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Welcome!

Hello and welcome to the September 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 Webinar Series

Following the launch of our webinar series in May, these sessions have proved to be very popular. We will continue to share information on our upcoming webinars on our social media channels, and you can also access the recordings from past sessions on the RRC website [here](#).

Upcoming Events

NEBOSH Graduation - 16 September, Warwick University

NEBOSH will be holding their graduation ceremony in just a couple of weeks. The ceremony celebrates the achievements of the successful Diplomates and incorporates an awards presentation for the Best Candidate in other qualifications. We're delighted that our hard-working learners will have the opportunity to celebrate their achievements. We're also excited to be joining them on the day to present one of the awards.

Safety, Health and Wellbeing Live - South, Farnborough International

SHW Live South takes place in Farnborough from 2-3 October 2024. This event aims to bring together the HSE community in the south for 2 days of interesting and insightful talks, as well as an opportunity to reconnect and share with the HSE community. RRC are delighted to be returning as a Founding Partner.

Nick Fernando, our Head of Learning Products and Innovation, and I will be delivering a talk on 'Key Challenges with Health and Safety Training' on the second day of the event. We will also be delivering a talk in partnership with BSI on ISO 45003 on the first day.

Registration is free, and you can find out more [here](#). We look forward to seeing you there!



Sharing Success

Our social media channels are seeing a lot of happy RRC Learners sharing their success, a great joy for all of us at RRC. We really appreciate the hard work you all put into your studies and we are always looking to improve how we can provide support to make your journey to success as easy as possible. Please continue to share your success and give us your feedback. Visit our LinkedIn page to share your experiences with us: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/rrc-training/>.

RRC Blog

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

- [Environmental Commitments of the New UK Government](#)
- [Building a Business Case for Environmental Improvements](#)
- [Most Exciting Health and Safety Jobs Revealed](#)
- [Megatrends and Sustainable Development](#)
- [Reasons for Environmental Performance Monitoring](#)

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 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.

Environment Act 2021

In this entry, at the end of the first paragraph, the following sentence has been added:

“Commencement notices will be issued in future to implement all parts of the Act.”

Environmental Protection (Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls and other Dangerous Substances) (England and Wales) Regulations 2000

In this entry, the first paragraph has been amended to read as follows:

“These England and Wales Regulations partially implement **EU Regulation No. 2019/1021** on persistent organic pollutants (recast). The England and Wales Regulations have been amended on numerous occasions, for example by the **Environmental Protection (Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls and other Dangerous Substances) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2024**. Changes where relevant have been included in this entry.”

Finance Act 2021

In this entry, under the subheading **Introductory and Charging of Plastic Packaging Tax (Sections 42 to 46)**, the last sentence in the first paragraph has been amended to read:

“The rate to be charged is £217.85 per metric tonne of chargeable plastic packaging components.”

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

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

- Mandatory mediation in a money dispute (Learning Outcome 1.5).
- Proactive safety management (Learning Outcome 2.5).
- A coroner's conclusions (Learning Outcome 8).

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments:

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

[Unit DN1 Supplement](#)

Unit DN2

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

- Agile working (Learning Outcome 10.2).
- The definition of harassment (Learning Outcome 10.2).
- The legal requirement for health surveillance (Learning Outcome 10.3).

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments:

[Unit DN2 Supplement](#)

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

Learning Outcome 10.8

For the latest Government guidance on use of the UKCA and CE marks see:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/using-the-ukca-marking>





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

Unit DN3

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

- The **Fire Safety Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010** and the **Northern Ireland Building Regulations 2012** (Learning Outcome 11.4).
- The **Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004** (Learning Outcome 11.4).
- The **Building Safety Act 2022** (Learning Outcome 11.4).
- The fire classification of construction products (Learning Outcome 11.4).
- The HSE's Pressure Systems microsite (Learning Outcome 11.7).
- The HSE's regulatory approach to artificial intelligence (AI) (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 in Occupational Health and Safety (2015 Specification)

Unit A

Element A4

Please refer to the following for some updating information:

[Unit A Update](#)

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

Unit B

Element B1

Some text in this element has been updated in relation to the legal requirement for health surveillance.

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments:

[Unit B Supplement](#)

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

Element B3

For the latest Government guidance on use of the UKCA and CE marks see:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/using-the-ukca-marking>

Unit C

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

- The **Fire Safety Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010** and the **Northern Ireland Building Regulations 2012** (Element C3).
- The **Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004** (Element C3).
- The **Building Safety Act 2022** (Element C3).
- The fire classification of construction products (Element C3).
- The HSE's Pressure Systems microsite (Element C5).

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments:

[Unit C Supplement](#)

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





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

Unit DI1 Learning Outcome 2.5

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:

- Agile working (Learning Outcome 9.2).
- The definition of harassment (Learning Outcome 9.2).
- **Directive 2022/431/EU** amending **Directive 2004/37/EC** (Learning Outcome 9.5).

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 Learning Outcomes 10.7 and 10.8

Please refer to the following for some updating information:

[Unit DI3 Update](#)

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

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

Unit IB Element IB3

Please refer to the following for some updating information:

[Unit IB Update](#)

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

Unit IC Element IC5

Please refer to the following for some updating information:

[Unit IC Update](#)

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





NEBOSH National Diploma in Environmental Management

Unit NDEM2 Element 3

3.3 Waste Management Legal Requirements

You should note the following changes:

- **Landfill Tax**

The current standard rate is now £103.70 per tonne. Lower risk wastes are now taxed at £3.30 per tonne.

- **Plastic Packaging Tax**

The tax is now charged at £217.85 per tonne.

RRC digital and downloadable publications have been amended accordingly.

NEBOSH International Diploma in Environmental Management

Unit IDEM2 Element 2

2.1 Waste Management Multilateral Treaties

You should note the following changes to Landfill Tax in the UK:

- The current standard rate is now £103.70 per tonne.
- Lower risk wastes are now taxed at £3.30 per tonne.

RRC digital and downloadable publications have been amended accordingly.





NEBOSH Certificate

NEBOSH National General Certificate

Unit NG1

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

- The HSE's Fee for Intervention (Element 1).
- The management of change (Element 3).
- The notification of **RIDDOR**-reportable events (Element 4).

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments:

[Unit NG1 Supplement](#)

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

NEBOSH International General Certificate

Unit IG1 Element 3

Some text in this element has been updated in relation to the management of change.

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments:

[Unit IG1 Supplement](#)

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

Unit IG2 Element 9

For the latest UK Government guidance on use of the UKCA and CE marks see:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/using-the-ukca-marking>

NEBOSH National Construction Certificate

Unit CN1 Element 9

For the latest Government guidance on use of the UKCA and CE marks see:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/using-the-ukca-marking>





NEBOSH International Construction Certificate

Unit CI1 Element 9

For the latest UK Government guidance on use of the UKCA and CE marks see:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/using-the-ukca-marking>

NEBOSH Environmental Management Certificate

Unit EMC1 Element 8

8.4 Outlets Available for Waste

You should note the following changes to Landfill Tax (LFT) in the UK:

- The rate for inert waste is now £3.30 per tonne.
- The rate for active waste is now £103.70 per tonne.

RRC digital and downloadable publications have been amended accordingly.





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	11/09/2024	23/10/2024
	09/10/2024	20/11/2024
NEBOSH National General Certificate (Open-Book Exam)		
Unit: NG1	27/09/2024	06/11/2024
	25/10/2024	04/12/2024
	22/11/2024	08/01/2025
NEBOSH National/International General Certificate (Unit 2, 2018 Spec)		
Units: NG2, IG2	27/09/2024	13/11/2024
	25/10/2024	11/12/2024 (IG2 all languages)
	22/11/2024	15/01/2025
NEBOSH International General Certificate (Open-Book Exam)		
Unit: IG1	27/09/2024	06/11/2024
	25/10/2024	04/12/2024 (IG1 all languages)
	22/11/2024	08/01/2025
NEBOSH Certificate in Fire Safety (Open-Book Exam)		
Unit: FSC1	27/09/2024	06/11/2024
	20/12/2024	05/02/2025
NEBOSH Certificate in Fire Safety (Practical Assessment)		
Unit: FSC2	27/09/2024	13/11/2024
	20/12/2024	12/02/2025
Health and Safety Management for Construction (UK/International)		
Units: CN1/CI1	22/11/2024	07-08/01/2025
	28/02/2025	08-09/04/2025





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NEBOSH Environmental Management Certificate (Open-Book Exam)		
Unit EMC1	25/10/2024	04/12/2024
	24/01/2025	05/03/2025
NEBOSH Environmental Management Certificate (Practical Assessment)		
Unit EMC2	25/10/2024	11/12/2024
	24/01/2025	12/03/2025
NEBOSH International Technical Certificate in Oil and Gas Operational Safety		
Unit: IOG1		11/12/2024*
		20/03/2025*
	04/10/2024 03/01/2025	*UK locations subject to availability- contact exams@rrc.co.uk for details
NEBOSH National/International Diploma in Environmental Management		
Unit: ED1	06/12/2024	10/02/2025
NEBOSH Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety		
Unit: A, Unit: IA	06/12/2024	11/02/2025
Unit: B, Unit: IB	06/12/2024	12/02/2025
Unit: C, Unit: IC	06/12/2024	13/02/2025
NEBOSH Diploma for Occupational Health and Safety Management Professionals		
Unit: DN1, Unit: DI1	27/12/2024	12/03/2025 to 09/04/2025
	(Resits: 24/01/2025)	
Unit: DN2, Unit: DI2	06/09/2024	13/11/2024 to 27/11/2024
	(Resits: 04/10/2024)	
Unit: DN3, Unit: DI3	01/11/2024	15/01/2025 to 29/01/2025
	(Resits: 29/11/2024)	
NEBOSH Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety/Environmental Management		
Unit: DNI, Unit: N/IDEM2	RRC Assignment Registration Closing Date 04/10/2024	Assignment Submission Date 27/11/2024

