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Welcome!

Hello and welcome to the February 2024 issue of the RRC Newsletter.

Here's an overview of the most recent and important developments at RRC and what you can look forward to in the coming months. As always, you can find more information on our website: www.rrc.co.uk

RRC working with CWP on the IEMA Sustainability Campaign

We have been working closely with CWP to produce a short video and thought leadership interview for the IEMA 'Transforming the World to Sustainability' campaign. The video series aims to highlight the people and organisations who are making the changes needed, or supporting others in those changes, to move towards a sustainable future. The launch for the campaign is next week so look out for the videos on our social channels over the coming weeks.

Upcoming Events

The Health and Safety Event - 30 April - 2 May 2024, The NEC, Birmingham

Come and join us at the Health and Safety Event on stand 4/C32 this April. The Health & Safety Event is the UK's premier event dedicated to improving occupational health & safety standards. The three day event includes talks covering a wide variety of topics relating to SHE, as well as bringing together companies and providers who can help you meet your SHE objectives.

Registration is open now, and you can get your ticket by registering [here](#).

Previous Events

Safety, Health and Wellbeing Live - North, Manchester

It was lovely to see so many of you at SHW North at the end of January. It was a very busy event, with lots of great talks including RRC Tutor Marshel Rozario's talk on Psychological Stress in the Workplace. You can view the video of his talk [here](#). If you missed us at the event please do get in touch to discuss your individual and Corporate training needs.



OSH Forum, London

We had a great day attending OSH Forum in February. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet with so many new clients, and hear the fascinating insights from various speakers including Head of Product Development at NEBOSH, Matt Powell-Howard.

RRC Blog

John Binns, Zoe Neasham, and the RRC team continue to add Blogs to help you with your studies. The latest offerings include:

- [Tips for Environmental Auditors](#)
- [The New Year is Here - Five Resolutions for Environmental Practitioners in 2024](#)
- [Top Five Tips for Completing Your First IEMA Certificate in Environmental Management Assignment](#)
- [Decoding the Diploma Scenario Based Assessment - the OBE](#) (part 2) Read part 1 [here](#)
- [Study Technique - Try Mind Mapping!](#)
- [5 Health and Safety Tips for Onboarding Temporary Workers](#)
- [Building Safety Act UK Only](#)

Look after yourselves and stay safe.

All the best,

Richard Stockley
Managing Director





Student Focus

In this section of the newsletter, we focus on any important information that applies to your course. Please review the following carefully for anything that may impact your studies.

NEBOSH Resources

If you are studying for a NEBOSH qualification, we would like to remind you that guidance from NEBOSH is available in the following publications, which can all be accessed from the 'Qualifications' area of the NEBOSH website (under 'Resources' for each relevant qualification):

- **NEBOSH Scenario-Based Assessments: Guidance for Learners**

This provides guidance on Scenario-Based Assessments for NEBOSH qualifications. It gives examples of extracts from past scenarios, types of questions and how marks would be awarded for answers.

(Note: only relevant to digital assessments.)

- **NEBOSH Certificate Scenario-Based Digital Assessments: Learner Guide**

This gives guidance on the Open Book Examinations for Certificate Units NG1, IG1, CN1, CI1, FSC1 and EMC1. Its aim is to help learners prepare for the digital assessment and the closing interview.

(Note: not relevant to any other Certificate units.)

- **NEBOSH National and International General Certificates in Occupational Health and Safety Assessments: Learner Performance Report May 2023**

This uses the May 2023 Unit NG1 Open Book Exam as an example. It gives advice on the kind of answers that would attract marks and those that would not and guidance on how to approach similar questions that you could expect to see in future papers.

(Note: only relevant to Units NG1 and IG1.)

- **Diploma Digital Assessment: Learner Guide**

This gives guidance on the digital assessments for Diploma Units DN1, DI1, DN2, DI2, DN3 and DI3. Its aim is to help learners prepare for the assessment and the professional discussion.

(Note: not relevant to any other Diploma units.)

- **Guidance on command words used in learning outcomes and question papers – Certificate qualifications**

This gives definitions of command words and example responses to everyday scenarios and typical exam questions.

(Note: not relevant to Units NG1, IG1, CN1, CI1, FSC1 or EMC1.)

- **Guidance on command words used in learning outcomes and question papers – Diploma qualifications**

This gives definitions of command words and example responses to typical exam questions.

(Note: not relevant to Units DN1, DI1, DN2, DI2, DN3 or DI3.)

We strongly recommend reading the guidance referred to above that is relevant to the units you are studying, as part of your preparation for the assessments.

We also recommend reading **section 4.4 (Learner malpractice)** in the NEBOSH Malpractice Policy, available at <https://www.nebosh.org.uk/policies-and-procedures/malpractice-policy-and-procedures/>, to ensure you understand what constitutes unacceptable practice in relation to your examinations and assessments.





NEBOSH Resources

Note

NEBOSH use the following terms in relation to their assessments - we thought it would be useful to clarify what RRC see these as, so we can put your mind at ease, as it could be a little confusing:

- **Digital assessment:** the way the assessment is delivered and completed is entirely electronic, meaning you download the assessment paper and submit it electronically using the NEBOSH platform.
- **Scenario-based assessment:** this is the style of the assessment. It uses a scenario which you need to read, refer to and rely on when answering the questions/completing the tasks in the paper.
- **Open book exam:** this is the format of the assessment. An open-book exam, as you know, allows you to refer to resources and notes while you are completing the paper.





RRC Resources

RRC Health and Safety Law and Case Law Guide

We have updated the Health and Safety Law and Case Law Guide in relation to some recent legislation. If you are studying a national (UK) course, please note the changes below.

Building Safety Act 2022

In this entry, under the subheading **Changes to the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005**, the text has been amended to read as follows:

“These are covered in Section 156 of the **Building Safety Act 2022**. Small consequential changes are made to the wording of Articles 5 (*‘Duties under the Order’*), 9 (*‘Risk assessment’*), 11 (*‘Fire safety arrangements’*) and 22 (*‘Co-operation and co-ordination’*). The following new Articles are added:

- *‘9A Risk assessment: assistance’*.
- *‘21A Provision of information to residents of domestic premises’*.
- *‘22A Provision of information to new responsible person’*.
- *‘22B Co-operation with accountable persons’*.

NOTE: These changes to the **Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005** (with the exception of Article 9A) came into effect on 1 October 2023.

Article 22B applies to premises consisting of or including a residential unit in a higher-risk building. It requires Responsible Persons to take reasonable steps to identify any Accountable Person(s) in the building (e.g. owners or lessees with a ‘relevant repairing obligation’) and co-operate with them for the purpose of carrying out their respective duties to collectively manage building and fire safety for the entire building. The purpose of this requirement is to ensure that the duties of Responsible Persons and Accountable Persons will contribute towards a whole-building approach to building and fire safety.”

Fire Safety Act 2021

The Notes at the end of this entry have been removed as the whole Act is now in force.

Supply of Machinery (Safety) Regulations 2008

A number of updating amendments have been made to this entry. You can access it here:

[Supply of Machinery \(Safety\) Regulations 2008](#)

The complete Health and Safety Law and Case Law Guide (in which the changes have already been made) can be accessed via the Resources or Quick Links sections on the Learning Centre.





RRC Environmental Law and Case Law Guide

We have updated the Environmental Law and Case Law Guide in relation to some recent legislation. If you are studying a national (UK) course, please note the changes below.

Energy Savings Opportunity Scheme Regulations 2014

In this entry, the second paragraph has been amended to read:

“Minor amendments to Schedule 1 of the Regulations have been made by the **Energy Savings Opportunity Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2015 and 2023**. These have been included in the text below where relevant.”

Under the subheading **Part 4 – ESOS Assessments**, the text has been amended to read:

“Sets a requirement for a responsible undertaking to carry out an assessment of energy consumption (or for areas where it has already identified significant areas of energy consumption that account for no less than 95% of total energy consumption) in every compliance period. The first compliance period ends on 5 December 2015 and all other compliance periods are four years in duration.

The audit is required to analyse the participant’s energy efficiency and recommend reasonably practicable ways that energy efficiency improvements can be made. Audits are to be carried out, supervised or reviewed by an approved assessor (who must meet competence requirements enforced by a professional body).”

Environmental Civil Sanctions (England) Order 2010

In the opening paragraph of this entry, the first bullet point has been amended to read:

- “**Variable monetary penalties** - the amount is determined by the regulator but must not exceed £250,000 in Wales whereas no cap is present in England.”

Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016

In this entry, under the subheading **Regulation 39: Penalties**, the following has been added:

“Enforcement Undertakings and Variable Monetary Penalties (both civil sanctions) may be issued.”

Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023

This is a new entry. You can access it here:

[Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023](#)

Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Regulations 2007

In this entry, under the subheading **Introduction**, the second paragraph now reads:

“Minor amendments to the Regulations have been made over the years with the last set being in 2024. These changes, where relevant, have been included in the text below.”

The complete Environmental Law and Case Law Guide (in which the changes have already been made) can be accessed via the Resources or Quick Links sections on the Learning Centre.





NEBOSH Diploma

NEBOSH National Diploma for Occupational Health and Safety Management Professionals (2020 Specification)

Unit DN1 Learning Outcome 1

Some text in this learning outcome has been updated in relation to the **Worker Protection (Amendment of Equality Act 2010) Act 2023**.

You can access the amendment here:

[Unit DN1 Update](#)

Note: this change has been made in RRC digital and downloadable publications.

Unit DN2

Please refer to the following for some updating information:

[Unit DN2 Update](#)

Unit DN3

Some text in this unit has been updated in relation to:

- BS 5839-8:2023 *Fire detection and fire alarm systems for buildings - Design, installation, commissioning and maintenance of voice alarm systems – Code of practice* (Learning Outcome 11.4).
- Hazards, advantages and disadvantages of using artificial intelligence in the workplace (Learning Outcome 11.8).

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments:

[Unit DN3 Supplement](#)

Note: these changes have been made in RRC digital and downloadable publications.





NEBOSH National Diploma for Occupational Health and Safety Management Professionals (2015 Specification)

Unit A Element A2

Some text in this element has been updated in relation to the **Worker Protection (Amendment of Equality Act 2010) Act 2023**.

You can access the amendment here:

[Unit A Update](#)

Note: this change has been made in RRC digital and downloadable publications.

Unit B

Please refer to the following for some updating information:

[Unit B Update](#)

Unit C

Please refer to the following for some updating information:

[Unit C Update](#)

NEBOSH International Diploma for Occupational Health and Safety Management Professionals (2020 Specification)

Unit DI2

Please refer to the following for some updating information:

[Unit DI2 Update](#)

Unit DI3 Learning Outcome 10.8

Some text in this learning outcome has been updated in relation to the hazards, advantages and disadvantages of using artificial intelligence in the workplace.

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments:

[Unit DI3 Supplement](#)

Note: these changes have been made in RRC digital and downloadable publications.





NEBOSH International Diploma for Occupational Health and Safety Management Professionals (2015 Specification)

Unit IB

Please refer to the following for some updating information:

[Unit IB Update](#)

Unit IC Element IC6

The UK Government intends to introduce legislation to extend recognition of goods that meet EU requirements, including the CE marking, indefinitely, beyond 31 December 2024 for many products. This will mean that certain goods that meet EU requirements can be placed on the GB market.

Manufacturers will have the choice to use either the CE marking or other recognised EU markings (where permitted), or the UKCA marking to supply machinery to Great Britain.

NEBOSH National Diploma in Environmental Management

Units ED1 and NDEM2

Some text in these units has been updated in relation to:

- The benefits and limitations of introducing a formal environmental management system (Unit ED1 Element 3).
- Key outcomes of the COP28 Conference (Unit ED1 Element 6).
- The **Environmental Civil Sanctions (England) (Amendment) Order 2023** (Unit NDEM2 Element 1).
- The **Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) (Amendment) (England) (No. 2) Regulations 2023** (Unit NDEM2 Element 1).
- The **Environment Act 2021** commencement regulations (Unit NDEM2 Element 3).
- The **Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023** (Unit NDEM2 Element 3).
- The UK business recycling targets for 2024 (Unit NDEM2 Element 3).
- The **Environmental Protection (Single-use Plastic Products) (Wales) Act 2023 (Commencement No. 1) Order 2023** (Unit NDEM2 Element 3).
- Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty becoming National Landscapes (Unit NDEM2 Element 3).
- The **Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023** (Unit NDEM2 Element 3).
- The **Energy Savings Opportunity Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2023** (Unit NDEM2 Element 3).

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments:

[NED Supplement](#)

Note: these changes have been made in RRC digital and downloadable publications.





NEBOSH International Diploma in Environmental Management

Unit ED1

Some text in this unit has been updated in relation to:

- The benefits and limitations of introducing a formal environmental management system (Element 3).
- Key outcomes of the COP28 Conference (Element 6).

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments:

[IED Supplement](#)

Note: these changes have been made in RRC digital and downloadable publications.

NEBOSH Certificate

NEBOSH National General Certificate

Unit NG1 Element 1

In Scotland the maximum punishment in the Sheriff Court is normally a fine of £20,000 and 12 months' imprisonment. However, unlimited fines and two years' imprisonment can be imposed under the 'Solemn' procedure.

Unit NG2 Element 9

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NEBOSH International General Certificate, National Construction Certificate and International Construction Certificate

Unit IG2/Unit CN1/Unit CI1 Element 9

The UK Government intends to introduce legislation to extend recognition of goods that meet EU requirements, including the CE marking, indefinitely, beyond 31 December 2024 for many products. This will mean that certain goods that meet EU requirements can be placed on the GB market.

Manufacturers will have the choice to use either the CE marking or other recognised EU markings (where permitted), or the UKCA marking to supply machinery to Great Britain.





NEBOSH Environmental Management Certificate

Unit EMC1

Some text in Element 1 has been updated in relation to Key outcomes of the COP28 Conference.

All of the elements (except Element 8) also have some amended content.

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments:

[Unit EMC1 Supplement](#)

Note: these changes have been made in RRC digital and downloadable publications.





Examination Closing Dates

The registration dates for the next available sittings for the NEBOSH exams are listed below. Please make sure you are aware of any mandatory entry requirements, such as submission of coursework, attendance at workshops, etc.

Please note that the following information is based on the national dates set by NEBOSH. Some centres arrange 'local' examination dates, which will fall on different days.

UK **paper-based** exam venues are now in London, Manchester and Glasgow. Birmingham and Newcastle are no longer available.

Course	RRC Exam Registration Closing Dates	Examination Date
NEBOSH Certificate in Process Safety Management; NEBOSH Award in Environmental Awareness at Work (Online Multiple-Choice Exam)		
Units: PSM1, EAW1	13/03/2024	24/04/2024
	10/04/2024	22/05/2024
	15/05/2024	26/06/2024
NEBOSH National General Certificate (Open-Book Exam)		
Unit: NG1	29/03/2024	08/05/2024
	26/04/2024	05/06/2024
	24/05/2024	03/07/2024
NEBOSH National/International General Certificate (Practical Assessment)		
Units: NG2, IG2	29/03/2024	15/05/2024
	26/04/2024	12/06/2024 (IG2 all languages)
	24/05/2024	10/07/2024
NEBOSH International General Certificate (Open-Book Exam)		
Unit: IG1	29/03/2024	08/05/2024
	26/04/2024	05/06/2024 (all languages)
	24/05/2024	03/07/2024
NEBOSH Certificate in Fire Safety (Open-Book Exam)		
Unit FSC1	29/03/2024	08/05/2024
	28/06/2024	07/08/2024
NEBOSH Certificate in Fire Safety (Practical Assessment)		
Unit FSC2	29/03/2024	15/05/2024
	28/06/2024	14/08/2024





Course	RRC Exam Registration Closing Dates	Examination Date
Health and Safety Management for Construction (UK/International)		
Units: CN1/CI1	24/05/2024	02-03/07/2024
	23/08/2024	01-02/10/2024
NEBOSH Environmental Management Certificate (Open-Book Exam)		
Unit EMC1	26/04/2024	05/06/2024
	26/07/2024	04/09/2024
NEBOSH Environmental Management Certificate (Practical Assessment)		
Unit EMC2	26/04/2024	12/06/2024
	26/07/2024	11/09/2024
NEBOSH International Technical Certificate in Oil and Gas Operational Safety		
Unit IOG	05/04/2024	12/06/2024*
	05/07/2024	11/09/2024*
(*UK locations subject to availability- contact exams@rrc.co.uk for details)		
NEBOSH National/International Diploma in Environmental Management		
Unit ED1	03/05/2024	15/07/2024
NEBOSH Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety		
Unit A, Unit IA	03/05/2024	16/07/2024
Unit B, Unit IB	03/05/2024	17/07/2024
Unit C, Unit IC	03/05/2024	18/07/2024
NEBOSH Diploma for Occupational Health and Safety Management Professionals		
DN1, DI1	05/07/2024 (Resits 02/08/2024)	11/09/2024 to 09/10/2024
DN2, DI2	01/03/2024 (Resits 05/04/2024)	15-30/05/2024
DN3, DI3	03/05/2024 (Resits 07/06/2024)	17-31/07/2024
NEBOSH Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety/Environmental Management		
Unit DNI, Unit N/IDEM2	RRC Assignment Registration Closing Date 05/04/2024	Assignment Submission Date 22/05/2024

