



Hydrogen Skills
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4	Hazards, Risks and Controls Risks and hazards	Understand the difference between risks and hazards and how to identify them; Simple (Dynamic) to Advanced Haz-Op and predictive analysis.	✓	✓	✓	✓
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8	Hazards, Risks and Controls Identifying and managing hydrogen hazardous areas	Understand the hazards that arise from using hydrogen (e.g. explosion, fire, suffocation) and which environmental/material factors may contribute to these (e.g. ignition factors, loss of containment factors, embrittlement), as well as the appropriate safety zones and emergency procedures. Understand the correct ATEX-rated equipment that may be required.	✓	✓	✓	✓
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12	Hazards, Risks and Controls Oversight of control measures for hydrogen processes	Understand how to program and monitor control measures in a system undertaking a chemical process with hydrogen so that the process occurs safely and efficiently.	✓	✓	✓	
13	Hazards, Risks and Controls Storing hydrogen for transportation using cryogenic materials	Understand how to use cryogenics or related systems to maintain hydrogen in a stable form for transportation.	✓	✓	✓	
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29	Hydrogen storage Compressed hydrogen	Understand how hydrogen can be converted into a compressed gas form, its material properties, and the activities required to store it in this state. Understand the process of loading compressed hydrogen into road transportation.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

30	Hydrogen storage Liquid hydrogen	Understand how hydrogen can be converted into a liquid form, its material properties, and the activities required to store it in this state.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ DEVELOPMENT	✓
31	Hydrogen storage Conversion to hydrogen carriers	Understand how hydrogen can be converted into other chemical compounds as a carrier (e.g. ammonia, methane), the selected compound's material properties, and the activities required to store it in this state, including safety considerations for these hazardous chemicals.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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Maritime Roles

OCCUPATION

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Theme

Knowledge Statement

Engineer

Technical & Trade

Specialists & Quality/H&S

HYDROGEN INDUSTRY

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Technical & Trade

Specialists & Quality/H&S

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Industrial Decarbonisation Roles

Chemical/
Process
Engineer/
Hydrogen
Process
Engineer

Process
Safety
Professional

Theme

Knowledge Statement

Engineer

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Knowledge Statement

Engineer

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HYDROGEN INDUSTRY

1 **Hydrogen Industry**
UK Net-zero targets, alternative fuel sources, hydrogen usages, legal and compliance regulations

Understand the current position of the hydrogen industry within the wider net-zero ambition and the potential future uses. Understand the UK low-carbon hydrogen standard and relevant legal and compliance regulations.

2 **Hydrogen Industry**
Background on hydrogen production, storage, distribution and use

Understand the global need for the hydrogen transition and how it can be produced, stored, and transported, and its benefits/uses in the energy mix (including environmental impact and safety considerations).

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Recognition of hydrogen and waste product interchangeability in other industries

Understand how hydrogen and any associated waste products in its production process (e.g. oxygen and carbon) can be repurposed and provided to use cases (i.e. chemical processes) in other industries.

HAZARDS, RISK AND CONTROLS

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Risks and hazards

Understand the difference between risks and hazards and how to identify them; Simple (Dynamic) to Advanced Haz-Op and predictive analysis.

5 **Hazards, Risks and Controls**
Hydrogen Properties

Understand the processes required to convert gases into others and indicators of the interchangeability of various gases (in terms of heating or calorific value). Understand hydrogen's chemical properties, its forms (gas & liquid), structure, volumetric and energy density, how it differs from other gases, how it interacts with other materials, and its property risks (including how it affects handling, e.g. odourless, leaks quietly, rises quickly due to lightness).

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High pressure gas systems and vessels

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