

## OHTA TRAINING MODULES

OHTA offers training modules at **four different levels** targeted to the unique needs of individuals in various job functions seeking knowledge about occupational hygiene. Courses are offered in several formats with both **live and online options** from approved training providers in **over 50 countries**. Search training providers at [ohtatraining.org](http://ohtatraining.org) to find information on courses offered, format, and location options.

### Awareness Level

Training at this level is targeted to those who will not have primary responsibility for occupational hygiene programs, but will be involved in their implementation.

OHTA has two training modules at this level including a Silica Hazard Awareness module. Recently, an on-line Awareness Level course was developed in partnership with the Phylmar Academy, a division of the Phylmar Group. This course provides fundamental knowledge on hazard recognition and control measures that can be utilized to create a healthy work environment. Topics include chemical and physical hazards, ergonomics, bloodborne pathogens, personal protective equipment, and fire prevention.

The Awareness course offered online by OHTA is self-directed, independent study and takes less than three hours to complete. It is available to individuals for a modest fee of \$50 USD. Workplace Health Without Borders (WHWB), an OHTA Approved Training Provider, also offers the OHTA Awareness Level course in some countries in an alternative format with both independent study and live on-line discussions in the local language. Contact [training@whwb.org](mailto:training@whwb.org) for more information.

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### Foundation Level

This training level is for individuals such as occupational medicine personnel, safety representatives, and other industry specialists who need to have a basic understanding of occupational hygiene principles. The course will help them recognize potential problems so they can call for assistance from a professional occupational hygienist when needed.

The OHTA W201 training module includes the Basic Principles in Occupational Hygiene including recognition, evaluation, and control of chemical, physical, and biological hazards. W201 is offered by many OHTA

training providers, including **AIHA**, who offers a self-directed online course based on the materials from the OHTA W201 module along with the exam.

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### Intermediate Level

Training at this level is targeted to individuals who will work as occupational hygiene technicians/technologists. As such, the course work is focused on technical knowledge and practical skills with hands-on training using various instrumentation.

There are seven modules at the intermediate level (W500 series) taught as five-day courses.

Core Subjects	Optional subjects
W501 Measurement of Hazardous Substances	W502 Thermal Environment
W503 Noise-Measurement and its Effects	W504 Asbestos and Other Fibres
W505 Control of Hazardous Substances	W506 Ergonomics Essentials
W507 Health Effects of Hazardous Substances	

Trainees can work towards the **ICertOH certificate** by successfully completing six modules and exams followed by a Personal Learning Profile and interview.

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### Specialist level

This training is designed for those seeking specialized training for specific industries.

OHTA Approved Training Providers offer Course A1001 designed for occupational hygiene in Mining and Mineral Processing Industries. Other Specialist modules are in development.

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