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Welcome!

Hello and welcome to the August 2023 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

NEBOSH Graduation - 11 September, Warwick University

NEBOSH will be holding their Graduation Ceremony next month. The ceremony acknowledges 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. Along with some of the RRC team, I am excited to be joining them on the day and I will also be presenting one of the awards.

Booking has now closed, however for those attending on the day, more details can be found [here](#).

SHW Live Farnborough - 27-28 September, Farnborough International

There's still one more Trade Show on the 2023 calendar- SHW Live Farnborough from 27-28 September. The sister show to SHW Live Manchester, this event aims to bring together HSE professionals 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, and will also be speaking at the event.

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

Changes to NEBOSH exam dates

NEBOSH have amended their assessment calendar for 2024 for the Fire, Construction and Environmental Certificate qualifications. All RRC course/exam information has been updated to reflect this. Please contact us if you have any questions.

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, Zoe Neasham, Kevin Coley and Marshel Rozario continue to add Blogs to help you with your studies. The latest offerings include:

- [A Beginner's Guide to NEBOSH](#)
- [The Calling](#)
- [Background to Environmental Permitting](#)
- [Thermal Comfort vs Thermal Stress](#)
- [Sustainable Building Design](#)
- [Health and Safety at work - qualification or qualified!](#)

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 Open Book Examinations: Learner Performance Report**

This uses the February 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.





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 change below.

Health and Safety (Offences) Act 2008

This entry has been revised in accordance with the **Sentencing Act 2020 (Magistrates' Court Sentencing Powers) (Amendment) Regulations 2023**. You can access it here:

[Health and Safety \(Offences\) Act 2008](#)

The complete Health and Safety Law and Case Law Guide (in which the change has 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 change below.

Packaging Waste (Data Reporting) (England) Regulations 2023

In the first paragraph of this entry, the reference to the equivalent Welsh regulations has been updated to read:

- “The **Packaging Waste (Data Collection and Reporting) (Wales) Regulations 2023**.”

The complete Environmental Law and Case Law Guide (in which the change has 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)

REMINDER: In July 2023, NEBOSH changed the National Diploma unit codes to DN1, DN2 and DN3. (They were formerly ND1, ND2 and ND3.)

Units DN2 and DN3

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

- *Heat at Work – Guidance for Workplaces* (Unit DN2 Learning Outcome 10.15).
- *Fire risk assessment checklist 2022* and *A guide to making your small non-domestic premises safe from fire* (Unit DN3 Learning Outcome 11.4).
- BS EN ISO 13849-1:2023 *Safety of machinery* (Unit DN3 Learning Outcome 11.8).

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments:

[National Diploma 2020 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)

Units B and C

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

- *Heat at Work – Guidance for Workplaces* (Unit B Element B10).
- *Fire risk assessment checklist 2022* and *A guide to making your small non-domestic premises safe from fire* (Unit C Element C3).
- BS EN ISO 13849-1:2023 *Safety of machinery* (Unit C Element C6).

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments:

[National Diploma 2015 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)

REMINDER: In July 2023, NEBOSH changed the International Diploma unit codes to DI1, DI2 and DI3. (They were formerly ID1, ID2 and ID3.)

Units DI2 and DI3

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

- *Heat at Work – Guidance for Workplaces* (Unit DI2 Learning Outcome 9.15).
- *Fire risk assessment checklist 2022* and *A guide to making your small non-domestic premises safe from fire* (Unit DI3 Learning Outcome 10.4).
- BS EN ISO 13849-1:2023 *Safety of machinery* (Unit DI3 Learning Outcome 10.8).

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments:

[International Diploma 2020 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)

Units IB and IC

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

- *Heat at Work – Guidance for Workplaces* (Unit IB Element IB10).
- *Fire risk assessment checklist 2022* and *A guide to making your small non-domestic premises safe from fire* (Unit IC Element IC3).
- BS EN ISO 13849-1:2023 *Safety of machinery* (Unit IC Element IC6).

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments:

[International Diploma 2015 Supplement](#)

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





NEBOSH National Diploma in Environmental Management

Unit NDEM2

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

- The **Packaging Waste (Data Collection and Reporting) (Wales) Regulations 2023** (Element 3).
- Scotland's Deposit Return Scheme (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 Certificate

NEBOSH National General Certificate (2018 Specification)

Units NG1 and NG2

A number of Case Studies have been added to Unit NG1 (in Elements 1, 2, 3 and 4).

In Unit NG2 Element 10, information has been added on the **Building Safety Act 2022**.

Please refer to the following Supplement for these additions:

[Unit NG Supplement](#)

Note: these additions have been made to RRC digital and downloadable publications.

NEBOSH International General Certificate (2018 Specification)

Unit IG1

A number of Case Studies have been added to Unit IG1 (in Elements 1, 2, 3 and 4).

Please refer to the following Supplement for these additions:

[IG1 Supplement](#)

Note: these additions have been made to RRC digital and downloadable publications.





NEBOSH Oil and Gas Certificate

Unit IOG1 Element 3

Safe Storage of Hydrocarbons

Precautions to Prevent VCEs

In this subsection, the following new paragraph has been added under **Design and Layout**:

“Explosive propagation can be increased where vapour clouds are temporarily constrained by lightweight steel panel buildings (a common method of constructing pump houses). When the panels are displaced (as found in the Buncefield incident), explosive severity is increased. Hinged panels (or doors) that fail in the open position early on in the formation of the vapour cloud reduce the intensity of the explosion.”





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	13/09/2023	25/10/2023
	11/10/2023	22/11/2023
NEBOSH National General Certificate (Open-Book Exam)		
Units: NG1	25/08/2023	04/10/2023
	22/09/2023	08/11/2023
	27/10/2023	06/12/2023
NEBOSH National/International General Certificate (Unit 2, 2018 Spec)		
Units: NG2, IG2	25/08/2023	11/10/2023
	22/09/2023	15/11/2023
	27/10/2023	13/12/2023 (IG2 all languages)
NEBOSH International General Certificate (Open-Book Exam)		
Units: IG1	25/08/2023	04/10/2023
	22/09/2023	08/11/2023
	27/10/2023	06/12/2023 (IG1 all languages)
NEBOSH Certificate in Fire Safety (Open-Book Exam)		
Unit FSC1	25/08/2023	04/10/2023
	27/10/2023	06/12/2023
	22/12/2023	07/02/2024
NEBOSH Certificate in Fire Safety (Practical Assessment)		
Unit FSC2	25/08/2023	11/10/2023
	27/10/2023	13/12/2023
	22/12/2023	14/02/2024





Course	RRC Exam Registration Closing Dates	Examination Date
Health and Safety Management for Construction (UK/International)		
Units: CN1/CI1	22/09/2023	07-08/11/2023
	01/12/2023	16-17/02/2024
NEBOSH Environmental Management Certificate (Open-Book Exam)		
Unit EMC1	22/09/2023	08/11/2023
	26/01/2024	06/03/2024
NEBOSH Environmental Management Certificate (Practical Assessment)		
Unit EMC2	22/09/2023	08/11/2023
	26/01/2024	06/03/2024
NEBOSH International Technical Certificate in Oil and Gas Operational Safety		
Unit: IOG	06/10/2023	06/12/2023
	05/01/2024	13/03/2024
NEBOSH National/International Diploma in Environmental Management		
Unit ED1	03/11/2023	08/01/2024
NEBOSH Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety		
Unit A, Unit IA	03/11/2023	09/01/2024
Unit B, Unit IB	03/11/2023	10/01/2024
Unit C, Unit IC	03/11/2023	11/01/2024
NEBOSH Diploma for Occupational Health and Safety Management Professionals		
DN1, DI1	29/12/2023	13/03/2024 to 12/04/2024
DN2, DI2	01/09/2023	15/11/2023 to 29/11/2023
DN3, DI3	03/11/2023	10/01/2024 to 24/01/2024
NEBOSH Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety/Environmental Management		
Unit DNI, Unit N/IDEM2	06/10/2023	29/11/2023

RRC Middle East

Please click the following link to access RRC Middle East to check course dates and fees for 2023.

www.rrc.co.ae

