

Accredited Site Main Controller (SMC) Award

Purpose

To develop and assess candidates' competence to undertake the responsibilities of a Site Main Controller (SMC).

Who should attend ?

This course is suitable for anyone identified as responsible for the overall emergency management, as described in Control of Major Accident Hazards Regulations 2015 (COMAH) including Associated Guidance on COMAH (L111) and Emergency Planning for Major Accidents (HSG191). We assume that candidates have a certain level of knowledge regarding your business, the neighbouring community, operation and emergency management responsibility. Should you determine your candidates are new to the role, high hazard industry or your organisation; we recommend they attend an SMC introduction course a few months ahead of attending the award course.

How is this Award delivered ?

In the first part of this course, candidates develop their knowledge of the principles and practice of emergency response. In the second part, candidates build their skill and experience through experiential learning in simulations, in preparation for a practical assessment. Candidates are assessed against competencies for the SMC role, as defined in COMAH regulations and guidance. Candidates pass or fail this assessment and a report is provided, containing quantitative and qualitative feedback.

Delivery options

The course can be delivered as

- A. A 3 day course run sequentially for up to 5 candidates, **or**
- B. As 2 days of training and a separate 1 day assessment, within 4 months.*

* time required for assessment means a maximum 4 attendees, additional expenditure is required to bring the assessment team to your location twice.

What is the validity of this Award?

The Award is valid for 3 years, conditional on competency-based refresher training being conducted annually.

Duration 3 days

Course content

- Emergency management principles
- Emergency management structure and process
- Roles and responsibilities of the SMC
- Command and control of tactical incident management teams
- Situational awareness and decision-making
- Liaison with the emergency services
- Stakeholder management and communications

Locations

This Award can be conducted at either;

- our dedicated facilities in Hathersage caters for individual candidates.
- the course can also be conducted at your business.
- Please contact the office for dates and availability.

Accreditation

This course is accredited by the International Organisation for Industrial Emergency Services Management (JOIFF) and The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA). We provide an evidence based assessment, as required by our accrediting bodies, which gives you assurance that your organisation has invested in competence. We believe compliance not only satisfies the regulator, but is also good for business.