

## November 2024

### Welcome!

Hello and welcome to the November 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](http://www.rrc.co.uk)

### RRC Launch New Website

We are proud to announce that we have recently launched our brand new [website](#)! We have been working hard to deliver what our customers want, and hope that you find the new website easier to navigate. You will still be able to access the Learning Centre and all the course information and news as you have done previously, and we hope you like the new site as much as we do.

### New - Podcast - Did History Actually Teach Us Anything?

RRC's upcoming podcast, "Did History Actually Teach Us Anything?" takes well-known events throughout history, such as the Great Fire of London and the sinking of the RMS Titanic, and inspects them through a health and safety/environmental lens. In each episode, a RRC presenter will discuss the H&S/environmental causes of the event; consider whether the event could have been avoided, and how they could have done so; and evaluate the demographic, social, political, economic, and cultural impacts that occurred as a result.

The podcast will be available in December- keep an eye on our social media channels for more information.

### New - IOSH Approved 'Sleeping Well to Work Safely' Course

We are pleased to announce that the [IOSH approved 'Sleeping Well to Work Safely'](#) course is now available. This online program facilitated by a Sleep Doctor delves into sleep disturbances caused by work-related stress, shift work, and jet lag. Suitable for those anywhere in the world, this insightful 1-day course offers practical solutions for individuals facing sleep challenges or looking to improve health, safety, and productivity at work through interactive live online sessions.

### Upcoming Events

#### Anticipate London (SHExpo) - 2-4 December, ExCeL London

Join us at Anticipate London, taking place from 2-4 December 2024 at ExCeL London. As one of the UK's premier events for Health & Safety professionals, this event allows you to keep up to date with health and safety strategies and regulations, extend your network, and access the latest solutions. The RRC team will be on stand SH1820 and look forward to seeing our current, past and future students once again. Registration is free, and you can sign up [here](#).



## Safety, Health and Wellbeing Live - North, 22-23 January, Manchester Central

Our first trade show of the 2025 calendar is SHW Live North, in Manchester from 22-23 January. The event aims to bring together the HSE community in the north for 2 days of interesting and insightful talks, as well as an opportunity to reconnect with the HSE community. As Founding Partners, RRC are delighted to be supporting these events focused on bringing regional HSE communities together, contributing to the advancement of health and safety standards in the region. We will be on stand SF51 to answer all your training and consultancy questions.

We will be delivering two talks at the event on *Integrating Decision Making and Communication to Improve Safety Culture* and *Navigating the Hidden Dangers of Psychosocial Risk at Work*, and look forward to seeing you there.

Registration is free, and you can register [here](#).

## Alumni Survey

We are working with EnergyPR to conduct research on our students' qualifications, experience, and work. Your feedback is invaluable in guiding our future product planning, understanding the market landscape, and informing our marketing strategies. Your participation is greatly appreciated and will contribute to our ongoing efforts to enhance our offerings and support.

Please take a moment to complete our anonymous survey [here](#).

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

#### NOTE

The **Sentencing Act 2020 (Magistrates' Court Sentencing Powers) (Amendment) Regulations 2024** have increased the maximum sentence that may be imposed by a Magistrates' Court for a single triable-either-way offence (a criminal offence that can be heard in either a Magistrates' Court or a Crown Court) from six months to 12 months. These Regulations came into force on 18 November 2024 and apply to England and Wales. They are relevant to the entries on the **Health and Safety (Offences) Act 2008** and the **Modern Slavery Act 2015**, which will be updated shortly.

### 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.

#### Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016

In this entry, at the end of the section headed **Introduction**, the following new paragraph has been added:

"The **Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2023** amend Schedule 9 of the Regulations to require operators of material facilities permitted sites to notify the relevant regulator (the Environment Agency or Natural Resources Wales) if they receive 1,000 tonnes or more of any waste material. Material facilities are sites that sort mixed waste into specific waste streams which are then sent or transferred to be recycled."

#### EU Regulation No. 2017/852 on Mercury

At the end of this entry, the following new paragraph has been added:

"An amendment regulation (**EU Regulation 2024/1849**) amends **EU Regulation 2017/852** as follows:

- The use and export of dental amalgam is prohibited by January 2025 (although member states will be allowed to continue the use, manufacture, and import of dental amalgam until 30 June 2026 if more time is needed for national healthcare system adaptations).
- The manufacture, import and export of certain types of mercury-containing lamps will be banned over a period from December 2025 to December 2026. These will be replaced by lamps that are of a lower toxicity and increased energy efficiency."

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.



**NOTE**

The **Sentencing Act 2020 (Magistrates' Court Sentencing Powers) (Amendment) Regulations 2024** have increased the maximum sentence that may be imposed by a Magistrates' Court for a single triable-either-way offence (a criminal offence that can be heard in either a Magistrates' Court or a Crown Court) from six months to 12 months. These Regulations came into force on 18 November 2024 and apply to England and Wales. They are relevant to the entries on the **Environmental Civil Sanctions (England) Order 2010**, the **Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016** and the **Environmental Protection (Plastic Straws, Cotton Buds and Stirrers) (England) Regulations 2020**, which will be updated shortly.





## NEBOSH Diploma

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

#### Unit DN1

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

- Sexual harassment in the workplace (Learning Outcome 1.7).
- Statutory guidance on modern slavery (Learning Outcome 9.1).

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments:

#### [Unit DN1 Supplement](#)

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

You should also note that the **Sentencing Act 2020 (Magistrates' Court Sentencing Powers) (Amendment) Regulations 2024** have increased the maximum sentence that may be imposed by a Magistrates' Court for a single triable-either-way offence from six months to 12 months. These Regulations came into force on 18 November 2024 and apply to England and Wales. They are relevant to **Learning Outcome 1.3**. The study material will be updated shortly.

#### Unit DN2

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

- Guidance on supporting disabled workers (Learning Outcome 10.1).
- Guidance on managing chronic diseases and preventing the risk of acquiring disabilities (Learning Outcome 10.1).
- The **Building (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2024** (Learning Outcome 10.15).

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments:

#### [Unit DN2 Supplement](#)

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

You should also note that legislation has now been introduced to allow the CE mark to continue to be used after 31 December 2024. This is relevant to **Learning Outcome 10.8**. Full information is provided in the following Technical Update:

#### [Technical Update](#)





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

### Unit DN3

#### Learning Outcome 11.4

The following new and updated guidance is available in respect of the **Building Safety Act 2022**:

- *Safety management systems for high-rise residential buildings* at:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/building-safety-guides-for-accountable-persons/safety-management-systems-for-high-rise-residential-buildings>
- *Assessing safety risks in high-rise residential buildings: a detailed guide* at:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/building-safety-guides-for-accountable-persons/assessing-safety-risks-in-high-rise-residential-buildings-a-detailed-guide>
- *Delivering the golden thread: guidance for dutyholders and accountable persons* at:  
<https://www.constructionleadershipcouncil.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/CLC-Golden-Thread-Guidance.pdf>

#### Learning Outcome 11.5

Please refer to the following for some updating information:

#### [Unit DN3 Update](#)

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

#### Learning Outcome 11.8

You should note that legislation has now been introduced to allow the CE mark to continue to be used after 31 December 2024. Full information is provided in the following Technical Update:

#### [Technical Update](#)







## NEBOSH National Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety (2015 Specification)

### Unit A

Some text in **Element A2** has been updated in relation to sexual harassment in the workplace.

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments:

#### [Unit A Supplement](#)

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

You should also note that the **Sentencing Act 2020 (Magistrates' Court Sentencing Powers) (Amendment) Regulations 2024** have increased the maximum sentence that may be imposed by a Magistrates' Court for a single triable-either-way offence from six months to 12 months. These Regulations came into force on 18 November 2024 and apply to England and Wales. They are relevant to **Element A3.3**. The study material will be updated shortly.

### Unit B

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

- Guidance on supporting disabled workers (Element B1).
- Guidance on managing chronic diseases and preventing the risk of acquiring disabilities (Element B1).
- The **Building (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2024** (Element B10).

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments:

#### [Unit B Supplement](#)

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

You should also note that legislation has now been introduced to allow the CE mark to continue to be used after 31 December 2024. This is relevant to **Element B3.4**. Full information is provided in the following Technical Update:

#### [Technical Update](#)





## Unit C

### Element C3

The following new and updated guidance is available in respect of the **Building Safety Act 2022**:

- *Safety management systems for high-rise residential buildings* at:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/building-safety-guides-for-accountable-persons/safety-management-systems-for-high-rise-residential-buildings>
- *Assessing safety risks in high-rise residential buildings: a detailed guide* at:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/building-safety-guides-for-accountable-persons/assessing-safety-risks-in-high-rise-residential-buildings-a-detailed-guide>
- *Delivering the golden thread: guidance for dutyholders and accountable persons* at:  
<https://www.constructionleadershipcouncil.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/CLC-Golden-Thread-Guidance.pdf>

### Element C4

Please refer to the following for some updating information:

#### [Unit C Update](#)

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

### Element C6

You should note that legislation has now been introduced to allow the CE mark to continue to be used after 31 December 2024. Full information is provided in the following Technical Update:

#### [Technical Update](#)





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

### Unit DI1

Please refer to the following for some updating information:

#### [Unit DI1 Update](#)

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

### Unit DI2

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

- Guidance on supporting disabled workers (Learning Outcome 9.1).
- Guidance on managing chronic diseases and preventing the risk of acquiring disabilities (Learning Outcome 9.1).
- Control measures introduced to protect workers from extreme temperatures in Abu Dhabi (outdoors) and California (indoors) (Learning Outcome 9.15).

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments:

#### [Unit DI2 Supplement](#)

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

### Unit DI3

Please refer to the following for some updating information:

#### [Unit DI3 Update](#)

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

You should also note that legislation has now been introduced in the UK to allow the CE mark to continue to be used after 31 December 2024. This is relevant to **Learning Outcome 10.8**. Full information is provided in the following Technical Update:

#### [Technical Update](#)





## NEBOSH International Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety (2015 Specification)

### Unit IB

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

- Guidance on supporting disabled workers (Element IB1).
- Guidance on managing chronic diseases and preventing the risk of acquiring disabilities (Element IB1).
- Control measures introduced to protect workers from extreme temperatures in Abu Dhabi (outdoors) and California (indoors) (Element IB10).

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments:

#### [Unit IB Supplement](#)

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

### Unit IC

Please refer to the following for some updating information:

#### [Unit IC Update](#)

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

You should also note that legislation has now been introduced in the UK to allow the CE mark to continue to be used after 31 December 2024. This is relevant to **Element IC6.1**. Full information is provided in the following Technical Update:

#### [Technical Update](#)





## NEBOSH National Diploma in Environmental Management

### Units ED1 and NDEM2

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

- BS EN ISO 14001:2015+A1:2024 *Environmental management systems – Requirements with guidance for use* (Unit ED1 Element 3).
- ISO 14071:2024 *Environmental management – Life cycle assessment – Critical review processes and reviewer competencies* and ISO 14072:2024 *Environmental management – Life cycle assessment – Requirements and guidance for organizational life cycle assessment* (Unit ED1 Element 4).
- Performance criteria for energy-related products (Unit ED1 Element 12 and Unit NDEM2 Element 3).
- ISO 50001:2018+A1:2024 *Energy management systems – Requirements with guidance for use* (Unit ED1 Element 12 and 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.

You should also note that the **Sentencing Act 2020 (Magistrates' Court Sentencing Powers) (Amendment) Regulations 2024** have increased the maximum sentence that may be imposed by a Magistrates' Court for a single triable-either-way offence from six months to 12 months. These Regulations came into force on 18 November 2024 and apply to England and Wales. They are relevant to **Unit NDEM2 Elements 1.2 and 3.5**. The study material will be updated shortly.

## NEBOSH International Diploma in Environmental Management

### Units ED1 and IDEM2

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

- BS EN ISO 14001:2015+A1:2024 *Environmental management systems – Requirements with guidance for use* (Unit ED1 Element 3).
- ISO 14071:2024 *Environmental management – Life cycle assessment – Critical review processes and reviewer competencies* and ISO 14072:2024 *Environmental management – Life cycle assessment – Requirements and guidance for organizational life cycle assessment* (Unit ED1 Element 4).
- Performance criteria for energy-related products (Unit ED1 Element 12).
- ISO 50001:2018+A1:2024 *Energy management systems – Requirements with guidance for use* (Unit ED1 Element 12).
- Changes to **EU Regulation 2017/852** on mercury (Unit IDEM2 Element 2).
- **EU Directive 2023/1791** on energy efficiency (Unit IDEM2 Element 2).
- The EU's **Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation 2024/1781** (Unit IDEM2 Element 2).

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 Elements 1.2 and 1.3

You should note that the **Sentencing Act 2020 (Magistrates' Court Sentencing Powers) (Amendment) Regulations 2024** have increased the maximum sentence that may be imposed by a Magistrates' Court for a single triable-either-way offence (a criminal offence that can be heard in either a Magistrates' Court or a Crown Court) from six months to 12 months. These Regulations came into force on 18 November 2024 and apply to England and Wales. The study material will be updated shortly.

#### Unit NG2 Element 9.1

You should note that legislation has now been introduced to allow the CE mark to continue to be used after 31 December 2024. Full information is provided in the following Technical Update:

[Technical Update](#)

### NEBOSH International General Certificate

#### Unit IG2 Element 9.1

You should note that legislation has now been introduced in the UK to allow the CE mark to continue to be used after 31 December 2024. Full information is provided in the following Technical Update:

[Technical Update](#)

### NEBOSH National Construction Certificate

#### Unit CN1 Element 9.1

You should note that legislation has now been introduced to allow the CE mark to continue to be used after 31 December 2024. Full information is provided in the following Technical Update:

[Technical Update](#)

### NEBOSH International Construction Certificate

#### Unit CI1 Element 9.1

You should note that legislation has now been introduced in the UK to allow the CE mark to continue to be used after 31 December 2024. Full information is provided in the following Technical Update:

[Technical Update](#)





## NEBOSH Environmental Management Certificate

### Unit EMC1

Please refer to the following for some updating information:

#### [Unit EMC1 Update](#)

**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
<b>NEBOSH Certificate in Process Safety Management; NEBOSH Award in Environmental Awareness at Work (Online Multiple-Choice Exam)</b>		
Units: PSM1, EAW1	11/12/2024	22/01/2025
	08/01/2025	26/02/2025
	12/02/2025	26/03/2025
<b>NEBOSH National General Certificate (Open-Book Exam)</b>		
Unit: NG1	20/12/2024	05/02/2025
	24/01/2025	05/03/2025
	28/02/2025	09/04/2025
<b>NEBOSH National/International General Certificate (Unit 2, 2018 Spec)</b>		
Units: NG2, IG2	20/12/2024	12/02/2025
	24/01/2025	12/03/2025 (IG2 all languages)
	28/02/2025	16/04/2025
<b>NEBOSH International General Certificate (Open-Book Exam)</b>		
Unit: IG1	20/12/2024	05/02/2025
	24/01/2025	05/03/2025 (IG1 all languages)
	28/02/2025	09/04/2025
<b>NEBOSH Certificate in Fire Safety (Open-Book Exam)</b>		
Unit: FSC1	20/12/2024	05/02/2025
	28/03/2025	07/05/2025
<b>NEBOSH Certificate in Fire Safety (Practical Assessment)</b>		
Unit: FSC2	20/12/2024	12/02/2025
	28/03/2025	14/05/2025
<b>Health and Safety Management for Construction (UK/International)</b>		
Units: CN1/CI1	28/02/2025	08-09/04/2025
	30/05/2025	08-09/07/2025





Course	RRC Exam Registration Closing Dates	Examination Date
<b>NEBOSH Environmental Management Certificate (Open-Book Exam)</b>		
Unit: EMC1	24/01/2025	05/03/2025
	25/04/2025	11/06/2025
<b>NEBOSH Environmental Management Certificate (Practical Assessment)</b>		
Unit: EMC2	24/01/2025	12/03/2025
	25/04/2025	18/06/2025
<b>NEBOSH International Technical Certificate in Oil and Gas Operational Safety</b>		
Unit: IOG	03/01/2025	20/03/2025*
	04/04/2025	19/06/2025*
*(UK locations subject to availability- contact <a href="mailto:exams@rrc.co.uk">exams@rrc.co.uk</a> for details)		
<b>NEBOSH National/International Diploma in Environmental Management</b>		
Unit: ED1	06/12/2024	10/02/2025
	02/05/2025	07/07/2025
<b>NEBOSH Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety</b>		
Unit A, Unit IA	06/12/2024	11/02/2025
	02/05/2025	08/07/2025
Unit B, Unit IB	06/12/2024	12/02/2025
	02/05/2025	09/07/2025
Unit C, Unit IC	06/12/2024	13/02/2025
	02/05/2025	10/07/2025
<b>NEBOSH Diploma for Occupational Health and Safety Management Professionals</b>		
DN1, DI1	27/12/2024	12/03/2025- 09/04/2025
	(Resits 24/01/2025)	
DN2, DI2	07/03/2025	14-29/05/2025
	(Resits 04/04/2025)	
DN3, DI3	02/05/2025	16-30/07/2025
	(Resits 06/06/2025)	
<b>NEBOSH Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety/Environmental Management</b>		
Unit DNI, Unit N/IDEM2	RRC Assignment Registration Closing Date 03/01/2025	Assignment Submission Date 26/02/2025

