



BSC Awards International Certificate in Occupational Safety and Health

Main Specification Changes for 2008

Changes to Qualification Structure

Two sub-elements ('Groups at Particular Risk' and 'Developing a Positive Health and Safety Culture') have moved to Element A. There is a new-sub-element entitled 'Organising for Health and Safety'. There has been some re-ordering of sub-elements.

Changes to Sub-Element Titles

Existing title	New title
n/a	Organising for Health and Safety (new)
Accidents	Preventing Accidents
Occupational Transport	Occupational Transport and Driving
Groups at Particular Risk	Persons at Particular Risk
Reporting, Recording and Investigating Incidents	Reporting and Investigating Incidents

Changes to Subject Content

A.1 Organising for Health and Safety

New learning outcomes:

- A1.1 Outline the responsibilities of staff at different levels in relation to health and safety
- A1.2 Outline the nature of effective communication in relation to health and safety
- A1.3 Outline when and where to seek additional assistance in relation to health and safety
- A1.4 Explain the importance of remaining alert to and dealing with health and safety issues

Changes to Scheme of Assessment

Component 2 (risk assessment task) has been revised.

Candidates are required to identify TWO hazards.

Candidates are required to identify the existing control measures and explain how they are intended to control the risks.

Candidates are required to describe any additional control measures required and explain how these will reduce the risks.

The risk assessment task marking criteria have been revised.

The Component 1 examination will test six topics from Element A and six topics from Element B.

The Component 1 examination will carry a weighting of 67%. The Component 2 risk assessment task will carry a weighting of 33%.

Supporting Materials

The following supporting materials are now published as separate documents
(available at www.britishsafetycouncil.org/qualifications)

Specimen Examination Question Paper 2008

Specimen Risk Assessment Task 2008

Risk Assessment Task Answer Booklet 2008

Risk Assessment Task Marking Criteria 2008