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# British Safety Council Qualifications

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When there are  
many ways to learn,  
we've got them all  
mapped out

# Why the British Safety Council?



**Mike Robinson**  
Chief Executive

We are a respected provider of knowledge and expertise in health, safety and environmental management. As a not-for-profit organisation our work is directed to reducing risk and protecting people in the workplace in the UK and across the world. Our comprehensive services include training, audit, advice and accreditation. We help organisations of all sizes in all sectors put in place and maintain effective policies and processes for managing workplace health and safety and to develop the competence of their workforce.

We've been doing this for nearly 60 years, educating millions of workers and making hundreds of thousands of workplaces safer.

We are the UK regulated Awarding Organisation of choice for health and safety qualifications because of our breadth of subject expertise. Our learning programmes have benefitted millions of people worldwide and as a regulated Awarding Organisation you can be assured of the highest possible standards.

Contact us to find out how we can help you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mike Robinson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Mike Robinson**  
Chief Executive, British Safety Council



**97% of employers said that qualifications led to better trained employees and 88% said that qualifications enhanced staff motivation when undertaking training.**

Institute of Directors

## Become an Approved Centre



The service I have received from the British Safety Council has been first class

**James F. Brown**  
*Senior Team Leader*  
Manchester College



We are the only UK Awarding Organisation to offer a complete suite of health and safety qualifications from Entry Level to Level 6 in the Regulated Qualifications Framework.

Our qualifications are delivered by more than 700 Approved Centres in the UK and overseas.

As a regulated Awarding Organisation, we have to comply with a strict set of conditions. You can therefore be sure that our assessment processes are robust and fair.

Many of our Level 1 to Level 3 qualifications can be taken online and, if you haven't got enough computers at your centre, there is always a paper-based option.

Our online qualifications system allows you to manage your candidates and access your results online.

We issue results and certificates faster than most other Awarding Organisations and, for our online examinations, the results are instant.

### How it works

1. Organisations apply for centre approval
2. Organisations apply for one or more qualification approvals
3. Organisations prepare candidates for assessment
4. Candidates complete the assessment
5. Results and certificates are issued.

# Deliver our qualifications to your people

## Entry Level

Entry Level Award in Workplace Hazard Awareness

## Level 1

Level 1 Award in Health and Safety in the Workplace  
Level 1 Award in Health and Safety in a Construction Environment  
Level 1 Award in Environmental Sustainability

## Level 2

Level 2 Award in Health and Safety in the Workplace  
Level 2 Award in Health and Safety in Health and Social Care  
Level 2 Award in Principles of Risk Assessment  
Level 2 Award in Principles of COSHH  
Level 2 Award in Principles of Fire Safety  
Level 2 Award in Principles of Manual Handling  
Level 2 Award in Contact Dermatitis Prevention  
Level 2 Award in Risk Assessment  
Level 2 Award in COSHH Risk Assessment  
Level 2 Award in DSE Risk Assessment  
Level 2 Award in Fire Risk Assessment  
Level 2 Award in Manual Handling Risk Assessment  
Level 2 Award in Supervising Staff Safely  
Level 2 Award in Environmental Sustainability  
Level 2 Award in Safe Driving at Work  
Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering  
Level 2 Award in Food Safety for Retail  
Level 2 Award in Food Safety for Manufacturing  
Level 2 Award in Emergency First Aid at Work

## Level 3

Level 3 Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering  
Level 3 Award in Food Safety Supervision for Retail  
Level 3 Award in Food Safety Supervision for Manufacturing  
Level 3 Certificate in Occupational Safety and Health  
Level 3 Award in First Aid at Work  
Level 3 Award in Paediatric First Aid

## Level 6

Level 6 Diploma in Occupational Safety and Health

## International

International Certificate in Occupational Safety and Health  
International Diploma in Occupational Safety and Health

## Entry Level



### At a glance

- 3-4 hour programme
- Portfolio of evidence
- Regulated by Ofqual (500/9912/7).



It was good to see so many of our students engaged and enthusiastic. The qualification has given us a chance to ensure that all of our students receive some high quality information and advice before embarking on work experience

**Amanda Knight**  
Assistant Head Teacher  
Crofton School



# Entry Level Award in Workplace Hazard Awareness

This qualification is aimed at young people and raises awareness of important health and safety issues.

## Who needs this qualification?

All 14-19 year olds about to embark on work experience or their first job.

## Why is this qualification important?

A young worker is 50% more likely to have an accident than an older worker. There have been cases of young people being killed during their first week at work.

## Qualification content

- Health and safety hazards
- How hazards may cause harm
- How employers can keep people healthy and safe
- How employees can keep themselves and others healthy and safe
- Health and safety signs and their meanings
- Personal protective equipment and its use
- The benefits of good health and safety at work
- The consequences of poor health and safety at work.

## Assessment

- Assessment is via a simple portfolio of evidence which is marked by the centre and externally moderated
- Structured evidence sheets are provided to help learners.

## How it works

- Centres register their learners
- Centres deliver the learning (recommended three–four hours)
- Learners complete the assessment
- Centres mark the work
- Centres submit a sample for moderation
- The work is externally moderated
- Results and certificates are issued.



# Level 3 Certificate in Occupational Safety and Health



This qualification leads to membership of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health at technician level (Tech IOSH).

### Who needs this qualification?

Anyone responsible for managing aspects of an organisation's health and safety.

### Why is this qualification important?

Employers have a moral and legal obligation to keep their people healthy and safe. Good health and safety is good for business.

### Qualification content

- Legislation relating to health and safety in the workplace
- The health and safety duties of employers and employees
- Organising health and safety in the workplace
- Developing a positive health and safety culture
- Preventing accidents in the workplace
- The importance of effective occupational health provision
- Health and safety management systems
- Risk assessment and risk management
- The hazards and risks associated with workplace activities
- Controlling risks in the workplace
- Fire prevention in the workplace
- Managing emergencies in the workplace
- Reporting and investigating incidents in the workplace
- Reducing the impact of workplace activities on the environment.

### Assessment

- Two written examinations (90 minutes each).

### How it works

- Centres deliver the learning (recommended 60 hours)
- Tutors must hold a Level 6 qualification or equivalent
- Centres order the examinations for dates and times of their choosing
- Scripts marked by external examiners
- Results and certificates within 20 working days.

### At a glance

- 60 hour programme
- Two written examinations
- Regulated by Ofqual (600/1803/3)
- Accredited by IOSH (Tech IOSH).

## International Certificate in Occupational Safety and Health



This qualification leads to membership of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health at technician level (Tech IOSH).

### Who needs this qualification?

Anyone responsible for managing aspects of an organisation's health and safety.

### Why is this qualification important?

Employers have a moral and legal obligation to keep their people healthy and safe. Good health and safety is good for business.

### Qualification content

- The health and safety responsibilities of employers and employees
- The influence of international agencies and standards
- Organising health and safety in the workplace
- Developing a positive health and safety culture
- Preventing accidents in the workplace
- The importance of effective occupational health provision
- Health and safety management systems
- Risk assessment and risk management
- The hazards and risks associated with workplace activities
- Controlling risks in the workplace
- Fire prevention in the workplace
- Managing emergencies in the workplace
- Reporting and investigating incidents in the workplace
- Reducing the impact of workplace activities on the environment.

### Assessment

- Two written examinations (90 minutes each).

### How it works

- Centres deliver the learning (recommended 60 hours)
- Tutors must hold a Level 6 qualification or equivalent
- Centres order the examinations for dates and times of their choosing
- Scripts marked by external examiners
- Results and certificates within 20 working days.

### At a glance

- 60 hour programme
- Two written examinations
- Accredited by IOSH (Tech IOSH).

## International Diploma in Occupational Safety and Health



This qualification leads to membership of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health at graduate level (Grad IOSH), an important step to chartered status.

### Who needs this qualification?

Full-time health and safety managers.

### Why is this qualification important?

Employers have a moral and legal obligation to keep their people healthy and safe. Good health and safety is good for business.

### Qualification content

- The need for managing health and safety at work
- The influence of international agencies and standards
- Health and safety management systems
- Hazards and risks associated with workplace activities
- Control strategies for managing health and safety risks
- Reporting and investigating health and safety incidents
- Reducing the impact of workplace activities on the environment
- Occupational health strategies
- Managing the health of vulnerable persons
- Occupational health hazards and risks
- Control strategies for managing occupational health risks
- The importance of a positive health and safety culture
- How to assess the existing health and safety culture
- The factors that influence staff behaviour
- Strategies for improving health and safety culture
- Developing a business case for improving health and safety culture.

### Assessment

- Two written examinations (three hours and two-and-a-half hours)
- Two assignments (5,000 and 10,000 words).

### How it works

- Centres deliver the learning (recommended 150 hours)
- Tutors must be chartered members of IOSH (CMIOSH)
- Centres order the examinations for dates and times of their choosing
- Scripts marked by external examiners
- Results and certificates issued within 30 working days.

## A bit more about us



We became a member of the British Safety Council because it is a source of information and support, and because it is a means of demonstrating our commitment to improving our health and safety

**Paul Haxell**  
Group Health, Safety and Environment Director  
Bovis Homes Limited



Winning an International Safety Award has impacted positively on the image of our company and on the morale of our hard working employees

**Adeshina Nurudeen**  
Head of HSE Department  
Marbu Contracting Company



### Membership

To get the most from the British Safety Council, it's best to experience us from the inside. And that means becoming a member.

Being a member will give your business access to key information, expert training and the right people. Membership of the British Safety Council will also help your organisation manage legislation and compliance.

### Audit

Our audits provide businesses with valuable external validation and assurance. They identify what you do well and the actions you need to take to achieve the highest standards.

Our expertise in health and safety and environmental management, established over many years, means auditing with us is the best way to ensure your business management systems are operating effectively.

Successful auditing has an important part to play in benchmarking performance and reducing accidents, injuries, ill-health and litigation costs.

We offer a comprehensive series of auditing services, including our best practice 5 star audit; structured, comprehensive processes used for verifying the efficiency, effectiveness and reliability of your organisation's occupational health, safety and environmental management systems.

### Awards

Highly regarded by those at the cutting edge of health, safety and environmental management, our awards recognise commitment to high standards and the achievement of exemplary performance.

Our awards allow applicants to measure their achievements against those of their peers in the UK and internationally. As well as rewarding best practice, our awards are a great way for you to publicise your company's achievements and enhance your reputation.

### International Safety Awards

To win one of our annual International Safety Awards, applicants must answer a series of questions about their health and safety management. Then, applications are marked by independent adjudicators.

For really exceptional applications, a distinction can be awarded. Winners can use a celebratory logo to mark their achievement and are invited to be presented with their award at a gala dinner, where they have the chance to celebrate their success with the other winners.

### Sword and Globe of Honour

The Sword and Globe of Honour awards are open to organisations achieving a Five Star rating in our Five Star Health and Safety or Environmental Audit, in the previous year. The scheme aims to recognise the 'best of the best' in health, safety and environmental management. Winners are invited to enjoy a lavish luncheon, as well as press coverage and use of the winner's logo, trophy and certificate.

# Our Manifesto Working Well

## Five steps for healthier and safer work activities

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# 5.

Campaign for sensible  
legislation, regulation  
and application.

# 4.

Share knowledge  
and experience.

# 3.

Commit to leadership  
and worker engagement.

# 2.

Build understanding  
and capability.

# 1.

Promote the importance  
of health and safety.



# No-one should be injured or made ill at work

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