

A candidate's guide to the
**QNUK Level 1 Award in
Health and Safety in
a Construction Environment (RQF)**

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Introduction

This delivery manual lays out key information related to the content, assessment and administration of the QNUK Level 1 Award in Health and Safety in a Construction Environment (RQF). This document should be read in conjunction with our centre procedures.

Qualification purpose

This qualification is aimed at those working in a construction environment who should have suitable knowledge of best health and safety practice.

Qualification objective

This qualification has the purpose of supporting a role in the workplace.

Qualification structure

Qualification title

QNUK Level 1 Award in Health and Safety in a Construction Environment (RQF)

Qualification accreditation number

603/2620/7

Qualification level

1

Credit value

3

Guided learning hours (GLH)

21

Total Qualification Time (TQT)

29

Unit one title

Health and safety in a construction environment

Unit one reference number

A/616/6885

Pre-requisites

This qualification is aimed at those over 16.

It is recommended that candidates have a minimum of Level 1 literacy and numeracy or equivalent.

There are no other pre-requisites for this qualification.

Geographical coverage

This qualification is available to candidates in England. The Qualification can be delivered in other countries; however, candidates should be aware that the qualification is mapped to Health and Safety legislation for England and Wales.

Acceptable forms of I.D.

The list below outlines acceptable forms of identification for candidates undertaking a regulated qualification with Qualifications Network.

Ideally candidates should provide at least 1 form of photo I.D. If photo I.D is not available, 2 forms of non-photographic I.D can be produced.

Acceptable forms of photographic I.D (1 required) are:

- Signed UK Photo card driving licence
- Signed passport (any nationality)
- Valid EU Photo identity card
- SIA security licence (with photo)
- Current and valid warrant card issued by HM forces or Police
- Current and valid Prison service card (with photo)
- Proof of age card
- Employee photo identification card
- Student photo identification card for a recognised educational establishment
- Firearms license (with photo)

Acceptable forms of non-photographic I.D (2 required) are:

- Current driving license – paper version
- Birth certificate
- Marriage/civil partnership certificate
- Mortgage statement (issued within past 12 months)
- Bank or building society statement (issued within last 3 months)
- Bank or building society account opening confirmation letter (issued within last 3 months)
- Credit card statement (issued within last 3 months)
- Pension or endowment financial statement (issued within last 12 months)
- P45 or P60 statement (issued within last 12 months)
- Council tax statement (issued within last 12 months)
- Valid work permit or visa issue by UK government
- Utility bill – excluding mobile phone bill (issued within last 3 months)
- Benefit statement e.g. child benefit, pension (issued within last 3 months)

Units of assessment

Unit one title

Health and Safety in a Construction Environment

Learning outcome		Assessment Criterion		Method MCQ
.	Know the principles of risk assessment for maintaining and improving health and safety at work.	1.1	State the purpose of risk assessments and method statements	✓
		1.2	State the legal requirements of risk assessments and method statements.	✓
		1.3	State common causes of work-related: - fatalities - injuries.	✓
		1.4	State the implications of not preventing accidents and ill health at work	✓

		1.5	State the meaning of the following in relation to health and safety at work: - accident - near miss - hazard - risk - competence	✓
		1.6	List typical hazards/risks associated with the following: - resources - equipment - obstructions - storage - services - wastes - work activities.	✓
		1.7	State the importance of reporting accidents and near misses	✓
		1.8	State typical accident reporting procedures	✓
		1.9	State who is responsible for making accident reports	✓
		1.10	State the purpose of dynamic risk assessments	✓
2	Know the importance of safe manual handling in the workplace.	2.1	State the reasons for ensuring safe manual handling in the workplace.	✓
		2.2	State potential injuries and ill health that may occur from incorrect manual handling	✓
		2.3	State the employee's responsibilities under current legislation and official guidance for: - moving and storing materials - manual handling - mechanical lifting	✓
		2.4	State the procedures for safe lifting in accordance with official guidance.	✓
		2.5	State the importance of using site safety equipment when handling materials and equipment.	✓
		2.6	List aids available to assist manual handling in the workplace.	✓
		2.7	State how to apply safe work practices, follow procedures and report problems when carrying out safe manual handling in the workplace.	✓
3	Know the importance of working safely at height in the workplace	3.1	Define the term 'working at height'	✓
		3.2	State the employee's responsibilities under current legislation and official guidance whilst working at height.	✓

		3.3	List hazards and potential risks associated with the following: - dropping tools and debris - stability of ladders - overhead cables - fragile roofs - scaffolds - internal voids - equipment - the working area - other people	✓
		3.4	State how hazards and potential risks associated with working at height can be controlled.	✓
		3.5	State the regulation that controls the use of suitable equipment for working at height.	✓
4	Know risks to health within a construction environment.	4.1	List the main groups of substances hazardous to health under current regulations.	✓
		4.2	List common risks to health within a construction environment.	✓
		4.3	State the types of hazards and potential risks that may occur in the workplace linked with use of drugs and alcohol.	✓
		4.4	State the importance of the correct storage of combustibles and chemicals on site.	✓
		4.5	State the importance of personal hygiene within a construction environment.	✓
		4.6	State the potential risks to the health of workers exposed to asbestos.	✓
		4.7	State types of asbestos waste.	✓
		4.8	State types of personal protective equipment (PPE) used when dealing with hazardous materials.	✓
5	Know the importance of working around plant and equipment safely.	5.1	List ways in which moving plant, machinery or equipment can cause injuries.	✓
		5.2	State hazards/risks relating to the use of plant and equipment.	✓
		5.3	State the importance of safeguards located near where plant, machinery and equipment are being used.	✓
		5.4	State the importance of keeping a safe distance away from plant, machinery or equipment until clear contact is made with the operator.	✓
		5.5	Outline how method statements can assist in ensuring the safety of workers where moving plant, machinery or equipment is in use.	✓
		5.6	State the ways to eliminate or control risks relating to working around plant, machinery or equipment.	✓

5.7	Identify hazard warning signs and symbols used when operating, working with, around or in close proximity to plant, machinery or equipment
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Assessment methods

Candidates are assessed for this qualification using a Multiple-choice question paper

Multiple-Choice Question paper

Each candidate will be assessed for this qualification by the completion of a multiple-choice question paper.

Candidates will be required to score a minimum of 70% correct answers to achieve a pass.

Reasonable adjustments

All candidates are required to complete the assessment criteria in a manner appropriate to the purpose of the qualification.

The prescribed assessment methods for this qualification should not unfairly disadvantage candidates, who would otherwise be able to demonstrate competence in the assessment criteria and in line with the purpose of the qualification.

If you feel the assessment methods above would disadvantage you please contact your centre to discuss reasonable adjustment.