

Level 5 Regulation NVQ in Occupational Health & Safety

Introduction

The Level 5 National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) in Occupational Health and Safety Regulation has recently been developed for Health and Safety regulators, both in Local Authorities and the Health and Safety Executive, in order to enable enforcement officers to prove their competence in this specialised field of responsibility. The mandatory Section 18 Guidance to Local Authorities issued by the Health and Safety Commission includes a requirement relating to the 'provision of a trained and competent inspectorate' and recognises the above NVQ as 'a means of demonstrating the achievement of the necessary standards of competence'

The recently published 'Strategy for workplace health and safety in Great Britain to 2010 and beyond', and the associated likelihood that local authorities will have an enhanced enforcement role in the future, will give greater emphasis to the need for consistency in the area of training and competency between local authority and HSE inspectors.

Business Safety Systems is widely acknowledged as one of the leading and most successful NVQ providers in the country, with over 900 successful candidates, including Environmental Health Officers and Technicians. We employ assessors who are experienced in Health and Safety enforcement and who have been successful in guiding candidates through the previous level 4 equivalent.

We have also now developed the means of developing and assessing the NVQ evidence portfolio using our [unique NVQ on-line](#) facility, thereby substantially reducing the time and effort required for these processes.

Knowledge and experience requirements

Candidates must possess the necessary knowledge and experience, and must be active in the field of enforcement of workplace health and safety, either within the Health and Safety Executive or Local Authority Sector. Interested candidates may seek advice from one of our qualified NVQ assessors regarding their suitability for this qualification.

Programme details

Assessment and verification
Portfolio development and training on criteria requirements
All necessary assessments
Verification - internal and external
Mentoring sessions

Also includes

Access to new 'NVQ on-line' facility
Provision of necessary log books and materials
Registration with City & Guilds
Telephone helpline

Mandatory units

HSR01 - Identify the plans and priorities of the regulatory authority for work related health and safety, and contribute to them effectively
HSR02 - Inspect duty holders, worksites and activities for the purposes of work-related health and safety regulation
HSR03 - Investigate work-related accidents, incidents, ill-health reports and complaints for the purposes of health and safety regulation
HSR04 - Plan and gather evidence for the purposes of work related health and safety regulation
HSR05 - Enforce statutory provisions and brief a prosecutor for the purposes of work related health and safety regulation
HSR06 - Enforce statutory provisions and present guilty pleas in Magistrates Courts for the purposes of work-related health and safety regulation
HSR07 - Draft and serve notices or other statutory enforceable documents for the purposes of work-related health and safety regulation
HSR08 - Influence health and safety duty holders and others for the purposes of work-related health and safety regulation
HSR09 - Improve work-related health and safety through promotional activities