

# NEBOSH INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMA IN OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY THROUGH BLENDED LEARNING



## Course Description

The NEBOSH International Diploma is the qualification for aspiring health and safety professionals, building directly upon the foundation of knowledge provided by the NEBOSH

International General Certificate. The Diploma is designed to provide students with the expertise required to undertake a career as a safety and health practitioner and also provides a sound basis for progression to postgraduate study.

The NEBOSH National Diploma is the flagship NEBOSH qualification and is the first UK vocational qualification to be developed specifically for health and safety professionals. Since its introduction in 1988, the National Diploma has become established as the most popular professional qualification for safety and health practitioners in the United Kingdom, with over 10,000 candidates having achieved the qualification.

The International Diploma is modelled on the NEBOSH National Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety. The key difference between the two qualifications is in the applicability of legal requirements. Rather than be guided by a specifically UK framework, the International Diploma takes a risk management approach based on best practice and international standards, such as International Labour Organization (ILO) codes of practice, with special reference to the model proposed in the ILO's "Guidelines on Occupational Safety and Health Management Systems" (ILO-OSH 2001). Local laws and cultural factors form part of the study program where relevant and appropriate.

### What kind of people take the NEBOSH International Diploma?

Those seeking a successful long-term career in health and safety and who wish to be recognized as a professional in their field anywhere in the world.

### What will my employer gain from this qualification?

**Expertise** - It takes your health and safety know-how to a higher level, helping you effectively manage and advise on risks in the workplace.

**Satisfaction** - It is both enjoyable and challenging. It will advance your skills as a health and safety practitioner and increase confidence in your abilities.

**Achievement** - It is seen throughout the world as a mark of professionalism and is comparable to gaining a UK education system degree level qualification. It's something to be proud of.

**Recognition** - The NEBOSH International Diploma is highly sought after by employers. Like all NEBOSH qualifications, it is held in high esteem everywhere.

The International Diploma is recognized by the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH) - the major UK professional body in the field - as fulfilling the academic requirements for Graduate Membership (Grad IOSH) and as a first step to becoming a Chartered Safety and Health Practitioner as a Chartered Member of IOSH (CMIOSH).

**Career development** – The NEBOSH International Diploma is an essential platform for career advancement. It will help take you to the next level and beyond, wherever in the world you seek your career. What will my employer gain from this qualification?

**A safer workplace** – Health and safety is important. It protects people from injury and loss of life. People with the NEBOSH International Diploma are highly effective at ensuring employers avoid prosecution, litigation, absence costs and loss of reputation.

**Assurance** – An employer whose staff are NEBOSH qualified is an employer committed to health and safety. The NEBOSH International Diploma provides professional-level safety assurance – which can help employers achieve recognized standards and help win new business.

**Return on investment** – An employee with a NEBOSH International Diploma has a set of high-level skills that brings real value to the modern global workplace.

## Entry Qualifications

Although there are no entry requirements for this qualification, the achievement of the NEBOSH International General Certificate or direct equivalent prior to undertaking the Diploma course is recommended.

## Qualification progression

Students who have achieved the NEBOSH International Diploma may be considering further health and safety study. A number of universities in the UK offer MSc programs which accept the NEBOSH International Diploma as a full or partial entry requirement. Some MSc courses may require additional qualifications/expertise such as a degree, further significant work experience or expect students to complete specific modules e.g. in environmental management.

## Designatory letters

Holders of the NEBOSH International Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety may use the designatory letters 'IDipNEBOSH' after their name.

## Course outline

Varel Engineering Company Ltd (VEC) has been accredited by NEBOSH (Accreditation # 1183) to run a blended learning program. Course materials consist of electronic study materials, course books and coursework. The coursework does not count towards the award. Tutor support is available from Monday – Friday during working hours. Varel Engineering Co. Ltd provides revision classes which are conducted at least a week before a candidate sits for his/her exams with the British Council in any part of the world.

The Blended Learning Course has three (3) weeks of classroom attendance on weekdays. Blended Learning program combines study through Distance Learning with scheduled classroom sessions. The classroom sessions focus on the more complex topics and provide students with valuable face-to-face contact with an expert trainer and fellow students. Tutorial programs can be tailored to local requirements.

When not in class, the student studies on her/his own through distance learning. Tutorial support can be arranged on request for this qualification. Candidates would be expected to study the material and complete the coursework provided prior to attendance at the tutorials, which are designed primarily to provide a revision program and instruction in examination technique.

## What does the course cover?

The syllabus comprises four core units. Unit IA, IB, IC and DNI are further divided into various elements.

### UNIT IA: MANAGING HEALTH AND SAFETY

#### Element

- Principles of health and safety management
- Regulating health & safety
- Loss causation and incident investigation
- Measuring and reviewing health and safety performance
- The assessment and evaluation of risks
- Risk control
- Organizational factors
- Human factors
- The role of the health & safety practitioner

## UNIT IB: HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES/AGENTS

### Element

- Managing occupational health
- Identification, assessment and evaluation of hazardous substances
- Control of hazardous substances
- Monitoring and measuring of hazardous substances
- Biological agents
- Noise and vibration
- Radiation
- Mental ill health and dealing with violence and aggression at work
- Musculoskeletal risks and controls
- Work environment risks and controls

## UNIT IC: WORKPLACE AND WORK EQUIPMENT SAFETY

### Element

- Workplace welfare requirements and specific workplace issues
- Fire and explosion
- Workplace fire risk assessment
- The storage, handling and processing of dangerous substances
- Work equipment
- Workplace machinery
- Mobile, lifting, access and work at height equipment
- Electrical safety
- Construction and works of a temporary nature - hazards and controls
- Workplace transport and managing work-related road risks

## UNIT DNI: APPLICATION OF HEALTH AND SAFETY MANAGEMENT IN THE WORKPLACE

### Element

- Assignment based on the student's workplace
- Guidance word count – 8000 to 12000 words
- Students required to carry out a review of the arrangements for managing health and safety in their workplace
- Written report submitted to NEBOSH electronically for assessment

### How is the course assessed?

Units IA, IB and IC are by written examination. Unit DNI is a workplace-based assignment requiring application of learning across the syllabus. All units are mandatory and there are no optional units. Candidates may choose to take one, two, three or all four units at the same time or at different times. Unit IA, IB & IC are taught units, assessed by one three-hour written question papers.

- 3 hour written examination (split into Parts A and B) for each unit
- Part A contains 6 compulsory questions worth 10 marks each
- Part B contains 5 questions, worth 20 marks each; the student chooses 3 out of the 5 questions to answer
- Candidate scripts are marked by external examiners appointed by NEBOSH

Unit DNI: Application of international health and safety theory and practice:

- Unit DNI consists of a written assignment set by NEBOSH
- Submission dates for Diploma assignments are in February, May, August and November each year
- Candidate scripts are marked by external examiners appointed by NEBOSH.

A certificate is issued denoting successful achievement of each Unit. A Diploma qualification parchment is presented on completion of all four Units. The enrolment period for the NEBOSH International Diploma is two (2) years. Students must pass all four units within their enrolment period to achieve the qualification.

Examination dates

Standard examination dates for this qualification are available in January and July annually.

Unit	Examination Date	Deadline for requesting examination
	<b>January</b>	
IA	___ Jan 20 ___	___ Oct 20 ___
IB	___ Jan 20 ___	___ Oct 20 ___
IC	___ Jan 20 ___	___ Oct 20 ___
	<b>July</b>	
IA	___ July 20 ___	___ April 20 ___
IB	___ July 20 ___	___ April 20 ___
IC	___ July 20 ___	___ April 20 ___

## Course Fee

The course fee is \_\_\_\_\_ payable on enrolment which includes NEBOSH exam registration fee, examination sitting fee in Kenya only, course materials, classroom-based tuition/ revision for 3 weeks and NEBOSH certification.

VEC hold their examinations for the NEBOSH International Diploma in Occupational Health & Safety at the British Council in Nairobi, Kenya.

For candidates outside Kenya, NEBOSH allow their examinations to be taken through the British Council provided the office overseas is one that conducts exams. Countries where the British Council do not run exams include Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, USA, Canada and Scandinavian countries. In these countries, arrangements are made for exams to be taken at suitable educational institutions such as universities, colleges and schools. Candidates are responsible for paying non-Kenyan venue invigilation fees locally.

## Payment

The application form should be returned with a cheque (Kenya only) made payable to Varel Engineering Company Ltd. Payments may also be made by electronic transfer (please contact us for bank details).

The course fee maybe made in installments. Please call us for more details.

VAT is charged at the rate of 16% on all courses purchased in Kenya. Candidates sitting for the exams outside Kenya do not pay VAT.

**CANCELLATIONS** No cancellations will be accepted or refunds given once an order has been placed.

## Varel Engineering Company Ltd NEBOSH IDip. Course Application Form

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Other: ..... Name: .....

(Surname)

(Given Names)

(NOTE: The names will appear on the certificates as indicated above)

Date of Birth: ..... (dd/mm/year) **Male** **Female** (Please circle one)

Nationality: .....

Student number for any previous NEBOSH Qualification: .....

Address for sending course materials/certificates (Mandatory):

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..... Post Code: .....

City/Town: ..... Country: .....

Telephone/Mobile No (Mandatory): .....

E – Mail Address (Mandatory): .....

### Employer Details (If Applicable)

Name of Employer: .....

Dept/Section: ..... Employee No: .....

Course Registering for .....

Intended Examination Date: .....

Signature of Applicant: ..... Date: .....

Payment made through: **Cheque** **Electronic Transfer** (Please circle one)

Total Amount in Kenyan Shillings or USD: .....



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