



BRITSAFE LEVEL 2

AWARD IN PRINCIPLES OF COSHH

106/5236/2



Introduction:

The Britsafe Level 2 Award in Principles of COSHH is designed to provide learners with a strong foundational understanding of the legal, procedural, and practical requirements involved in controlling hazardous substances in the workplace. Focused on compliance with the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) Regulations, this qualification equips employees, supervisors, and safety practitioners with the essential knowledge to identify hazardous agents, interpret labelling and safety data sheets, and apply appropriate control strategies to minimise risk to health. The course is especially relevant for those involved in maintenance, manufacturing, laboratories, cleaning, warehousing, and logistics sectors where chemical exposure is common and risk control is critical. This qualification bridges the gap between awareness-level training and hands-on COSHH risk assessment by embedding practical relevance, current regulatory guidance, and industry-aligned safety expectations into its framework. It also supports organisational efforts to maintain legally compliant, health-conscious workplaces, and reinforces each learner's role in sustaining safe operational environments.

Qualification Regulation and Support:

The Britsafe Level 2 Award in Principles of COSHH has been developed to provide core knowledge of chemical risk control in the workplace. It is awarded by Britsafe™ Qualifications UK Limited, supporting alignment with COSHH Regulations 2002 (as amended), enabling organisations and employees to meet statutory duties in managing hazardous substances across operational settings.

Key facts:

Qualification Number:	106/5236/2
Minimum Contact Hours:	8
Guided Learning Hours:	8
Credit Value:	1
Credential Status:	Award
Assessment Method:	Multiple-choice examination



Qualification Overview and Objective:

The Britsafe Level 2 Award in Principles of COSHH provides individuals with foundational knowledge and skills for understanding and managing hazardous substances in the workplace. Covering fundamental principles, risk assessment, and control measures, this qualification ensures compliance with legal requirements and prepares individuals to contribute to a safer working environment where hazardous substances are present.

The objective of the qualification is to:

- Understand the fundamental principles of COSHH (Control of Substances Hazardous to Health).
- Identify common hazardous substances and their associated risks.
- Learn basic principles of risk assessment and control measures.
- Gain knowledge of proper handling and storage practices for hazardous substances.
- Demonstrate compliance with legal requirements for COSHH.

Entry Requirements:

To register for this qualification, learners are required to meet the following entry requirements:

- Must be aged 16 and over
- Participants should have a basic understanding of the English language to effectively engage with course materials and assessments.
- This course is open to individuals of all backgrounds and experience levels who have an interest in workplace health and safety.

Geographical Coverage:

This qualification is suitable for delivery in England, Northern Ireland, Wales and can be offered internationally.

Delivery/Assessment Ratios:

To effectively deliver this qualification, centres are recommended not to exceed the ratio of 1 Qualified Tutor to 12 Learners in any one instance. If centres wish to increase the recommended ratio, they must first inform your dedicated Britsafe™ accounts manager before doing so.

Centre Requirements:

To effectively deliver this qualification, centres should have the following resources in place:

- Classroom with suitable seating and desks; and
- High-quality teaching and learning resources.

Guidance on Delivery:

The total qualification time (TQT) for this qualification is 8-hours and of this 8-hours is recommended as guided learning (GL). TQT is an estimate of the total number of hours it would take an average learner to achieve and demonstrate the necessary level of attainment to be awarded with a qualification, both under direct supervision (forming Guided Learning Hours) and without supervision (all other time). TQT and GLH values are advisory and assigned to a qualification as guidance.



Guidance on Assessment:

This qualification is assessed through a multiple-choice question exam.

- Centre's must take all reasonable steps to avoid any part of the assessment of a learner (including any internal quality assurance and invigilation) being undertaken by any person who has a personal interest in the result of the assessment.
- Centres must follow Britsafe™ Examination and Invigilation Procedures. Completed examination papers are to be returned to Britsafe™ for marking or If in case of online examination; records shall be updated on EMS portal accordingly.

Guidance on Quality Assurance:

Britsafe™ requires centres to have in place a robust mechanism for internal quality assurance. Britsafe™ will support centres by conducting ongoing engagements to ensure and verify the effective and efficient delivery, quality assurance and invigilation of the qualification.

Tutor Requirements:

Britsafe™ recommends nominated tutors for this qualification meet the following requirements:

- A relevant health and safety qualification at Level 3 or higher,
- Membership of a professional body (e.g., IOSH, IIRSM) is desirable.
- Hold a relevant subject area qualification/or be occupationally competent.
- Hold a recognized teaching/training qualification (or suitable equivalent).
- Level 3 Award in Education and Training (AET) or Train The Trainer.





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