

NEBOSH National General Certificate in Occupational Safety and Health (e-Learning)

The NEBOSH National General Certificate is a qualification designed to help those with health and safety responsibilities (e.g. managers, supervisors and employee representatives) to discharge more effectively their organisational duties and functions. The NEBOSH National General Certificate is not a qualification for health and safety specialists, who should seek to obtain a professional qualification such as the NEBOSH National Diploma.

No previous health and safety knowledge is required but students must be able to write short reports. Examinations are available at NEBOSH-approved centres, both in the UK and overseas. The duration of study for the National General Certificate is a minimum of 120 hours plus private study and background reading. The syllabus is divided into sixteen units:

1	Health and safety foundations	10	Electrical hazards and control
2	Policy	11	Fire hazards and control
3	Organizing for health and safety	12	Chemical and biological health hazards and control
4	Promoting a positive health and safety culture	13	Physical and psychological health hazards and control
5	Risk assessment	14	Construction activities - hazards and control
6	Principles of control		Incident investigation,
7	Movement of people and vehicles - hazards and control	15	recording and reporting
8	Manual and mechanical handling hazards and control	16	Monitoring, review and audit
9	Work equipment hazards and control		

Assessment is by an end examination comprising two written papers (Papers NGC 1 and NGC2) and a practical assessment. Paper NGC1 (The management of safety and health) addresses primarily Units 1-6 and 15-16; Paper NGC2 (Controlling workplace hazards) addresses primarily Units 7-14, with reference to Unit 6; the practical assessment consists of carrying out a health and safety inspection of a workplace and preparing a management report.

Examination details

The examination is held nationally four times a year (March, June, September and December) and comprises two 2-hour written papers (Papers NGC1 and NGC 2) and a practical assessment. Each written paper consists of one 'long-answer' question and ten 'short-answer' questions. All questions are compulsory. The practical assessment is held on a date set by the centre, marked by the centre's appointed Practical Assessor and moderated by NEBOSH. The written papers and the practical assessment must be taken at the same centre. Registration forms for the examination are obtained from centres approved to run National General Certificate courses. To help maintain flexibility, SHEilds allow students to sit the examinations at their local NEBOSH accredited test centre or British Council (an additional sitting fee may be applicable), or students can choose to sit the examinations at any of SHEilds approved test centres free of charge (excluding examination registration fees).

Course cost: £590 + VAT

Examination registration fee: £90 (payable to NEBOSH)

Optional examination revision workshop: £100 + VAT (SHEilds approved test centres only)

Course duration: Dependant on start date and previous experience

Exam format: 2 x 2 Hour written papers plus a practical exam

Memberships: TechIOSH, AIIRSM (upon application)