

RSPH Level 1 Award in Asbestos Awareness

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Guided Learning **4 hours**
Total Qualification Time **4 hours**

Ofqual Qualification Number 601/8309/3

Description

The *Control of Asbestos Regulations* requires employers to ensure that their employees receive adequate information, instruction and training relating to the risks due to asbestos if they are liable to be exposed to this material. The objective of this qualification is to help employers meet this requirement by explaining to learners the effects of asbestos on the health of individuals, the types of material likely to contain asbestos, the location of these materials within buildings, and procedures for minimising the risk of asbestos fibre release.

Holders of this qualification will be better able to ensure that their work activities do not result in the release and exposure to asbestos fibres.

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Unit: Asbestos Awareness

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Unit Level: 1

Unit Reference No. J/508/0128

Summary of Outcomes:

To achieve this unit a candidate must:

1. **Know the properties, uses and risks to health of asbestos in premises, with reference to:**
 - the properties of asbestos.
 - the risks to health caused by exposure to asbestos.
 - the use of sprayed asbestos
 - the use of asbestos insulation and asbestos insulating board
 - the use of asbestos cement.
 - the use of other asbestos containing materials

2. **Understand the risks of exposure to asbestos and methods for controlling that risk, with reference to:**
 - the risks and controls for sprayed asbestos
 - the risks and controls for asbestos insulation and asbestos insulating board
 - the risks and controls for asbestos cement.
 - the risks and controls for other asbestos containing materials
 - licensing requirements for work to be carried out
 - asbestos management plans
 - the suitability of different types of asbestos survey for undertaking works
 - types of protective equipment and emergency procedures
 - the liabilities and responsibilities of individuals, employers and duty holders concerning asbestos.

Candidates successfully achieving this unit will have basic factual knowledge of the risks of asbestos in the workplace and/or knowledge of facts, procedures and ideas to complete well-defined routine tasks and address simple problems; and is aware of aspects of information relevant to asbestos in the workplace.

Assessment:

The knowledge and understanding of the candidates will be assessed by a multiple-choice examination. The multiple choice examination is provided by RSPH. A candidate who is able to satisfy the learning outcomes will achieve a score of at least 10 out of 15 in the examination. The qualification is graded as Pass or Fail. Strong performance in some areas of the qualification content may compensate for poorer performance in other areas.

The examination consists of 15 questions. The duration of the examination is twenty minutes.

Guidance:

Progression:

Learners who achieve this qualification can progress to:

- RSPH Level 2 Award in Health and Safety in the Workplace

Recommended Reading:

Managing and working with asbestos. Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 Approved Code of Practice and guidance L143 (Second edition) Published 2013	HSE 2013
A Comprehensive Guide to Managing Asbestos in Premises (HSG 227)	HSE 2002
Managing Asbestos in buildings A brief guide	HSE 2012
Asbestos Essentials - A task manual for building, maintenance and allied trades of non-licensed asbestos work	HSE 2012
Asbestos: The survey guide	HSE 2012
Asbestos: The analysts' guide for sampling, analysis and clearance procedures	HSE 2005
Asbestos: The licensed contractors' guide HSG 247	HSE 2006

Recommended Additional Reading:

Asbestos and Man-Made Mineral Fibres In Buildings. Practical Guidance	Thomas Telford 1999
Asbestos: RICS Guidance Note: Implications for members and their clients.	RICS Books 2003
Asbestos for Surveyors	Estates Gazette 2004

The following web-sites also have useful information:

Asbestos Removal Contractors Association www.arca.org.uk

Health and Safety Executive www.hse.gov.uk

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors www.rics.org.uk

Special Assessment Needs:

Centres that have candidates with special assessment needs should consult RSPH's *Reasonable Adjustments and Special Consideration* policy, this is available from RSPH and RSPH's web site (www.rsph.org.uk).

Recommended Qualifications and Experience of Tutors:

RSPH would expect that tutors have teaching experience and a qualification in a relevant subject area, but recognises that experienced teachers can often compensate for a lack of initial subject knowledge, or experienced practitioners for a lack of teaching experience.

Other Information:

All RSPH specifications are subject to review. Any changes to the assessment or learning outcomes will be notified to Centres in advance of their introduction. To check the currency of this version of the specification, please contact the Qualifications Department or consult the RSPH website.

Centres must be registered with RSPH.

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