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Welcome!

Hello and welcome to the May 2020 issue of the RRC Newsletter – Health and Safety Business. I hope this email finds you well and safe during this difficult period.

Here you'll find an overview of the most recent and important developments at RRC. As always, you can find out more information on our website: www.rrc.co.uk

NEW RRC Live Online Courses

I am very pleased to announce that we will be offering our NG, IG, PSM and IOSH Managing Safely courses through our new 'Live Online' service. This combination of e-learning and Zoom classes delivers a classroom learning environment in the comfort of your own home, and is available across the world. Each course involves 3-4 hours of live Zoom sessions a day with an experienced RRC tutor as well as full access to the online course materials.

For more information on when these courses are available, please visit:

www.rrc.co.uk/about-us/live-online-courses

NEW RRC's NEBOSH IG Course in Spanish

I'm pleased to announce that the online materials for our highly respected NEBOSH International General Certificate have been translated into Spanish. The content is exactly the same as the English version and is one of our many translated products. I'm also pleased to announce that classroom materials have been translated into Spanish and are available for when face-to-face training launches again.

For more information on the International General Certificate, please visit:

www.rrc.co.uk/nebosh/nebosh-certificate/nebosh-international-certificate

Pass Rates

At RRC, we pride ourselves on the world class teaching and excellent customer service we offer our students. Our exam results are consistently impressive, and our most recent results indicate that we had a full 100% pass rate on two of our NG1 courses and two of our IG1 courses.

I hope that you continue to follow government guidelines and stay safe, and I look forward to seeing you at an event in the near future.

All the best,

Gary Fallaize

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.

Don't worry – you will find that all the amendments noted here have been made to RRC digital and downloadable publications.

NEBOSH Resources

If you are studying for a NEBOSH qualification (**other than the new National General Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety or the new International General Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety – see Important Note below**), we would like to remind you that guidance from NEBOSH is available in the following publications, which can all be accessed from the 'Learners' area of the NEBOSH website (under 'Resources' for each relevant qualification):

- **Preparing Learners for Assessment – Certificate and Diploma Written Question Papers**

This gives advice on learning methods, revision and examination technique and is designed to boost your confidence and improve your performance in the written assessment.

- **Guidance on Command Words – Certificate Qualifications**

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

- **Guidance on Command Words – Diploma Qualifications**

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

We strongly recommend reading this guidance as part of your preparation for the exams.

Sample new-look question papers for each **NEBOSH Certificate** qualification are also available in the 'Learners' area of the NEBOSH website (under 'Resources' for each relevant qualification). You should note that the papers still contain one 20-mark question and ten 8-mark questions but are no longer divided into sections.

Important Note

The NEBOSH publications described above are not relevant to the new National General Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety (Units NG1 and NG2) or the new International General Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety (Units IG1 and IG2). These new qualifications do not make use of command words.





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.

European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020

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

[European Union \(Withdrawal Agreement\) Act 2020](#)

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992

In this entry, under the subheading **Section 156: Minimum Basic Award**, the text has been amended to read:

“Where a dismissal is unfair by virtue of section 152 or 153, the basic minimum award, before any reduction is made under section 122 of the **Employment Rights Act 1996**, shall be not less than £6,562.

Note: this figure is correct as of 6 April 2020. Compensation limits are varied annually; this figure is found in the Schedule to the **Employment Rights (Increase of Limits) Order 2020.**”

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.

Any changes required to your study elements as a result of the legislation referred to above are covered in the section on your course below.

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.

United Kingdom Withdrawal from the European Union

The following text has been added at the beginning under this heading:

“The United Kingdom withdrew from the European Union on 31 January 2020 in a process that is commonly referred to as Brexit. Key legislation covering withdrawal includes the **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018** and the **European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020**.

Many items of UK environmental legislation are based around EU requirements. The UK is currently in a transition phase until January 2021. During this period, it will follow EU requirements while negotiations take place regarding future arrangements. Technical changes to items of environmental law are being made to ensure that it continues to work effectively. Therefore, it is unlikely that there will be any significant operational changes to UK environmental law as a result of withdrawal of the UK from the EU during the transition period.”

European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020

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

[European Union \(Withdrawal Agreement\) Act 2020](#)

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.

Any changes required to your study elements as a result of the legislation referred to above are covered in the section on your course below.



NEBOSH Diploma

NEBOSH National Diploma in Environmental Management

Units ED1 and NDEM2

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

- BS 4142:2014+A1:2019 *Methods for rating and assessing industrial and commercial sound* (Unit ED1 Element 10).
- **EU Regulation No. 2019/1782** (ecodesign requirements for external power supplies) (Unit ED1 Element 12 and Unit NDEM2 Element 3).
- The withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union (Unit NDEM2 Element 3).
- Landfill tax rates from 1 April 2020 (Unit NDEM2 Element 3).
- **EU Regulation No. 617/2013 as amended** (ecodesign requirements for computers) (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

Units ED1 and IDEM2

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

- BS 4142:2014+A1:2019 *Methods for rating and assessing industrial and commercial sound* (Unit ED1 Element 10).
- **EU Regulation No. 2019/1782** (ecodesign requirements for external power supplies) (Unit ED1 Element 12 and Unit IDEM2 Element 2).
- Landfill tax rates in the UK from 1 April 2020 (Unit IDEM2 Element 2).
- **EU Regulation No. 617/2013** as amended (ecodesign requirements for computers) (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 and International General Certificate (2018 Specifications)

Units NG1 and IG1

NEBOSH have recently issued some guidance explaining how they have replaced the use of command words in their question papers with more 'everyday' language. Some example questions are included, along with advice on the breadth and depth of the answers that would be expected.

You can access the guidance here:

[Guidance from NEBOSH](#)

NEBOSH Environmental Certificate

Unit EC1

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

- Exam requirements and exam technique (Elements 1 and 6).
- Landfill tax rates in the UK from 1 April 2020 and the Environmental Bodies Credit Scheme (Element 6).

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments:

[Unit EC1 Supplement](#)

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





IEMA

IEMA Lead Environmental Auditor

Element 6

Some text in this element has been updated in relation to the withdrawal of the UK from the European Union.

Immediately before the subheading **KEY PIECES OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW**, the following new subsection has been inserted:

“United Kingdom Withdrawal from the European Union

The United Kingdom withdrew from the European Union on 31 January 2020 in a process that is commonly referred to as Brexit. Key legislation covering withdrawal includes the **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 and the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020**.

Many items of UK environmental legislation are based around EU requirements. The UK is currently in a transition phase until January 2021. During this period, it will follow EU requirements while negotiations take place regarding future arrangements. Technical changes to items of environmental law are being made to ensure that it continues to work effectively. Therefore, it is unlikely that there will be any significant operational changes to UK environmental law as a result of withdrawal of the UK from the EU during the transition period.”

Note: this change will be made to 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.

Course	RRC Exam Registration Closing Dates	Examination Date
NEBOSH Award in Health and Safety at Work/Process Industries and NEBOSH Certificate in Process Safety Management		
Units: HSW1, HSW2, HSEP1, PSM1 Call for exam venues	23/07/2020	17/09/2020
NEBOSH National Certificate		
Units: NGC1, GC2, FC1, NCC1, EC1, NHC1, NG1	01/07/2020	09/09/2020
NEBOSH International Certificate		
Units: IGC1, GC2, IFC1, ICC1, IOG, IG1	03/07/2020	09/09/2020
NEBOSH National/International Diploma in Environmental Management		
Unit ED1	06/11/2020	11/01/2021
NEBOSH Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety		
Unit A, Unit IA	06/11/2020	12/01/2021
Unit B, Unit IB	06/11/2020	13/01/2021
Unit C, Unit IC	06/11/2020	14/01/2021
NEBOSH Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety/Environmental Management		
Unit DNI, Unit N/IDEM2	03/07/2020	26/08/2020

RRC Middle East

Please click the following link to access RRC Middle East to check course dates and fees for 2020.

www.rrc.co.ae

