

NEW CIEH Qualification Factsheet

→ CIEH TRAINERS AND TRAINING CENTRES

WHY HAS THE FOUNDATION CERTIFICATE IN HEALTH AND SAFETY CHANGED?

The *CIEH Foundation Certificate in Health and Safety in the Workplace* has now been replaced by the *CIEH Level 2 Award in Health and Safety in the Workplace*. This new qualification, which is suitable for all employees, has been developed to address the revised national occupational standards in health and safety.

NATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL WHAT?

National occupational standards are statements of knowledge and understanding expected from employees by employers and industry. They are developed by the Employment National Training Organisation (ENTO) to address the health and safety requirements of every employment sector in the UK.

IS THAT THE ONLY REASON?

Not quite. As you may be aware, the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health prides itself on being at the forefront of accredited qualifications in health and safety and food safety qualifications for the workplace.

Based on the *CIEH Foundation Certificate in Health and Safety in the Workplace*, this qualification has been completely revised with new and updated content and is complemented by the second edition of the *Health and Safety: First principles* course book and brand new *Trainers' Notes*.

HOW DOES IT DIFFER FROM THE OLD QUALIFICATION?

The key changes are new sections on transport and vehicles in the workplace, noise and vibration and working at heights.

CAN THE NEW QUALIFICATION BE TAILORED FOR MY CUSTOMERS?

This qualification, as with all CIEH qualifications, can be customised to meet both business and individual needs in order to make the learning experience relevant and fit for purpose.

WILL I BE REGISTERED TO DELIVER THIS NEW QUALIFICATION AUTOMATICALLY?

No, but all you need to do to register as a centre and/or trainer for this new qualification is to complete the



appropriate forms in the Registration Pack sent out to centres in February. Copies of this pack are also available from www.cieh.org/training or from Customer Support.

THIS ALL SOUNDS EXPENSIVE – HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

If you act before 31 December 2006 and are already registered for the *CIEH Foundation Certificate in Health and Safety in the Workplace*, ABSOLUTELY NOTHING. Furthermore all centres will receive a FREE copy of the new training pack.

WHAT IS 'LEVEL 2'?

Good question. As an awarding body, the CIEH develops a wide range of vocationally related qualifications that are accredited within the national qualifications framework at various skill levels. According to QCA indicators, Level 2 qualifications are aimed at those in the workplace who participate in activities related to the subject area. In the case of health and safety, that means every employee in the organisation.

I'M STILL OFFERING THE OLD FOUNDATION CERTIFICATE, HOW LONG HAVE I GOT?

We plan to continue selling exam papers and materials as normal until September 2006 and then we'll ask you to use up your existing stocks over the next six months. We'll then withdraw the qualification entirely in March 2007.

→ WHAT NEXT?

Complete and return the appropriate application forms. As soon as these have been processed, you are free to start delivering the new qualification. Visit www.cieh.org/training to download the forms or contact Customer Support on 020 7827 5800 (option 1) for further advice and assistance.



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