



**NEBOSH Health and Safety Management for Construction (UK)  
(May 2022 specification)**

**FAQs for Learners  
Version 1.1**



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## What's changed and why

### Why has the syllabus been updated?

Minor additions have been made to the qualification syllabus in order to increase the overall knowledge and understanding gained by learners to SCQF Level 7 standard (equivalent to RQF Level 4). This will ensure that learners gaining the qualification continue to be eligible for the Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) Academically Qualified Person (AQP) card, which requires a minimum of an SCQF Level 7 qualification to be able to apply for a card.

This qualification will replace the December 2019 qualification version. A short dual running period will be in place to allow existing learners to complete the studies on the December 2019 version. Once this period has ended, they will automatically transferred to the May 2022 specification.

### What are the differences between the December 2019 and May 2022 specifications?

New additions to the syllabus are as follows:

- Use of technology to effectively plan and manage construction project lifecycles (e.g. business information modelling)
- Health and safety performance data
- The prevalence of occupational lung disease among construction workers, and proactively raising awareness of these issues

The taught hours has also slightly increased to allow sufficient teaching time to cover the new content. A break-down of the recommended taught, self-study and assessment hours is:

Taught hours: 70

Private study: 40

Assessment: 8

Total hours: 118

The existing syllabus content and assessment **has not** been changed from the December 2019 version. This is because a full review is not yet due as part of the qualification lifecycle, and there have been no significant changes in legislation since the December 2019 version was released.



### **Has the grading structure for the qualification changed?**

The grading structure remains the same in the May 2022 specification version. Please see the Learner Syllabus Guide for more information.

### **Has the assessment structure of the 2022 specification changed?**

There have been no changes to the assessment structure. Please see the Learner Syllabus Guide for more information.

### **When is the first date that I can sit the May 2022 specification?**

The first examination will be held on 7 – 9 March 2023.

### **Are qualifications gained under previous specifications of the National Construction Certificate still valid?**

All qualifications gained under former specifications of the National Construction Certificates are still valid; there are no expiry dates for NEBOSH qualifications.

### **Will CSCS still accept the previous versions of this qualification for their AQP card scheme?**

CSCS has advised that they will still accept previous versions of the qualification for their card scheme, provided it is passed before 31 December 2024.



## **What do the changes mean for me?**

### **What if I originally registered to sit a previous version of the NEBOSH National Construction Certificate (November 2014 or December 2019 specification)?**

If you have registered to sit the November 2014 specification, you will need to have passed all of your assessments by the declaration date for the final assessment date by 21 July 2023. If you have not you will not be awarded the National Certificate in Construction Health and Safety. If you still wish to achieve the NEBOSH Construction Certificate then you will need to study and register for the OBE assessment.

If you have registered for the December 2019 specification, you will need to have passed your unit NC1 open book examination by 18 January 2023 to achieve the qualification. If you have not passed by this date, you will be automatically transferred and registered to the May 2022 specification.

### **I have achieved unit(s) from the November 2014 specification but need to take or resit unit(s) to complete the qualification. What will happen in these circumstances?**

Existing learners will be allowed to take assessments for the November 2014 specification up to and including 21 July 2023.

### **If I have already achieved one unit from the National Construction Certificate (November 2014 specification) will this still be valid?**

Yes. If you have not completed your qualification by 21 July 2023, you will need to sit unit CN1 of the May 2022 specification if you still want to obtain the NCC qualification.

### **Do these changes affect me if I have already achieved the National Construction Certificate?**

No. Your qualification continues to have the same status.

### **Can I use my successful CN1 unit towards the international construction qualification (CI)?**

No. There is no longer be any shared units between the UK and international versions of the qualifications. Each qualification will be standalone.

### **Can I take the assessments in a language other than English?**

Examinations for this qualification will be offered in English only.



## Transitional arrangements

### What are the timeframes?

The May 2022 specification will be assessed from 7 March 2023. The transitional timeframes are:

First teaching date for May 2022 specification from	30 November 2022
<b>Last date that existing learners</b> can be registered for the NC1 (December 2019 specification)	3 January 2023
<b>New learner registrations to May 2022 specification only from</b>	30 November 2022
Last assessment date for the November 2014 specification	21 July 2023
Last assessment date for the December 2019 specification	17 - 19 January 2023

### How does NEBOSH define a 'new learner' and an 'existing learner'?

A **new learner** is a person that has not been registered for an assessment of the November 2014 specification or December 2019 specification, ie they do not have a record in the NEBOSH systems against the NCC November 2014 or NC December 2019 specification.

An **existing learner** is a person that has been registered\* for an assessment of the November 2014 or December 2019 specification. The status against the learner will show as "studying", "absent", "Pass" or "Refer".

### I am registered on the December 2019 specification. How long will I have to complete my studies?

There will be a short dual running period where existing learners can complete their studies on the December 2019 specification. The final assessment date will be 17 January 2023.

If you have not been registered for an exam or successfully passed your NC1 unit after this date, you will automatically be transferred to the May 2022 specification.

### Is additional learning required if I am transferred to the May 2022 specification assessment?

Yes. Your Learning Partner will need to provide you with additional teaching on the new syllabus content. We anticipate that this should take no longer than 1-2 hours.



### Can I choose to transfer to the May 2022 specification from the December 2019 specification?

Yes, provided that you have been provided with the additional course learning covered in the new syllabus content. You will be automatically be transferred to the May 2022 specification after 18 January 2023, and will then be able to register for the unit CN1 exam.

### Why is there a delay between the taught from date and first assessment date for the May 2022 specification?

The May 2022 specification will directly replace the December 2019 specification. However, we need to allow sufficient time for existing learners on the December 2019 specification to complete their studies. A final assessment will therefore be run for the December 2019 specification on **17 January 2023**. After this date, any existing learners will be automatically transferred to the May 2022 specification, and the December 2019 specification will be completely withdrawn. The first assessment for the May 2022 specification will commence on 7 March 2023.

### Can I take the 2022 specification assessment instead of the 2014 assessments?

Yes; but **only** if you have **not** already passed an NCC assessment (November 2014 specification). If you have started your studies, been marked as absent or received a 'refer' result, you can choose to take the assessment for the new qualification. However, NEBOSH will not be automatically transferring learners for the November 2014 specification.

If you want to take the new assessment (and have not previously passed an NCC November 2014 specification unit), you will need to contact your Learning Partner to register you for the new unit assessment and pay the required registration fee.

### Can I take unit passes over from the November 2014 to the May 2022 specification?

No. We will not be transferring learners from the November 2014 version; only the December 2019 version. You will therefore remain on the November 2014 specification.

In the new CN (May 2022 specification) and NC (December 2019 specification) there will no longer be any shared units between the UK and international qualification versions. Each qualification will be standalone.



## Fees / costs

### Are the unit registration fees changing?

The fees for Unit CN1 (May 2022 specification) will remain the same as for the NC1 (December 2019 specification). Please visit the NEBOSH website for an up-to-date fees list:

<https://www.nebosh.org.uk/policies-and-procedures/student-fees-list/>





## Qualification level and recognition

### Will the May 2022 specification of the Health and Safety Management for Construction (UK) be accredited by SQA?

Yes, it has been notionally credit rated at at SCQF **Level 7** with **12 SCQF credit points** within the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF; [www.scqf.org.uk](http://www.scqf.org.uk)). Has been submitted to the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA; [www.sqa.org.uk](http://www.sqa.org.uk)) and SCQF for formal accreditation and credit rating.

In England the comparable rating to this is a Vocationally-Related Qualification (VRQ) at level 4 within the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) and Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF), or an A-Level standard.

### Will I still be eligible for professional membership?

Professional bodies, such as IOSH, will continue to recognise the current specification of the National Construction Certificate for membership. We anticipate that the new qualification will also be accepted for Associate or Technical membership of IOSH.

The Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) have confirmed that they will recognise the revised qualification for the black 'Academically Qualified Person (AQP)' card.

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