

Environmental Awareness Certificate

How to deliver

Environmental issues impact on every organisation. The rising costs of energy and raw materials, growing awareness of stakeholders and increasing environmental legislation are forcing organisations to address their own environmental performance.

Many organisations have identified that tackling environmental issues can bring benefits to their business including reduced waste and utility costs, reduced liabilities and access to new markets and investors.

Large organisations recognise that they are responsible for the environmental impacts of their supply chain. They use environmental management systems to help to minimise environmental impacts and are increasingly asking their suppliers to do so, too, as a key component of tendering and supply procedures.

The Chartered Institute of Environmental Health has designed its Environmental Awareness qualification to provide awareness of key environmental concepts and as an introduction to environmental management systems.

This programme is ideally suited to members of staff whose activities could have a significant impact on the environment or supervisors or managers who are being introduced to environmental issues for the first time.

Successful completion of the training programme and assessment will enable candidates to understand the:

- primary local and global environmental impacts of their organisation
- key terms and definitions of pollution
- basic principles, key concepts and importance of environmental law
- link between their jobs and a range of environmental impacts
- business benefits of adopting an environmental management system
- key issues related to energy use and carbon management, waste minimisation, water use, pollution and emergency planning.

The training time to cover the syllabus must be at least six hours and is typically covered in one day. The time taken to deliver the programme does not include coffee/tea/lunch breaks, revision sessions or 'mock' examinations.

Candidates are assessed by an examination paper consisting of 30 multiple choice questions to be completed in one hour under examination conditions (see 'Procedure for Examination and Assessment' in the *Procedures Manual* for full details on examination administration).

Sample examination questions are included in the registration approval pack, which also includes a copy of the syllabus and examination paper order form.

Candidates must participate in at least 80% of the course to be eligible to take the examination.

Candidates who achieve 20 or more correct answers will pass the examination and receive a certificate. The results for the CIEH Environmental Awareness Certificate take approximately two weeks to process. Certificates will be sent directly to the centre where the training was delivered.

Candidates who would like to develop their knowledge in environmental issues should be encouraged to progress to the CIEH Environmental Management Certificate.



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