  - One open book examination question paper to assess what you **know**
  - One practical – a risk assessment to assess what you can **do**

- Learners complete a risk assessment and develop an action plan for their workplace – this is immediately useful and valuable
- Available in 7 languages soon

## Benefits for Employers

According to ILO and EU-OSHA research, work-related injury and illness result in the loss of 3.9% of GDP worldwide, at an annual cost of roughly €2,680 billion. To go home safely at the end of the working day is a right, not a privilege.

The IGC is trusted by prestigious organisations such as Maersk, Shell, BP, Skanska, Nestle and the Dubai World Trade Centre as well as many others. It can help to:

- Boost employee wellbeing
- Minimise workplace injuries and illness
- Demonstrate your commitment to health and safety, which can help win business
- Strengthen your health and safety culture
- Ensure your organisation has valuable in-house health and safety expertise

"After gaining a NEBOSH International General Certificate I was able to suggest and implement new ideas that reduced Lost Time Injuries by 75%. My achievements helped me to secure my current role as a manager. I also wrote a research paper around my experiences and was privileged to be named 'National Volunteer OSH Research Ambassador' as part of Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta's 'Big Four Agenda'."

David Ongesa  
Occupational Safety, Health and Environment Manager, ARM Cement Plc



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## Who's it for?

Held by people in over 167 countries, the qualification is favoured by those who want to be recognised for their health and safety skills and knowledge. Having the IGC is good for career prospects as it both boosts someone's standing in their current role and can help them progress. The qualification is:

- Relevant to every workplace
- Ideal for managers, supervisors and anybody else with health and safety management responsibilities
- Perfect for those who want to develop a health and safety career with a valuable, globally respected qualification from NEBOSH

## What will successful learners know?

With in-depth focus on the things that matter, the IGC covers the core skills you need, wherever in the world you work: It covers:

- How to effectively manage health and safety
- How to identify and control common workplace hazards
- How to measure success

## What will successful learners be able to do?

Risk assessment is central to the IGC qualification. Through study and workplace application, successful 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 a company's health and safety culture
- Ensure their teams undertake their day to day activities more safely thanks to the awareness and knowledge gained

## Assessment

The two-step assessment process, which checks what you *know* and *can do*, consists of:

- An open book examination
- A practical risk assessment

Both assessments are marked by external examiners appointed by NEBOSH. These examiners are chosen for their experience and expertise to ensure that learners are assessed by the very best from our industry.

**For further information about this qualification:**

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