

NEBOSH Diploma – Comparison 2015/2021

	2015 Specification (old)	2021 Publication (new)
Qualification type	Academic	Academic / Theoretical
Average completion time	12 – 24 months	12-24 months
Study hours	243 guided study 257 private study 500 total study	191 guided study 144 private study 335 total study
Basic content	Syllabus includes basic content covered in NEBOSH General Certificate	Syllabus doesn't include basic content covered in NEBOSH General Certificate
Recommended prior learning	NEBOSH General Certificate recommended	NEBOSH General Certificate this is assumed prior learning
Entry requirements	No formal entry requirements	No formal entry requirements
Assessment	3 x 3-hour invigilated examinations 1 x 8,000 – 12,000 word assignment	1 x open book assessments 2 x open book case studies
UK framework equivalence	6	6
Equivalent qualification	BSc Degree	BSc Degree
Access	Course online Examined in an invigilated classroom	Course Online Examinations Online
Availability	Global	Global
IOSH Membership	Graduate Membership GradIOSH	Graduate Membership* GradIOSH (Certified Member)
IIRSM Membership	Full Membership MIIRSM	Full Membership** MIIRSM
Board of certified safety professionals (BCSP)	Leads to Certified Safety Professional CSP after completion of relevant assessments	Leads to Certified Safety Professional** CSP after completion of relevant assessments
Post nominals	Dip.NEBOSH	Dip.NEBOSH
Qualification status	Phased out by 2025 (last exam 2026)	Live
Employment	Globally recognised qualification, employers can confidently identify qualified personnel, benchmarked in the UK.	Globally recognised qualification, employers can confidently identify qualified personnel, benchmarked in the UK.
English language requirements	IELTS level 7 or higher	IELTS level 7 or higher

* IOSH are reviewing their membership grades, it is expected the Graduate membership will be rebranded as “Certified Member”

** NEBOSH are in the process of applying for membership from IIRSM and BCSP