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RISK HEALTH & SAFETY TRAINING NEWS

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Leicestershire County Council, Highways & Transportation delegates top of NEBOSH class!



100% Pass for the in-house delivery of the NEBOSH National Certificate in Construction Health and Safety – with five distinctions, five credits and two passes.

NEBOSH National Certificate in Construction.

The collective of 12 delegates were from a wide spread of skills and job roles within the Council, and took the course with RISK at their facilities in Leicester Forest East.

NEBOSH recognised the achievement with a personal presentation of Certificates.

Teresa Hawkins, NEBOSH Director of Assessment handed the NEBOSH National Certificate in Construction parchments to the delegates in an award ceremony attended by several senior managers and directors of Leicestershire County Council Environment and Transport Department.

“We’re so proud of the candidates, we’ll benefit hugely as Leicestershire County Council, and know the commitment it’s taken from them to complete this course and qualification.”

Director of Environment and Transport



Ann Carruthers



CITB Site Safety Plus Scheme rule changes

What construction training managers and self employed site managers need to know.

Introduction of written exam answers means the delegates understanding and application of English language is now essential.

Site Safety Plus (SSP) provides the construction industry with a suite of courses for health and safety awareness and career development to help maintain a safe workforce. These courses are designed to give everyone from operative to senior manager the skills they need to progress through the industry. However, the format of the course materials and exam to qualify has changed significantly. The new process is much more rigorous and as a result the failure rate in January 2018 has increased dramatically.

Inside we explain the CITB changes and how they will impact upon your SMSTS and SSSTS courses, and why those taking refreshers need to be prepared.



The rule changes are already impacting on SMSTS and SSSTS delegate pass rates across the UK. Those sitting ‘refresher courses’ are especially surprised by the changes.

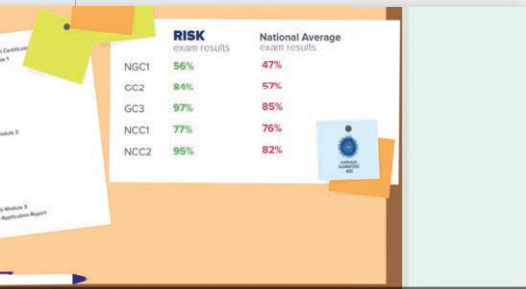
NEBOSH Fast Track Course 12 month results outperform the national average



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The evidence speaks for itself, reviewing a 12 month period of NEBOSH exam results, you are more likely to pass if you take the unique RISK Fast Track NEBOSH course.

Why do a greater percentage of RISK NEBOSH delegates pass?

The unique RISK Fast Track NEBOSH courses enable you to immerse yourself in the subject matter and take an exam while your knowledge on the subject matter is fresh and undiluted.

You learn in a block week and take the exam immediately after the learning.

Each course is designed to deliver the information in a realistic and relevant format. Then rather than having to retain the information and remember how to answer exam questions months later – you get an intensive revision session explaining ‘how the information needs to be presented for the examination’ – then take your NEBOSH exam in that afternoon.

NEBOSH examiners common pitfalls sight; “Some candidates fail to answer the question set and instead provide information that may be relevant to the topic but is irrelevant to the question and cannot therefore be awarded marks.”

NEBOSH Fast Track means you take the exam when the knowledge is fresh in your mind.

RISK operate in a unique learning focused approach to deliver ‘Fast Track NEBOSH Courses.’ Designed around the needs of the individual, they operate in subject focused modules. As the first training provider to adopt this unique, learner focused modular system, RISK provide you with greater flexibility for studies and the exam process.

Health and Safety Training Provider of the Year



RISK's David Pettitt Being presented the Health and Safety Training Provider of the Year Award by ENVICO Director Gordon Kaylor.

Outstanding performance results in RISK awarded ENVICO prestigious honour by health and safety course comparison website.

An award designed to help delegates identify excellence.

Over the years ENVICO's professional team have developed trusted relationships with hundreds of training providers. Until now there had been no official recognition of the best performing training providers, so ENVICO decided they would create this award to recognise the very best training provider in the UK.

RISK were outstanding across all areas.

RISK scored consistently high across all areas, and deliver the most popular health and safety courses, including SMSTS and SMSTS Refresher, SSSTS and SSSTS Refresher, CITB Health and Safety Awareness, IOSH Managing Safety and NEBOSH Certificate Courses.

RISK Student of the Year Award – highest pass of any NEBOSH delegate



Teresa Hawkins, NEBOSH Director of Assessment presenting Heather Jordan with RISK's NEBOSH Student of the Year Award upon achieving 227 in her NEBOSH National Certificate in Construction Health and Safety exam.

Heather studied NEBOSH as a part of an in-house course.

Heather was one of a collective of 12 delegates who were from a wide spread of skills and job roles within Leicestershire County Council,

Highways & Transportation Department. They all took part in an in-company NEBOSH National Certificate in Construction Health and Safety course with RISK at their facilities in Leicester Forest East.

“Heather achieved an outstanding score of 227 in her NEBOSH National Certificate in Construction Health and Safety exam. This score is the highest pass of any NEBOSH delegate within our academic year and Heather is a deserving recipient.”

Mike Adams | Managing Director RISK Health and Safety Training.

Rule changes for 2018

Changes to the Site Safety Plus courses and Health, Safety and Environment (HS&E) tests came into play January 2018. The rule changes are already impacting on SMSTS and SSSTS delegate pass rates across the UK. Especially for those sitting 'refresher courses' for a second or third time in their career – because the new exam format is taking delegates by surprise.

Pre-course Delegate Assessment

Delegates must have the...

- physical ability
- communication skills
- literacy
- numeracy
- and the required experience and skills

...to ensure they are competent to attend and complete the course.

Course Requirements

All SSP Courses must be taught in English.

All delegates must present photographic ID on the day of the course exam.

- Driving License
- Passport

All sessions must be attended in sequence and without full attendance the certificate cannot be awarded. No delegate is allowed to attend more than two courses of split attendance. If this is not possible the delegate must enroll on a new course and retake the full course.

If the course is a 'Refresher' then their current credentials must be within the allowed period and not expired.

Exam Requirements

SMSTS course & SMSTS refresher course

- 20 multiple choice questions including 5 safety critical which must all be answered correctly to pass
- 5 written answer questions

SSSTS course & SSSTS refresher course

SSSTS Assessment Exercise: Delegates have to produce a risk assessment and method statement for a typical construction task. (Marks out of 100. Not applicable to refresher).

- 22 multiple choice questions including 4 safety critical questions which must all be answered correctly to pass
- 3 written answer questions



CITB Approved Training Organisation (ATO) status

RISK have been an accredited CITB training provider since 1997 and as a CITB Approved Training Organisation (ATO) are embracing the strategic changes being rolled out. RISK have refined its unique training materials and processes to optimise the delegates understanding of what's important and why.

RISK have created a process to deliver the best chance of passing first time.

CITB request the ATO conduct a pre-assessment on the delegate. The criteria for this is set out above, however, as many delegates are booked directly on to courses via a training manager, and the CITB course may only be a two day refresher, this is difficult to control or apply fairly and consistently pre-course. RISK have developed a process which incorporates an initial induction paper which acts to perform the 'pre-course' assessment and highlight the relevant details of the Guaranteed Pass Scheme. The specific criteria of the course and what's expected of the delegate in relation to learning the materials, together with T&C's of the RISK Guaranteed Pass Scheme – are all clearly set out within this short pre-course induction.

Innovative teaching style and supporting materials designed to give the best chance of passing.

RISK CITB courses are practical, entertaining and realistic 'to the real world' – run by people who work in the same environment you do. RISKs' tutors are exposed to the same commercial pressures you are and understand the real world application against the reality of what is being taught.

A written exam format means the delegates understanding and application of English is essential.

The delegate is no longer assessed by multiple choice questions alone, there are now an additional number of short written statements to also complete. This is to demonstrate their understanding of the issues faced in the exam questions posed. These statements are then marked objectively on the quality of answer of the issues faced, the relevant health & safety law and how they ensure compliant and safe working practices. Where a delegate submits an answer which may be deemed borderline by the course leader, they may be interviewed to explain their answer further. Therefore the application of both the delegates spoken and written English will be a major factor in their ability to successfully complete the course.

Guaranteed Pass Scheme on all CITB Courses

If the delegate meets the course criteria and completes the RISK homework set – RISK guarantee to continue to support the delegate until they have passed the course. The only costs they will incur are those of the actual governing body for resitting the exam.*

RISK homework is a combination of supporting course materials and mock exam papers created by RISK.

The homework is to ensure the information delivered during the day has been absorbed and the delegate has the practical experience of providing legible written answers to the questions posed. Retaking the relevant exam the same day is free, and requires no additional fee from RISK or CITB. The retake exam paper is different, but the delegate will have had their initial exam paper scores explained and been given some pointers on where and how to improve for the retake.



GUARANTEED PASS SCHEME



For the full Terms & Conditions relevant to RISK's Guaranteed Pass Scheme on CITB Courses please visit: www.riskhealthandsafety.com/citb-pass

*If the delegates have a result of less than 67% (SSSTS) or 69% (SMSTS) – they must undertake the course again. They can do this under the RISK Guaranteed Pass Scheme at an Admin/Registration fee of £50.00 + VAT



Val Adams, Lorraine Wilson, Anne-Marie Brewster and Christine Hudson at the RISK Christmas Party at St Pancras.

NEBOSH London Courses get rave reviews

David Arnold

Sebastian Blake



Thea Cowan

RISK provides a range of NEBOSH Courses from our London venue and we are regarded as one of the best providers in the UK.

Awarded 'Health and Safety Training Provider of the Year,' our unique NEBOSH Fast Track course format and higher than national average pass rates makes us the favourite provider for training managers and personal referrals!

See our NEBOSH London Course Reviews online

The best endorsement we can get is from our delegates, and we've had lots of feedback over the years. Our website has delegate written and video testimonials from people who have taken our courses. Time after time the delegates recommend RISK, whether it's because of our high pass rates, the pragmatic teaching style or the Guaranteed Pass Scheme.

"Definitely Recommend RISK NEBOSH London Courses"

RISK have a reputation for great courses, effective knowledge transfer, and outstanding post certificate support. But don't just take our word for it, here we publish testimonials, case studies and articles – so you can make a more considered decision when choosing your health and safety training course provider.

To read more reviews about our NEBOSH London Courses visit www.riskhealthandsafety.com/nebosh-course-reviews-london



New global health and safety standard

ISO 45001, the long-awaited new international standard for occupational safety and health, is set to be published in March 2018

It will be the first global standard of its kind, says the International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO), giving organisations 'a universally accepted framework for improving employee health and safety, reducing workplace risks and creating healthier, safer working conditions'.

The standard follows the generic management system structure used for ISO 14001 and ISO 9001

It was based initially on OHSAS 18001, but also takes account of other influential documents, such as the International Labour Organisation's ILO-OSH Guidelines and various national occupational safety and health management system standards.

Steep increase in high fines for organisations and custodial sentences for individuals

The 2016/17 data on prosecutions released by the UK Health and Safety Executive (HSE) shows a large annual increase in fines. In 2015/16, the total fines for health and safety offences was £38.8 million. This rose to £69.9 million in 2016/17. The average fine per case in 2016/17 was approximately £126,000, which is more than double the average fine in 2015/16. Notably, the ten highest fines in 2017 ranged between £1.35m and £3m.



NEBOSH Courses

- NEBOSH Construction Certificate
- NEBOSH Environmental Certificate
- NEBOSH Fire Certificate
- NEBOSH General Certificate



IOSH Courses

- IOSH Managing Safety
- IOSH Managing Safety in Construction
- IOSH Safety for Senior Executives
- IOSH Working Safely



CITB Courses

- CITB Achieving Behavioural Change (ABC)
- CITB Site Safety Awareness
- CITB SMSTS Courses
- CITB SMSTS Refresher Courses
- CITB SSSTS Courses
- CITB SSSTS Refresher Courses



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