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## NEBOSH Certificate in Fire Safety



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# Before You Start.

## Is the course right for you?

The NEBOSH Certificate in Fire Safety is a level-3 qualification in fire risk management. It's for anyone responsible for managing fire safety in low to medium risk workplaces, including:

- ▶ Health and Safety Managers
- ▶ Facilities Managers
- ▶ Health and Safety Representatives

The NEBOSH Certificate in Fire Safety will give you an understanding of the fire safety responsibilities and accountabilities placed on your organisation by the law and health and safety management systems.

You'll develop the skills and confidence to implement safe systems of work, influence behaviour, and provide practical advice and guidance on fire safety so you can meet your obligations and maintain a safe and compliant workplace.

The NEBOSH Certificate in Fire Safety is a powerful differentiator for any ambitious health and safety professional. Stand out from the crowd with specific fire risk management skills and establish yourself as a well-rounded health and safety practitioner.

## Entry requirements

There aren't any! You don't need any previous knowledge or experience to take the NEBOSH Certificate in Fire Safety.



## Professional Memberships

The NEBOSH Certificate in Fire Safety is recognised by employers and professional membership bodies in over 180 countries.

It's accepted as entry to professional organisations which give you access to a world of exclusive resources.

Organisation  
International Institute of Risk and Safety Management (IIRSM)

Level  
Associate Membership (AIIRSM)

Organisation  
Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH)

Level  
Associate Membership (AIOSH)

Organisation  
Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH)

Level  
Technical Membership (TechIOSH)

Organisation  
Institute of Fire Prevention Officers (IFPO)

Level  
Technician Membership (AMIFPO)



# Why Take The Course?

## Meet your legal obligation

Employers have a legal duty to protect the health of their workers. Those who neglect their obligations will be liable for a criminal prosecution, face sick pay and absence costs, and experience harm to business reputation and profitability.

The NEBOSH Certificate in Fire Safety will give you the knowledge to advise on crucial fire safety regulation and best practice. You'll be able to ensure your company is meeting its obligations dictated by the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (RRFSO) and by the International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) and International Labour Organisation (ILO).

## Protect your colleagues from life-changing injuries

A serious workplace injury or death can change lives forever – for families, friends, communities and colleagues.

The majority of incidents and ill-health are avoidable with good health and safety practice. The NEBOSH Certificate in Fire Safety will give you the skills to carry out practical fire risk assessments and present actionable recommendations to prevent the risk of fire and explosion.

You'll also have the strong leadership skills to strengthen your safety culture, influence behaviour, and embed best practice to ensure a safe and compliant workplace.

## Establish yourself as a well-rounded professional

A crucial trait for any aspiring Health and Safety professional is a dedication to improvement. Whether that's keeping up with the latest trends, adapting to new technology, or expanding industry-specific education. A commitment to ongoing learning is a sure-fire way to stand out when a promotion or job offer is on the line.

The NEBOSH Certificate in Fire Safety is a fool-proof way to make yourself more valuable to potential employers. Combined with the right work experience, it can be powerful in making you stand out against other candidates.

# Course Overview

## Learning outcomes

- ▶ Justify fire safety improvements using moral and financial arguments
- ▶ Advise how fires and explosions can occur and the appropriate controls to minimise fire and explosion risks
- ▶ Advise your employer on the requirements for the fire protection of premises and workers including the appropriate training obligations
- ▶ Carry a fire risk assessment in your own workplace – prioritising risks, inspecting the workplace, recognising a range of common fire hazards, evaluating risks (taking account of current controls), recommending further control measures, planning actions

## Course level

The NEBOSH Certificate in Fire Safety is a level-3 vocational qualification on the UK Regulated Qualification Framework (RQF) and Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF). That's like an A-level.

In the Scottish Credit and Qualification Framework (SCQF), it's recognised as a level 6 with 5 credit points.

## Course structure

The NEBOSH Certificate in Fire Safety required 56 hours of study. This is split into 28 taught hours, 20 self-study hours, and 8 assessment hours.

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# Full Course Syllabus

NEBOSH Certificate in Fire Safety covers the main principles for managing and improving health and safety in the workplace. It's split into eight modules:

Element 1:

## Managing fire safely

Learning hours: 2

Self study hours: 20

- ▶ Moral and financial reasons for managing fire safety
- ▶ The role of national governments and international bodies in developing frameworks for the regulation of fire safety.

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Element 2:

## Principles of fire and explosion

Learning hours: 4

Self study hours: 20

- ▶ The principles of combustion, fire growth and fire spread
- ▶ The ignition of solids, liquids and gases
- ▶ Explosion and explosive combustion.

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Element 3:

## Fuel, oxygen, and ignition sources and control

Learning hours: 4

Self study hours: 20

- ▶ Sources of fuel, oxygen and ignition sources
- ▶ Appropriate control measures to minimise fire and explosion risks.


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Element 4:

## Fire protection of buildings

Learning hours: 7

Self study hours: 20

- ▶ The means of fire protection and prevention
  - ▶ Means of escape
  - ▶ The methods and systems available to give early warning of fire
  - ▶ Classification of fires, extinguishing media and portable fire-fighting equipment
  - ▶ The method of operation and maintenance of fixed installation systems
  - ▶ Requirements for ensuring access for the fire service is provided and maintained.
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# Full Course Syllabus

Element 5:

## Safety of people in the event of fire

Learning hours: 4

Self study hours: 20

- ▶ Fire emergency plan
- ▶ Fire evacuation
- ▶ Behaviours of people in the event of a fire
- ▶ Appropriate training requirements.

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Element 6:

## Fire safety risk assessment

Learning hours: 6

Self study hours: 20

- ▶ Objectives of fire safety risk assessments
- ▶ Principles and practice of fire safety risk assessments
- ▶ Matters to be considered in a risk assessment of substances capable of forming a flammable or explosive atmosphere.





# Assessment

The NEBOSH Certificate in Fire Safety has two assessments: an open book exam and practical risk assessment. You must pass both to achieve your full qualification.

## Unit FSC1: Open Book Exam

Unit FSC1 is assessed with an open book exam which you type and submit online. You'll be asked to carry out a series of tasks which relate back to elements 1-6.

The aim of the exam is to test your ability to apply your learning to the workplace. Your answers should be relevant to the given situation and, when appropriate, reference evidence from it directly.

The overall paper is worth a total of 100 marks.

## Unit FSC2: Practical Risk Assessment

Unit FSC2 is a marked risk assessment. You'll need to demonstrate your practical understanding of elements 2-6 and relate this back to the theory from previous elements.

The risk assessment is split into 4 stages:

- ▶ General information
- ▶ Fire safety audit
- ▶ Summary and action plan
- ▶ Review

Each stage is assessed individually, and you must pass all 4 stages to pass.

## Exam Results

You must pass both assessments to achieve your NEBOSH Fire Management Certificate.

FSC1 is graded and you must achieve at least 45 marks to pass, while FSC2 is marked with a pass or fail. Your overall qualification grade will be awarded to you based on your numerical result from FSC1:

- ▶ Distinction: 75 marks +
- ▶ Credit: 65 - 74 marks
- ▶ Pass: 45 - 64 marks

## Exam Results

NEBOSH will email you your results within 50 working days of submitting your assessment. If you haven't received your results in that time, then contact your course provider and they'll be able to help.

## Exam Dates

**FSC1** open book exams are held throughout the year. You need to register before your chosen exam date at least 5 weeks before.

**FSC2** practical risk assessments can be submitted at various times throughout the year. As with the FSC1, you need to register to submit your practical 5 weeks before your chosen date.

For all exam and assessment information, the exam dates, the exam process and how to book, **visit the Exam Hub on our website:** [astutis.com/help-centre/exam-hub/nebosh-fire-safety-certificate](https://astutis.com/help-centre/exam-hub/nebosh-fire-safety-certificate)





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