

Qualification Statement of Purpose

IQ Level 5 NVQ Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety Practice (QCF) 601/4002/1

Type of qualification	QCF (Qualifications and Credit Framework)
Credit	108
Guided Learning Hours	482
What does this qualification cover?	<p>The IQ Level 5 NVQ Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety Practice (QCF) is a qualification aimed at individuals who intend to develop and gain formal recognition of their knowledge, understanding and competence of working as a health and safety practitioner. The qualification is generic, so it is suitable for individuals in a position of responsibility for the health, safety and welfare of a team or organisation in a variety of sectors. Learners will cover the essentials of health and safety culture, policy, communications systems, individual and organisational competence, risk control, reactive and proactive monitoring systems, review systems, emergency response systems and procedures and improvements to influence health and safety practice. Objectives of the qualification include: meeting relevant programmes of learning, preparing learners for employment and supporting a role in the workplace. Main purpose: Confirming occupational competence</p>

Structure To achieve the IQ Level 5 NVQ Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety Practice (QCF), learners must achieve a minimum of 108 credits in total. All 108 credits must be achieved from the Mandatory Group.

	Unit	Credit	Guided Learning Hours
Mandatory Group			
1	Promote a positive health and safety culture J/602/2210	5	22
2	Develop and implement the health and safety policy D/602/2214	14	69
3	Develop and implement effective communication systems for health and safety information J/602/2224	8	35
4	Develop and maintain individual and organisational competence in health and safety matters Y/602/2227	10	44
5	Identify, assess and control health and safety risks J/602/2238	18	68
6	Develop and implement reactive monitoring systems for health and safety J/602/2241	15	69

7	Develop and implement proactive monitoring systems for health and safety L/602/2239	10	47
8	Develop and implement health and safety review systems H/602/2246	8	41
9	Develop and implement health and safety emergency response systems and procedures R/602/2243	12	41
10	Maintain knowledge of improvements to influence health and safety practice M/602/2248	8	46
Total		108	482

Who is this qualification for? The qualification is aimed at individuals who intend to develop and gain formal recognition of their knowledge, understanding and competence of working as a health and safety practitioner.

Age range and countries The qualification is suitable for learners of 19 years and above in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

What are the entry requirements? There are no formal entry requirements. However, learners should be able to work at level 4 or above and be proficient in the use of English Language.

What is the typical learner profile? The qualification is generic, so it is suitable for individuals in a position of responsibility for the health, safety and welfare of a team or organisation in a variety of sectors.

What can this qualification lead to? Specific occupations the qualification supports/prepares the learner for:

Job Title	Job Role
Health and Safety Practitioner	To achieve a safe working environment, health and safety practitioners need to work closely with managers, employees and sometimes trade unions. They may also liaise with external contacts, such as contractors, clients and the Health and Safety Executive, which inspects workplaces and enforces compliance.

Can it lead to employment, and if so, in which job role at which level? The qualification prepares/supports the learner for a Health and Safety Practitioner role. (see table)

Can it lead to other qualifications or further learning? Learners who achieve this qualification can progress to higher qualifications through the Institution of Occupational Health and Safety (IOSH) and the National Examination Board in Occupational Safety and Health (NEBOSH).

Which subjects/particular qualifications/apprenticeships does this lead to? The qualification does not form part of an apprenticeship.

Who supports this qualification? The qualification is supported by the Proskills (the sector skills council for Printing, mineral extraction and processing, health and safety and process and manufacturing of furniture, glass, ceramics, coatings and paper) and by employers.

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