



Confined Spaces Qualifications Launch Webinar

Questions and Answers

Q. Does the written assessment have to be done online? Can we facilitate a paper based version?

A. The Multiple Choice Question Tests (MCQT) are online for all the five Level 2 qualifications. This enables instant results and feedback reports for Centres and the learner. Paper based versions are available in special circumstances, through a Reasonable Adjust request. If a learner requires a reasonable adjustment please contact qualifications@euia.co.uk

The Level 3 Award in Managing the Confined Spaces Site is a short answer knowledge test, delivered paper based initially but moving to online assessments during 2025.

Q. What are the expiry dates for these qualifications? and is the manager course included?

A. There is no operational end date for any of the six qualifications at this time. A qualification review date has been set as 01/03/2030.

Q. Will there be a Confined Space course without water in the title?

A. The titles of the qualifications are:

- Level 2 Award in Working in Medium Risk Confined Spaces
- Level 2 Award in Working in High Risk Confined Spaces
- Level 2 Award in Control Entry and Arrangements for Confined Spaces
- Level 2 Award in Entrant and Entry Controller for Confined Spaces (Medium Risk)
- Level 2 Award in Entrant and Entry Controller for Confined Spaces (High Risk)
- Level 3 Award in Managing the Confined Spaces Site

Q. Are all the courses stand alone?

A. Yes – they are six separate qualifications





Q. Is there scope to run a course as 'an excavation' confined space course, that still sits as regulated qualification

- A. The qualifications can be delivered in any confined spaces context which might include excavation. The delivery of the training for this qualification can include additional content and/or context which is not provided in the qualification itself. However, providers must ensure that all the learning outcomes and assessment criteria within the qualification(s) are covered as a minimum requirement.

Q. Refresher time scales please?

- A. The qualifications need to be refreshed every 3 years

Q. Are the GLHs an 8 Hour Day Equivalent?

- A. The GLH can be delivered over any time period.

Q. What are primary pre-requisites for the tutors to deliver these courses?

- A. We do not stipulate the primary pre-requisites for trainers and tutors, it is for the centre to decide the requirements of their tutors and trainers who deliver the qualifications. EUIAS do, however, require the centre's IQA to monitor and quality assure the trainer's competence to deliver the Confined Spaces qualifications as part of their monitoring activities.

Q. Re the entry controller practical observation, is this a Medium or High risk entry that's observed as the assessment criteria?

- A. There are 2 entry controller qualifications which both require observations as part of the assessment:
- Level 2 Award in Entrant and Entry Controller for Confined Spaces (Medium Risk)
 - Level 2 Award in Entrant and Entry Controller for Confined Spaces (High Risk)

Q. Are there any language restrictions

- A. Assessment is required to be completed in English

Q. Will registration include a Card / virtual Card?

- A. EUIAS will issue an eCertificate for each qualification achieved. There is an EUSR Confined Spaces scheme which would need to be applied for separately through Energy & Utility Skills and meet their specific requirements.

Q. What are the facility (CS) requirements that need to be met for approval?/ Are there any minimum requirements for the level of equipment provided?

- A. [Please click here to view guidance.](#)

Q. Can you explain the significant difference between the GLH you have compared to City & Guild i.e. Level 2 medium 16hrs v yours at 35hrs

- A. It is for each individual Awarding Organisation to determine the Guided Learning Hours for their qualifications. GLH are indicative only. The design of our qualification and the component units is different to the design of other Awarding Organisation's qualifications and enables the transferability of units across qualifications within the Confined Spaces suite.



Q. How will you tackle companies who only want C&G as that's the standard for them?

- A. Each centre will need to consider the messaging they use in promoting the EUIAS Confined Spaces qualifications with a focus on being an OfQual Regulated AO, the qualifications being on the Register and based on the latest Energy and Utility Skills NOS. Centres will then highlight any differences in offer including online knowledge tests with immediate results, free online practice tests and an assessment criteria assessment feedback report for each learner and the availability of a manager's qualification.

Q. On the client site question do the sites have to be pre registered with yourselves

- A. All assessments must be undertaken in a controlled confined space environment approved by EUIAS

Q. Do you have a minimum crawl space required for the confined spaces?

- A. There is no minimum crawl space specification in our qualifications

Q. If we have confined spaces external training units that can be approved by you, will this be sufficient for when we train on our customer sites?

- A. Yes, as long as they meet our Centre Approval requirements.

Q. With your regards to your response to GLH and NOT checking these I have concerns that courses will be created that just teach to pass and you're not supporting maintaining a standard of quality training

- A. The assessment and internal / external quality assurance processes will maintain the integrity of the assessment outcome. The EUIAS EQA, is responsible for checking and monitoring the assessment and quality assurance practices within the Centre to ensure assessments are conducted and quality assured in a robust, consistent manner, in line with EUIAS requirements

Q. Does each course require an IQA observation or desk based review or can this be based on the centres quality assurance process?

- A. The IQA process will be based on the centre's quality assurance process. Your sampling strategy should take into account the new qualifications and any other changes as a result of introducing the qualifications including any new assessors that may be required.

Q. If assessments can be done on site what would happen if internet access is not available for the question papers?

- A. Examinations ideally should be delivered using a live internet connection. However, should you be aware that this might not be possible there is functionality to deliver the assessment offline, through downloading the examinations, run the exam and then upload them when you have a connection.

Q. Do any existing providers use 'Live' CS for assessments of not yet competent learners?

- A. Confined space assessments must not take place in a live working situation; they must take place in a controlled confined space environment at an approved EUIAS centre.



Q. Will there be minimum requirements for providing the training externally such as at a clients site?

A. [Please click here to view guidance.](#)

Q. Are resources available for the courses such as PowerPoint or preferred manual?

A. No.

Q. The manager course is 15glh what are the pre requisites for attendance, do they have to already have a medium or high risk cert?

A. There are no prerequisites for attendance.

Q. What are the minimum and maximum delegate numbers per course please?

A. Maximum number of learners that can be assessed at one time is 5 learners to one assessor.

Q. Can a person just attend or assessment - no learning they have self declared as competent so they just turn up to be assessed on a Pass/ Fail basis ?

A. The principles of Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) can be applied to these qualifications and it is up to the provider to ensure that the candidate has the knowledge, skills and behaviours to pass the knowledge test and practical observation.

Q. Are there any plans for rescue qualifications going forward

A. Not currently, however we are always looking to further develop our existing portfolio of qualifications and subject to demand we can consider the development of further confined spaces qualifications.

Q. How do you assess the Level 2 Award Control Entry and Arrangements for Confined Spaces if the Top Person or Entry Controller does not enter the confined space

A. The assessment will be of the Top Person or Entry Controller for the above qualification will be as follows:

Learners will need to demonstrate skills in:

- overseeing safe entry to and safe exit from a confined space
- monitoring the working team and environment whilst maintaining communication with team members.
- dealing with emergencies that arise

“ This qualification provides managers responsible for work in confined spaces with sufficient knowledge to manage works in-line with current HSE legislation, ACOP and Industry guidelines in a cost effective manner.

This qualification makes training more accessible, reducing risk for managers responsible for confined spaces.”

Neal Daniels

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