

Level 5 NVQ Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety Practice

This qualification covers areas such as promoting a positive health and safety culture, effective communication systems and policy for health and safety information, developing and maintaining individual and organisational competence as well as controlling risks and reviewing proactive and reactive monitoring systems for health and safety. It also covers developing and implementing emergency response, reviewing systems and procedures, and influencing and keeping pace with improvements in health and safety practice. On achievement of the qualification learners will have developed the level of competence which will enable them to perform consistently, reliably and productively in their work role, and make a positive contribution to their employment.

Entry Requirements

There are no formal entry requirements, however students undertaking the Level 5 NVQ Diploma must be engaged in a substantial H&S role within their organisation. Competence is assessed by results rather than examination.

The Level 5 Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety Practice allows learners to demonstrate competence in job-related skills in their particular area of work and expertise. This qualification is recognized by IOSH for Graduate Member (Grad IOSH). As a Graduate Member, you can use the letters Grad IOSH after your name. All Graduates maintain a CPD record. An *average* time for completion of the NVQ is 2 years.

Objectives

Upon completion of this course, candidates will be able to:

- ❗ Apply management principles and practices to health and safety issues
- ❗ Set practicable health and safety objectives and be able to plan and implement courses to achieve those objectives
- ❗ Recognise risks present in the workplace and be able to set appropriate control measures
- ❗ Take account of risks posed by human factors
- ❗ Ensure that adequate information, instruction, training and supervision is provided within the workplace
- ❗ Investigate all incidents involving injury or damage in order to determine the causes and to take appropriate remedial actions
- ❗ Communicate effectively on health and safety issues with superiors, work people and health and safety professionals
- ❗ Understand the main legal responsibilities of employers and managers and to act to fulfil them

Programme

The units of assessment in this qualification are related to the following National Occupational Standards:

- ❗ PROHSP2 Promote a positive health and safety culture
- ❗ PROHSP3 Develop and implement the health and safety policy
- ❗ PROHSP4 Develop and implement effective communication systems for health and safety information
- ❗ PROHSP5 Develop and maintain individual and organisational competence in health and safety matters
- ❗ PROHSP6 Control health and safety risks
- ❗ PROHSP7 Develop, implement and review proactive monitoring systems for health and safety
- ❗ PROHSP8 Develop, implement and review reactive monitoring systems for health and safety
- ❗ PROHSP10 Develop and implement a health and safety emergency response systems and procedures
- ❗ PROHSP11 Develop and implement health and safety review systems
- ❗ PROHSP14 Behavioural Safety in the workplace
- ❗ PROHSP15 Manage contractors to ensure compliance with health and safety
- ❗ PROHSP16 Develop and implement the health and safety induction process

Study method

NVQs are completed largely at your workplace and there are no mandatory classroom sessions, however we provide a number of taught sessions at Line Business Services offices in Keynsham where candidates will be given specific guidance on the subjects and shown how to produce a portfolio of evidence based on course work and practice.

An introductory day will be held at Keynsham. During this day candidates will:-

- ❗ be introduced to the NVQ system
- ❗ gain an understanding of the health and safety NVQ
- ❗ conduct and audit of their current competence
- ❗ develop an action plan for the completion of the NVQ
- ❗ learn how to develop a portfolio of evidence

Support tutorials will be held at agreed intervals following the induction day during which facilitators will:-

- ❗ explain the requirements of each Unit of Competence
- ❗ outline the key areas of the domain knowledge and understanding
- ❗ discuss the various forms of evidence available
- ❗ assist candidates to develop their initial action plans
- ❗ assist candidates to develop their portfolios of evidence
- ❗ assess any completed units of the NVQ