

## Facilities Management from A to Z

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## EBOSH

NEBOSH (National Examination Board in Occupational Safety and Health) is an independent examination board delivering vocational qualifications in health, safety & environmental practice and management. It was founded in 1979 and has charitable status. NEBOSH offers a range of qualifications from introductory to professional level.

NEBOSH qualifications are very popular with the facilities management community. Around 180,000 people worldwide hold a NEBOSH qualification. Courses leading to NEBOSH qualifications attract over 30,000 candidates annually and are offered by over 400 Course Providers in 83 countries around the world.

There are three categories of NEBOSH qualification - Award, Certificate and Diploma. An Award demonstrates basic understanding of the subject covered and may be used as an introduction to other higher level NEBOSH qualifications. Certificate level qualifications demonstrate broad knowledge of the subject covered. Diploma level qualifications demonstrate professional knowledge of the subject covered.

In 1974, the introduction of the Health and Safety at Work Act together with the establishment of the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and Health and Safety Commission (HSC) (now merged), led to more emphasis being placed on occupational safety and health. As a result, the role of health and safety officer and health and safety manager became more widespread in British workplaces.

NEBOSH was established in September 1979 to meet the need for the provision of vocational qualifications in this area of occupational safety and health, its primary objective being: "To improve the quality & quantity of people with vocational qualifications in Occupational Safety and Health. In 2010 the mission was redrafted as "To raise competence in health, safety and environmental management in the workplace through a framework of qualifications, rigorous awarding procedures and promotion of high quality education."

NEBOSH does not deliver courses itself. It develops syllabuses for its qualifications and sets methods of assessment, such as examinations and practical coursework. Courses are delivered by NEBOSH Accredited Course Providers.

Today NEBOSH qualifications are recognised by relevant professional membership bodies including the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH), the International Institute of Risk and Safety Management (IIRSM) and the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA).

*Information on NEBOSH qualifications and a register of accredited course providers can be found at [www.nebosh.org.uk](http://www.nebosh.org.uk)*