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NEBOSH Award in Environmental Awareness at Work

Qualification guide for learners

Qualification overview

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Qualification key features

Unit prefix and title:	Unit EAW1: Environmental awareness	
Assessment	Assessment Type	Assessment Time
Unit EAW1:	Multiple-choice assessment	30 minutes
Modes of study:	Taught (face-to-face) Open, distance, part-time or block release eLearning	
Notional learning hours:	6 hours tuition 1 hour assessment preparation / assessment time 3 hours pre-course study Total hours: 10 hours	
Qualification level:	SCQF Level 5 with 1 credit (equivalent to RQF Level 2)	
Entry requirements:	There are no specific entry requirements.	
Recommended minimum standard of English:	International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score of 5.0 or higher.	
Languages available:	English	
Assessment dates:	Online assessments will take place monthly. Confirmed dates available online	
Pass standard:	A 'Pass' (score of 60% or higher) must be achieved in unit EAW1.	
Qualification grades:	Pass Refer	

Qualification overview

Who is the qualification designed for?

This qualification is for anyone who needs to gain a basic understanding of environmental impacts and risk control. It provides an introduction to implementing ISO 14001. It is an environmental qualification for learners with no prior knowledge of the subject required. The qualification has global relevance and covers the principles of environmental management, not UK specific law. It may be particularly relevant for:

- Team leaders and supervisors
- Facilities managers
- Anyone wishing to ensure they work positively with regard to the environment.

Benefits for your employer

This qualification will benefit organisations who are seeking to implement an EMS. It will provide the workforce with an awareness of the organisation's impacts on the environment as well as the individual's role in the maintenance of a successful EMS.

This course can be delivered within an organisation, eg, in-house training, or employees can attend accredited training courses run throughout the world by our network of Learning Partners. NEBOSH Learning Partners offer a variety of flexible course formats, so training can be arranged according to business needs.

Benefits for you

The NEBOSH Environmental Awareness at Work qualification will enable you to contribute to the management of environment impacts and risk control. You will learn about:

- The meanings of basic environmental terms
- The importance and benefits of sustainable development
- Certification of an EMS
- Air, water and land pollution
- Dealing with emergencies.

Notional learning hours

A programme of study needs to be based around a minimum of **3 hours pre-course study, 6 taught hours** and approximately **1 hour of assessment preparation and assessment time** for an overall total of **10 hours**.

It is anticipated that the course can be taught in one day with the multiple-choice assessment taken at the end of the day. Please contact your Learning Partner for more information on the structure of their course.

Finding where to study

You can search for Learning Partners (the people that provide your training course) using the 'Where to study' tab on the NEBOSH [website](#). Our Learning Partners are based all over the world.

Note: it is best to check directly with the Learning Partner for up-to-date information on course dates.

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Achieving the qualification

The Award in Environmental Awareness at Work is a one unit qualification.

Unit EAW1 is a taught unit, assessed by a thirty-minute multiple choice examination.

Each examination consists of twenty mandatory questions (1 mark each) with one correct and three incorrect responses available per question.

Each examination paper covers the whole unit syllabus with at least one question per unit element and all questions are compulsory.

It is a closed-book assessment, so you will not be able to refer to your course book or notes.

You must achieve a 'pass' (60% or higher) in order to be awarded the qualification.

Date of assessment

Assessments are taken after completion of the course learning. Assessments are held monthly, with the assessment being available for a 24 hour period. You will be able to start your assessment at any time during this 24 hour window, but will have 30 minutes in total to complete your assessment.

More information, including upcoming assessment dates are available on the NEBOSH [website](#)

Submission of the assessment

You will complete your assessment online, and submit your assessment through an online assessment platform for marking.

Marking

Assessments are marked by NEBOSH. You will receive a 'Pass' (60% or higher) or 'Refer' (59% or lower) for your assessments. Your Learning Partner will provide you with more support in the event of a referral result, and register you for another date to re-sit your assessment.

Results

You will receive your results within 15 working days of the date of the assessment. Once you have achieved a pass, a qualification parchment will be issued. This is normally within 20 working days of confirmation of the successful EAW1 unit.

Re-sitting units

You may re-sit your unit assessment if you are referred. There is no limit to the number of times you can re-sit a unit.

Individual learner feedback

For more information on the assessment feedback provided for this qualification, please visit the NEBOSH website.

Syllabus summary

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Structure

The qualification is a one unit qualification with Unit EAW1 being divided into two elements.

Unit EAW1: Environmental Awareness		
Element number	Element title	Recommended hours
1	Foundations of environmental awareness	1
2	Pollution, impact assessments and emergencies	5
	Minimum unit tuition time	6
	Recommended pre-course reading time	3
	Assessment preparation / assessment time	1

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Learning outcomes and assessment criteria

Learning outcome On completion of this course the learner will be able to understand:	Related content	Assessment criteria
the meaning of key environmental terms	1.1	Identify the meaning of: the environment; weather; climate; habitats; ecosystems; biodiversity; pollution; sustainability
why sustainable development is important	1.2	Identify the importance and benefits of sustainable development
what constitutes an environmental management system and the certification process	1.3	Identify an environmental management system's main components and the certification process
the principles and practice of impact assessments	2.1	Recognise the principles and practice of impact assessments
the main sources, types, controls and impacts of each of air, water and noise pollution.	2.2	Identify the main sources, types, controls and impacts of air pollution
	2.3	Identify the main sources, types, controls and impacts of water pollution
	2.4	Identify the main sources, controls and impacts of environmental noise
how to help their organisation manage waste using the waste hierarchy	2.5	Identify waste types
	2.6	Identify the waste control hierarchy and ways to effectively manage waste
how to help their organisation deal with an environmental emergency	2.7	Recognise the measures that need to be in place when dealing with the main types of environmental emergency