

CoC(Control)

THE LEV PROFESSIONAL STANDARD?



PROFESSIONALISM?

ERIC LIPPERT

“Professionalism is about having integrity, honesty, and sincere regard for the personhood of the customer, in the context of always doing what is best for the business. Those two things do not need to be in conflict.”

SAGE ADVICE #2?

WARREN BUFFET

“It takes 20 years to build a reputation and five minutes to ruin it.

If you think about that, you'll do things differently.”

TO SUCCEED?

PELE

“Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and, most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do.”



WHAT IS - COC(CONTROL)?

This is the entry level professional qualification required to join the Faculty of Occupational Hygiene as a Specialist Licentiate. It is for candidates wanting to establish their competence in the specific field of Control of the Working Environment.

Click the link to go to relevant BOHS web page:-

<https://www.bohs.org/education/qualifications/detail/coc-in-control/>

Where are we Heading?

More LEV Specialists have gained CoC(Control) in the past 12 months than in the preceding 5 years!

Our other Newsletter articles have discussed “**Competency**” and the current “**LEV Jobs Market**”. The two are not exclusive. And they both have relevance to gaining **CoC(Control)**.

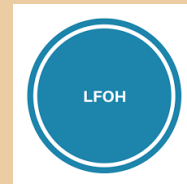
Many LEV sector employers are upskilling their staff - and those that have done so appear to be becoming more successful.

That, in turn, is also creating pressure in the LEV Jobs Market with an inevitable increasing demand for staff able and willing to become better qualified.

Businesses offering **Occupational Hygiene Monitoring services** (and many in the LEV sector offer that as an ‘added service’ to clients) - are now unlikely to be able to continue to offer those services without their staff holding **LFOH** as a minimum (**Licentiate of the Faculty of Occupational Hygiene**).

HSE has put increasing pressure on the Client companies directly on this matter.

LFOH allows the supplier staff member to be listed on the BOHS Directory.



Mistakenly perhaps, some HSE Inspectors have also applied the same pressure on Clients with respect to LEV testing; ie that the staff should hold LFOH.

Is that a portend of things to come?

CoC(Control) - with a basic Occupational Hygiene qualification (base module is **W201**) can apply for LFOH. Technically **LFOH(S)** - as it would have been gained via the ‘Specialist’ route.

How to Get There?

To put the qualification into context - **CoC(Control) is a level 5 qualification** in the BOHS qualifications framework - in effect it is equivalent to NVQ Level 5.

NVQ level 5

NVQ Level 5 is the equivalent of a **foundation degree**, attained after two years of completing a university course.

A Serious Qualification?

To begin the process of gaining CoC(Control) - candidates must show that they have had at least **three years’ professional experience** in a relevant LEV/Occupational Hygiene role.

This has to include some management experience - for example - preparation of quotations/tenders, discussions with workers/colleagues/clients regarding relevant subject matters, development of procedures and control recommendations etc.

From that point there are two possible progression pathways:-

- **Pathway one** is for those who have taken the **P601**, **P602**, **P603** and **P604**.
- **Pathway two** is for those who have taken the Occupational Hygiene **W505** module



In **Pathway one** the candidate will also have to complete two components:

- a **Technical Report** (including a Curriculum Vitae) and
- attend a professional discussion (**oral interview**)

For **Pathway two** candidates, they too will also need to complete two components:

- a **Portfolio of Evidence** (including a Curriculum Vitae) and
- attend a professional discussion (**oral interview**)

First Actions

LEV Specialists wishing to start out on the CoC(Control) pathways will first need to create an account on the www.bohs-hub.org website - to gain access to be able to:

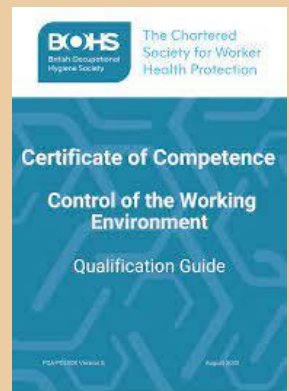
- Pay for each qualification
- Submit the Report, Curriculum Vitae, Portfolio of Evidence
- View feedback comments and assessment results
- Book the professional discussion (oral interview)

Next?

Download a copy of the BOHS Qualification Guide for CoC(Control) by following this link:-

<https://www.bohs.org/app/uploads/2021/07/PQA-POL00X-Qualification-Guide-for-CoC-Control-final-v4.pdf>

This is your core document which not only explains the process in detail but also provides clear guidance on all of the steps that need to be followed.



Fees?

The fee arrangement is split into 3 parts:-

- Submit Report (and/or Curriculum Vitae) £120
- Submit Portfolio of Evidence (and Curriculum Vitae) £155
- Professional discussion £400



The total cost is currently £675

Support/Mentoring

BOHS provides Mentoring support you through your submission if required, with assistance from their Professional Qualifications Administrator and assessors.

Initial contact would currently be Val Pollard, Professional Qualifications Administrator on 01332 250708 or via email at: professional@bohs.org

In addition OXYL8 offer Mentoring and assistance support for our past training course clients.

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