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Biorisk Professional Registration Scheme

A programme from the Royal Society of Biology for biorisk practitioners to develop and evidence their professional skills



Overview of the scheme

- A programme from RSB for biorisk practitioners to develop and evidence their professional skills
- Provides an objective benchmark of competence and ensures consistency and quality of biorisk management advice and support
- Elevates the professional status of practitioners
- Developed by The Biorisk Strategic Leadership Group (BSLG) and RSB. BSLG is a group of leaders from a range of bio-sector organisations that develops strategic initiatives in biorisk
- Covers professionals working in biosafety, biosecurity, biorisk, laboratory managers and similar roles across whole bioeconomy sector (high containment facilities, research institutes, universities, healthcare, industry) and caters for all containment levels
- Two pathways: Registered Biorisk Adviser (RBA) and Registered Biorisk Specialist (RBS)
- Both RBA and RBS comprise key technical knowledge from RSB approved training courses and essential skills evidenced via a portfolio of evidence

Both are built around 12 elements of biorisk management:

- Management systems
- Risk assessment
- Genetic modification
- Transport
- Incident management
- Engagement & impact

- Hazard identification
- Containment & control
- Waste management
- Competence & training
- Monitoring
- Ethics & sustainability

Key benefits of the scheme

- Provides registrants with recognised professional status and a career pathway
- As a professional body with Royal Charter, RSB lends credibility to the scheme
- As leading organisations in the sector, BSLG sponsor and support the scheme
- RSB's established CPD framework underpins the scheme, so registrants continue to develop and demonstrate competence
- Provides duty holders with a robust and reliable benchmark of competence when recruiting or developing practitioners, verified through a searchable online register
- Develops and demonstrates both key technical knowledge and essential skills, including 'soft skills' – focus is on 'what you know' rather than 'what you can do' – producing rounded, capable and employable professionals