

OCCUPATIONAL HYGIENE MODULES

A series of examinations in occupational hygiene subjects, aimed at those who wish to gain a hygiene qualification in specified topics of occupational hygiene or grouped together to gain exemption from the Society's Certificate Core examination. Although Module examinations are normally attained by attending individual courses, after which the examination is taken, they may also be attained by sitting the examination only, as an external candidate. Information on the location/dates of taught courses is available from the Secretariat; other details about courses (content, fees, etc) should be obtained direct from the colleges.

The Module numbers/titles are given below with links directly to each detailed syllabus:

- M101 Health Effects of Hazardous Substances
- M102 Measurement of Hazardous Substances (including Risk Assessment)
- M103 Control of Hazardous Substances
- M104 Noise and an Introduction to Vibration
- M201 Thermal Environment and Non-Ionising Radiation (including Lighting)
- M202 External Environment
- M203 Ergonomics Essentials (including Manual Handling and DSE)
- M302 Measurement and Assessment of Noise in the Workplace
- M304 COSHH
- S301 Asbestos and other Fibres

Past examination papers are not available for any of the Modules, but a sample paper, which covers *all* the modules and provides an idea of the style of questions, can be downloaded here. An application form to sit an Occupational Hygiene Module as an external candidate is available to download.

Information on pass marks, examination style etc

All Occupational Hygiene Modules except M203		M203
Paper A	60 multi-choice questions to be answered in 90 minutes. Three marks awarded for a correct answer, one mark deducted for an incorrect answer and no marks awarded or deducted for an abstention.	A 2-hour essay-type paper. Candidates are required to answer three questions from a choice of four
Paper B	A 45-minute essay-type paper. Candidates are required to answer one question from a choice of two.	
Marking	Approximately 10% of the marks will be awarded on the basis of the quality of the written communication, with the remaining 90% awarded for identification of technical points and evidence of understanding and application of knowledge. Answers should be concise, lucid and grammatically correct (minor grammatical errors and occasional spelling mistakes will be ignored). Candidates with English as a second language will not be given any special consideration.	
Pass Marks	To obtain a pass it is necessary to obtain a mark of 50% (55% for S301), or 70% for a credit, in each paper.	The pass mark is 50% (70% for a credit).

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