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# ISEP Foundation Certificate

in Sustainability & Environmental Management (AISEP)



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# What is the ISEP Foundation Certificate?

The ISEP Foundation Certificate in Sustainability and Environmental Management is your entry point into one of the fastest-growing professions in the world.

The drive towards sustainable business has opened a whole new world of opportunity, and this qualification is your way in. It is an entry-level certificate designed for anyone looking to make an impact on the environment and sustainability, with a focus on practical environmental management.

You will learn about the global environmental issues placing growing pressure on modern businesses and develop the management skills to keep your organisation resilient against climate, resource, energy, and regulatory threats. You will also learn how to put a recognised environmental management system, such as ISO 14001, into practice — so you can make better decisions and deliver real efficiencies back at work.

## Course Duration:

- ▶ **Online:** 40 hours (6 months' access).
- ▶ **Virtual / Classroom:** 5 days plus online exam.

## Entry Requirements:

No formal entry requirements or prior experience needed. You will learn everything you need on the course.

# Who is the Course For?

**The ISEP Foundation Certificate is built for anyone looking to get more involved in environment and sustainability, whatever their starting point.** It is especially suited to people who are responsible for:

- ▶ Collecting and collating data in an environmental or sustainability context
- ▶ Completing routine checks on legislative or pollution prevention measures
- ▶ Providing routine advice and information to others
- ▶ Playing a supporting role in small-scale projects and programmes

Because there are no entry requirements, it is equally valuable to career-changers entering the sector, professionals adding sustainability to an existing role, and organisations building baseline environmental capability across a team.

# The ISEP Skills Map

The **Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF)** benchmarks the ISEP Foundation Certificate at Level 3 — equivalent to an A-Level. ISEP has a clearly defined skills map that matches each training course to a level of professional membership, and the Foundation Certificate is positioned as the entry point for building a career in environment and sustainability.

Level	Qualification	What is it?
<b>Entry (Associate, AISEP)</b> Making your mark	ISEP Foundation Certificate in Sustainability & Environmental Management (AISEP)	Your gateway into the sustainability profession. As an AISEP, you'll expand your horizons, hone your skills, and access industry-leading tools and resources to help you do your job.
<b>Operational (Practitioner, PISEP)</b> Taking action	ISEP Certificate in Sustainability & Environmental Management (PISEP)	The benchmark for professionals proactively driving operational change and improving efficiencies. As a PISEP, you're known as an experienced practitioner with the knowledge, competence, and drive to make a difference.
<b>Managerial (Full, MISEP)</b> The power to influence	ISEP Diploma in Sustainable Business Practice	The globally recognised standard for environment and sustainability professionals leading organisational change. You'll be a key player improving infrastructure, streamlining efficiencies, and putting vision into practice.
<b>Leadership (Fellow, FISEP)</b> A new kind of leader	ISEP Diploma in Sustainable Business Practice	The world's foremost community of sustainability leaders. As a Fellow, you're actively embedding change across your organisation, challenging norms, and shaping the profession.

# Why Study the ISEP Foundation Certificate?

Employers all over the world are recognising the importance of having a sustainability strategy, and the environment and sustainability profession is growing quickly as a result. Whether you are looking to start a career, strengthen your current role, or help your organisation meet its obligations, this qualification gives you the foundation to do it.

## Employee Benefits

- ▶ **Career Entry and Progression:** The Foundation Certificate is the recognised starting point for a career in the sector, and the first step on the ISEP skills map towards Practitioner, Full, and Fellow membership.
- ▶ **Professional Recognition:** 12 months' Associate Membership of ISEP (AISEP), including post-nominal letters and recognition from employers and peers. If you already hold ISEP membership, you receive a 12-month extension instead.
- ▶ **Salary Potential:** Access to roles in a fast-growing profession, with entry-level environment and sustainability salaries reaching up to £40,000.
- ▶ **Transferable Skills:** Practical environmental management skills that apply across any industry or discipline.
- ▶ **Networking and Resources:** Access to ISEP news, publications, events, and webinars to keep you current and connected.

## Employer Benefits

- ▶ **Lower Operating Costs:** Sustainable practices typically reduce energy demand and waste almost immediately, delivering direct financial savings.
- ▶ **Regulatory Compliance:** Staff gain the confidence to carry out the right diligence checks and keep the organisation protected against regulatory, social, and environmental threats.
- ▶ **Stronger Reputation:** A credible sustainability position is increasingly a selling point with clients, suppliers, and the local community.
- ▶ **Internal Capability:** Build environmental knowledge in-house rather than relying solely on external consultants.
- ▶ **ISO 14001 Readiness:** Equip your people to help implement and maintain a recognised environmental management system.

# Full Course Syllabus

## Element 1: Core Environmental Principles

- 1.1** The Main Natural Cycles
- 1.2** Ecosystem Services
- 1.3** Biodiversity and Ecological Stability
- 1.4** The Impact of Human Intervention on Natural Cycles and Ecological Systems
- 1.5** Pollution Sources, Pathways and Receptors
- 1.6** Climate Change

## Element 2: Sustainability and Mega-trends

- 2.1** Mega-trends
- 2.2** Sustainable Development and Sustainability
- 2.3** Principles of Sustainability Business and Corporate Governance

## Element 3: Policy and Legislation

- 3.1** The Key Principles of Environmental Policy
- 3.2** Key Environmental Policy Instruments
- 3.3** Background to Environmental Legislation
- 3.4** Examples of Criminal Law
- 3.5** Stakeholders and the Role of Regulators

## Element 4: Environmental Management Systems

- 4.1** Introduction to Environmental Management Systems
- 4.2** Key Elements of ISO 14001

## Element 5: Performance Evaluation

- 5.1** Data Management
- 5.2** Monitoring Performance
- 5.3** Environmental Inspections and Audits

## Element 6: Additional Management and Assessment Tools

- 6.1** Risk Assessment
- 6.2** Environmental Aspect Assessment
- 6.3** Other Assessment Tools

## Element 7: Communication and the Management of Change

- 7.1** Communication
- 7.2** Corporate Reporting
- 7.3** Green Claims
- 7.4** Management of Change

# Assessments

## Assessment Format

The ISEP Foundation Certificate is assessed with a **one-hour, open-book online multiple-choice test**. There are 30 questions, each with four possible answers.

The exam being open book means you can refer to books, notes, or the internet — but with only an hour to complete it, you still need to know the material well to pass.

## Pass Mark

Each question is worth one mark, and you'll need to **answer 21 correctly (70%) to pass**. That works out at around two minutes per question.

## Exam Window and Results

Assessments run weekly, and you are given a six-week submission window. ISEP provides your login details, and you can sit the test any time within that window — though it must be completed in one sitting. Results are shown immediately on completion. Provided you've passed, you'll receive a digital ISEP Foundation Certificate and can claim your Associate Membership (AISEP).

**Note:** Astutis course prices include the assessment — and a free resit if you need it.

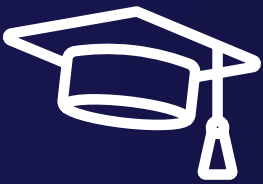


# Why Astutis?



## Award-Winning Training Provider

Being an Astutis learner carries significant weight. We're the choice of award winners and experts around the world, and for good reason.



## High Pass Rates

We have a **100% ISEP Foundation Certificate pass rate** — far higher than the national average, and a demonstration of our course's efficacy.



## Transparent Pricing with No Hidden Costs

All our courses are completely transparent about pricing. Your registration, assessment, comprehensive learning materials, and full tutor support are all covered — with no unwelcome charges down the line. Should you need it, a free assessment resit is included.



## Feefo Platinum Award

Astutis has been recognised with the **Feefo Platinum Trusted Service Award every year since 2023** — awarded only to businesses that consistently deliver an exceptional standard of customer service. Feefo is one of the world's leading independent review platforms, collecting genuine feedback from verified customers.

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Eligible customers can **pay in 30 days or split payments** into three monthly instalments via Klarna, spreading the cost while accessing courses straight away.

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