

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) about IWSD Courses

No.	QUESTION	ANSWER
1.	I have done a similar course on another programme elsewhere; can I be exempted from that Module when doing DWSS?	There are no exemptions in this course at the moment
2.	I did Water Operators course from Part I to Part III and now want to do the HEXCO courses, can I start from ND, since I covered the basics in the Operators course?	Unfortunately for one to do HEXCO at ND, one needs to sit for NC HEXCO examinations which require minimum 5 O levels including Maths, Science and English in as much a basics were covered in the Part I to III Water Operators Courses .
3	I was trained on the NPO Tailor made-course; can that be an entry onto the NC for Water & Waste Management?	Unfortunately not, entry to HEXCO NC requires prerequisite qualification of minimum 5 'O' level subjects including Maths, English and Science
4	I have an HND in Water and Waste Management from IWSD, can I be accepted for DWSS?	Yes but take note that the current minimum requirements for DWSS are a first degree and/or relevant qualification and/or experience. All applications will be subjected to a highly competitive screening process.
5.	Is there "Mature Entry" onto IWSD courses for those who do not have the necessary entry requirements such as Maths and Science at "O" Level?	Unfortunately there is no mature entry for one who needs to to write National examinations. However, IWSD is working towards a National Foundation course for those who have at least 3 'O' level subjects. Meanwhile, Plant operators already working in treatment plants and requiring training can enrol on the NPO tailor made course to enhance their skills
6	Can I be admitted onto NC without Maths at "O" Level and receive a Certificate of Completion from the Institute?	Yes, one can enrol but we encourage you to write the missing subject so that you are able to use your coursework for writing HEXCO exams the following year.
7	Does the IWSD offer attachments/ internships to its students?	Yes, the IWSD does offer attachments/internships as and when the need arises and this is done through a competitive selection process. For Treatment plant operators, IWSD facilitates the process on behalf of students.
8	What is the minimum amount that should be paid to enable a student to receive modules and/or attend face-to-face lessons?	This varies from year to year basis but at least 25% of the total must be paid for you to get course materials. This is outside the Application fee (\$20) and Registration fee (\$30-\$50) which are non-refundable.
9	How are these courses offered?	They vary. All HEXCO courses are offered on block release basis. Post-Graduate diploma is a purely distance learning course with face-to-face lectures as and when agreed between the lecturers and the students.
10	Can IWSD employ me after the Diploma?	IWSD has an equal opportunity recruitment policy which considers anyone who meets the job criteria. Again, the selection process is competitive and the best candidate will be selected if there are any vacancies.

11	What employment opportunities are there for me after the training with IWSD?	Former students have been absorbed in local and international non-governmental organisations, Local Authorities (RDCs) government, Private Sector and some have found job placements in neighbouring countries and overseas.
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