



BRITSAFE LEVEL 1

AWARD IN COMBUSTIBLE DUST SAFETY PROTOCOLS

106/5238/1



Introduction:

The Britsafe Level 1 Award in Combustible Dust Safety Protocols is a foundational qualification designed to equip personnel with essential knowledge of the hazards, ignition sources, and control strategies associated with combustible dust in industrial and storage environments. This course addresses the critical need for awareness and compliance with UK Dangerous Substances and Explosive Atmospheres Regulations (DSEAR) and HSE guidance, offering practical competence for recognizing risks, preventing dust accumulation, and supporting safe housekeeping and process design. It is particularly suited for operators, maintenance staff, and supervisors in manufacturing, food processing, woodworking, and similar industries where fine particulate matter presents an explosion hazard. By completing this award, learners demonstrate an informed readiness to contribute to safe systems of work, preventative inspection routines, and regulatory conformance in high-risk dust-prone settings.

Qualification Regulation and Support:

The Britsafe Level 1 Award in Combustible Dust Safety Protocols has been developed to introduce baseline awareness of dust explosion hazards, control principles, and inspection strategies applicable under UK DSEAR regulations. It is awarded by Britsafe™ Qualifications UK Limited, supporting entry-level competency in combustible dust risk recognition and preventive practice across industrial and warehousing environments.

Key facts:

Qualification Number:	106/5238/1
Minimum Contact Hours:	4
Guided Learning Hours:	4
Credit Value:	1
Credential Status:	Award
Assessment Method:	Multiple-choice examination



Qualification Overview and Objective:

The Britsafe Level 1 Award in Combustible Dust Safety Protocols is designed for individuals working in environments where combustible dust is a potential hazard. Participants acquire knowledge and skills related to risk assessment, safe practices, and emergency response procedures. This qualification ensures compliance with legal requirements, contributing to a safer working environment in areas prone to combustible dust.

The objective of the qualification is to:

- Understand the specific risks associated with combustible dust.
- Identify potential sources of combustible dust and assess associated risks.
- Learn safe handling and storage practices for materials prone to combustible dust.
- Gain knowledge of preventive measures and emergency response procedures.
- Demonstrate compliance with legal requirements for combustible dust safety.

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 4-hours and of this 4-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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