



Health and Safety Business

THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FROM RRC TRAINING

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Hello again and welcome to the Autumn edition of the RRC e-newsletter.

As always, we're going to fill you in on all of the recent developments at RRC, including our new range of **CITB courses** and the latest **Technical Update** available to download **FREE** from our website. We've also got news of an **exciting partnership with NEBOSH**; some much anticipated photos from the **SHP IOSH Awards 2010** (where RRC sponsored an award); and much more too – it's been a busy few months at RRC!

Finally, (last but most certainly not least) we also have a special appearance from our Managing Director Gary who provides his thoughts on Lord

Young's much publicised '**Common Sense, Common Safety**' report; a refreshing insight by someone not claiming to be a health and safety expert!

As ever, don't forget to look at the **Student Focus** section for important course updates if you are currently studying with RRC.

Best regards

David Towlson

Lead Tutor and Director of Training and Quality





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What's New

Lord Young and All That

by Gary Fallaize, Managing Director of RRC



This is the first time I've put pen to paper for our newsletter, not because I don't like communicating with those who've trusted RRC to help them in their studies, but simply because I'm not actually a safety person. David Towlson, our Director of Training (and health and safety guru), will be providing more detailed analysis (from his own unique perspective) of Lord Young's report through his blog www.rrc.co.uk/blogs.

However, as so many from the safety profession have pointed out, Lord Young is also not a safety person. It therefore seems only logical that I, an ex-accountant, should comment on his work and the response to it.

There's been much debate around the report and sometimes it's difficult to see through the PR spin and vested interests which can disguise some genuine concerns. More often, responses to the report seem to have little worth other than self promotion. Type 'Lord Young' into any Internet search engine and you get a host of returns from people publicising their comments on the report in a thinly veiled attempt to get PR capital. This noise can distract from the importance of the report and the impact it will have on the world of safety. It also misses the point of the report; that 'safety' in the UK is getting a bad name with the public, which isn't a good thing for anybody.

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The Health and Safety Executive have said little other than to support Lord Young's report and act quickly on some of its recommendations. This is to be expected (they are a government body after all) but I also think it reflects their genuine view as they have no interest other than to improve safety standards in the UK.

www.hse.gov.uk/press/2010/hse-lordyoungreport

IOSH on the other hand have swayed between antagonistic comment in the run up to the report and general agreement following its release. IOSH have unfortunately removed some of the early less supportive press releases from their website (one assumes normal housekeeping, not just to destroy the evidence). But to be fair they have been in a difficult position; trying to defend their members' interests and address what is a key debate on the future of safety.

www.iosh.co.uk/news_and_events/news/latest_news_releases/44_review_is_turning_point

The IOSH forums are still there for all to see and contain a wealth of comments on the report - I must stress that these are open forums so not all comments are from IOSH members. Too many are dismissive though, taking the 'what does he know?' and 'who is he to tell us how to do our jobs?' stance. Having said that, there are also some really good well thought out comments. Have a look for yourselves, here are two threads to get you started:

forum.iosh.co.uk/default.aspx?g=posts&t=97449

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What's New

SHP (www.shponline.co.uk) have been active (as you would expect), providing information, views and reports. The Editor's Blog makes interesting reading, even if you don't fully agree with the analysis.

shponline.wordpress.com/2010/10/15/editors-blog-reaction-to-lord-youngs-health-and-safety-review

Given that it takes three years to train and qualify to be an accountant or a marketer (which you would no doubt all agree are lesser professions than safety) what is the problem with insisting that Safety Consultants are properly qualified? Two weeks' training is obviously not enough to be a safety professional, a point plainly made by NEBOSH themselves.

www.nebosh.org.uk/content

The "safety myth" argument raised by many is itself flawed. Yes, many media-reported safety stories might not be true; yes, the media is poking fun, but perception is often more powerful than the truth so the safety myth issues have to be positively addressed. Also, a fair proportion of the bad press safety gets is not myth, just poorly trained individuals making a fool of themselves and the safety profession as a whole. It's important this is tackled both at its root cause and by positive campaigns.

www.iosh.co.uk/news_and_events/campaigns/stop_taking_the_myth

Health and safety, as it has been explained to me, is about sensible risk management and is there to protect us all. It should be embedded into the risk management of every organisation but for this to happen the profession has got to raise its game. It has to understand more about how business works so it can do more to help both the business and the workers. Lord Young's report seems to have provided a good starting point.

"Health and safety... should be embedded into the risk management of every organisation but for this to happen the profession has got to raise its game."

As I'm over my word count and appear to be entering a rant that could go on for several pages I should stop. But, before I do, I leave you with two more links. The first the report itself, the second my favourite headline on the matter.

www.number10.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/402906_CommonSense_acc.pdf

www.injuriesdirect.com/news

PS. Don't forget, our Lead Tutor and Director of Training and Quality David Towlson has published his reaction to Lord Young's report in his blog. In fact, his comments extend to three separate blog entries, the last of which is titled "Lord Young vs the Limpets, Cowboys, Knuckleheads and Numpties" - it's definitely worth a read, if only for entertainment value!

To access David's blog, just click on the following link.

www.rrc.co.uk/blogs

What's New

FREE Technical Update

The latest in our 'Technical Update' series focuses on **DSEAR** - that's the **Dangerous Substances and Explosive Atmospheres Regulations 2002** for those of you who don't know.

There's nothing new here (the Regulations have been in force for eight years) but many organisations still struggle to understand what **DSEAR** means for them. As a result, there have been several high profile prosecutions following fires and explosions in recent years, with fines under **DSEAR** including £150,000 for an international waste management company in 2009 and £10,000 for a bakeware manufacturer in 2010.

Essentially **DSEAR** requires employers to undertake risk assessments and take adequate steps in order to control the risk of fire and explosion (and mitigate the effects of any potential incidents).

However, the Regulations themselves are detailed and complex; employers need to understand exactly what constitutes a "dangerous substance" as well as the conditions which can cause a substance to ignite. It's also vital that they understand the specific requirements of the Regulations, and what their legal obligations are (as well as how to keep their employees safe, of course).

Our Technical Update provides all of this information, as well as some recent case studies which highlight the consequences of failure to comply with **DSEAR** – and the best news is that it's completely **FREE**.

It will be available to download shortly from our website. All you need to do is visit www.rrc.co.uk and then click on the 'Free Resources' area. You'll also find lots of other free downloads that you might find useful, including Technical Updates on the **Control of Artificial Optical Radiation at Work Regulations 2010**, the **Environmental Damage (Prevention and Remediation) Regulations 2009**, the **European CLP Regulation** and many more.

DSEAR Training Courses

Although RRC does not schedule regular training courses on **DSEAR**, face-to-face courses are available on demand at RRC's usual venues. In addition, if you have a group that needs training, why not let RRC come to you? Our expert tutors travel all over the world, delivering high quality training wherever it suits our clients. In-company courses can be tailored to suit the requirements of particular organisations, but course content for our standard one-day **DSEAR** course is as follows:

- Overview of legislation and scope of applicability
- Technical information on flammability
- Risk assessment
- Control measures applicable to typical scenarios, e.g. chemical storage, paint-spraying, bulk handling of powders
- Principles of hazardous area classification with simple examples
- ATEX-compliant equipment

The course is targeted at safety professionals who need a working knowledge of the subject and at line managers and engineers who might have concerns about existing or planned installations and need to carry out risk assessments to decide whether further measures are warranted.

For further information please call us on +44 (0)20 8944 3100 or e-mail: info@rrc.co.uk.



What's New

The SHP IOSH Awards 2010

The prestigious SHP IOSH Awards is an annual event that takes place in London celebrating the greatest achievements by health and safety professionals, both at an individual and organisational level.



This year the event took place on Wednesday 20th October at London's Park Lane Hilton hotel. The black tie event was a glamorous affair (yes, health and safety can be glamorous!) and provided an opportunity to award some well deserved recognition. RRC were pleased to sponsor the 'Campaign of the Year' award and our Managing Director Gary announced the winner on the night. The accolade went to Magnox North – Oldbury Site for their new Driver Safety Awareness campaign which promoted awareness of the issues and included interactive learning, something RRC are no strangers to!



Gary (second from left) presenting the award for Campaign of the Year

Other winners included Dave Joyce of the Communication Workers Union who was awarded 'Achiever of the Year' for his campaign efforts to toughen up laws in relation to dangerous dogs. The 'New Entrant' winner was Danny Plumb of British Gas and the BBC won the 'Initiative of the Year Campaign'. The final award on the night, 'IOSH Lifetime Achievement' was given to Roger Bibbings MBE.



David Towlson (far right) enjoying the champagne reception!

Over 600 guests attended the event, including several members of RRC and (more notably perhaps) Lord Young, who used his speech as an opportunity to express his hope that the recommendations contained in his recently published review of health and safety would put an end to the media-bashing of the profession.

For more information on all of the winners and to see more photos from the night, visit:

www.shponline.co.uk/shp-iosh-awards

What's New

The Evolution of RRC's Courses

Our Course Development department have been extremely busy in recent months – not only are we developing new courses (IEMA Associate Certificate, NEBOSH Oil and Gas Certificate and NEBOSH International Construction Certificate all due for development next year!) but we are also working on an extensive two year project to redevelop our existing courses.

As many of you will know, we recently launched our new and improved NEBOSH Certificate courses and the feedback we received has been really positive, so thanks to all of you who took the time to get in touch.

Now it's the turn of our NEBOSH Environmental Certificate and NEBOSH National Diploma courses. We've worked with some of our best tutors to redesign our flexible and face-to-face courses to make sure they are as effective as they can possibly be – and we are now working hard to finalise them.

So what can you expect? The same principles still apply (the courses have all been designed, written, edited and reviewed by the best experts in their fields) and we are confident that our reputation for technical accuracy will continue. But now our style matches our substance and our new resources will ensure that we deserve our reputation as being the best on the market.

In fact, our Course Development department itself has undergone a major evolution (or perhaps that should be revolution). We've come a long way since the days of typewriters, Tipp-Ex and hand-drawn diagrams in RRC's very distant past and now work closely with a talented graphic designer; state of the art publishing software; and even have our own in-house full colour production printer which prints high quality colour textbooks on demand (so you can be sure your materials are up-to-date on the day they are printed and despatched).

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Shearing

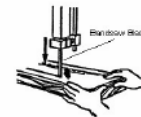
This is where a part of the body, commonly fingers, is trapped between two parts of the machine, one of which is moving over the other with some speed. The effect is like a guillotine, shearing off the part of the body which is trapped.



Shearing

Cutting or Severing

This is where a sharp-edged part of the machinery comes in contact with the person – for example, the blade of a band saw. As implied, it is a similar effect to what happens when someone cuts themselves with a knife.



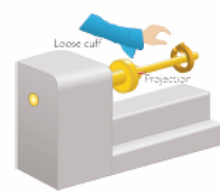
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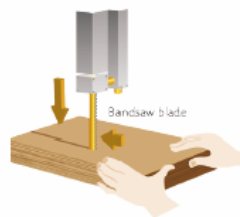
Shearing – a finger put through the spokes of the wheel will be sheared off

Entanglement – loose items such as clothing or hair get caught on a rotating machine part and the person is drawn onto the machine.



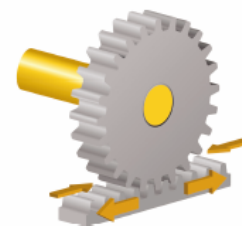
Entanglement – a loose sleeve cuff becomes entangled with the chuck of a lathe

Cutting or severing – contact is made with a moving sharp-edged part such as a blade (e.g. the blade of a band saw).



Cutting or severing – if the hands come into contact with the moving blade severe laceration or amputation will occur

Drawing in or trapping – a part of the body is caught between two moving parts and drawn into the machine, e.g. at “in-running nips” where two counter-rotating rollers meet.



Drawing in or trapping – if the rollers are touched at the in-running nip point then the hand will be drawn in by the two rollers

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We also develop our own interactive e-learning courses, including videos from NEBOSH Examiners, interactive animations and activities and exercises which really focus on important topics or those students traditionally struggle with.



Our winning combination of course development experience; educational and technical expertise; and state of the art technology has been recognised by the many training companies that buy our textbooks to use on their own courses – and even by NEBOSH (more information on our exciting partnership later).

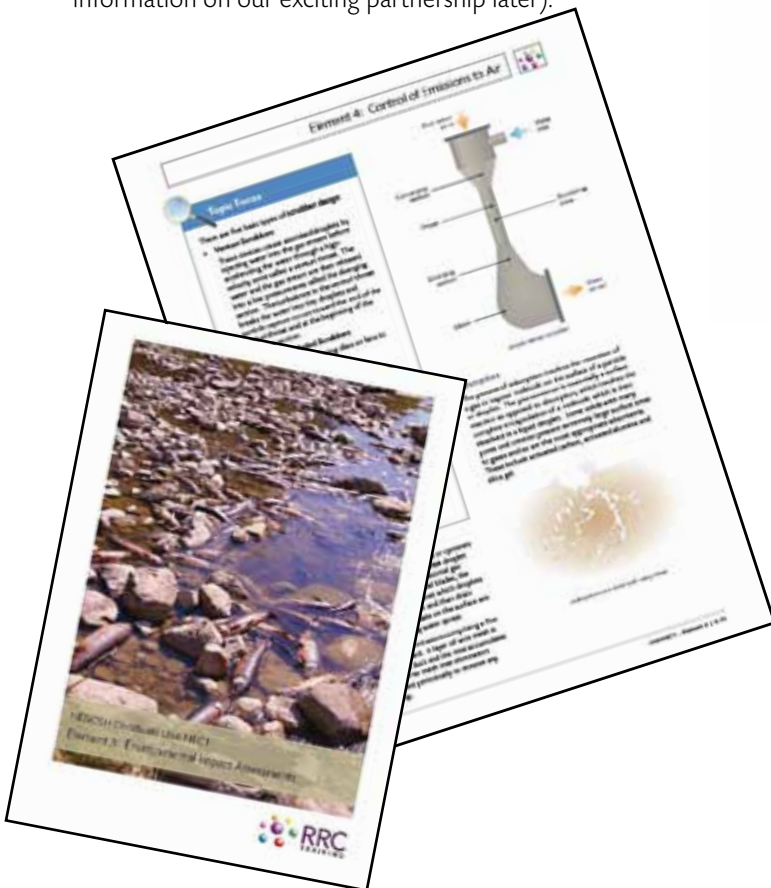
New NEBOSH Environmental Certificate and NEBOSH National Diploma Courses Coming Soon

The first drafts of our new course materials are looking really good. Our **brand new NEBOSH Environmental Certificate courses** (e-learning, distance learning and face-to-face) are due to launch later this year, with our **new NEBOSH National Diploma courses** following early next year. Stay tuned for more information.

In the meantime, we've included some sneak previews of our new Environmental Certificate material on this page.

If you want to see some samples of our other NEBOSH Certificate courses or take part in a free trial to test one of our new e-learning courses, just click on the following link and then select the 'distance learning' or 'e-learning' options.

[NEBOSH Certificate Courses](#)



What's New

NEBOSH Chooses RRC to Develop New Textbook

RRC's Course Development team were recently chosen by NEBOSH to develop the new NEBOSH textbook for the Award in Health and Safety at Work.

As you may know, at RRC we have our own in-house Course Development team who design and develop our training courses and materials. The team includes experienced editors and educationalists who work closely with our expert tutors and writers to ensure that our courses are technically accurate, effective and user-friendly. Their job is to put the students' needs first at all times, using educational principles and practices to make sure that learning is as easy as possible.

This expertise was recognised by NEBOSH and RRC's contribution has met with excellent feedback. Further information on a release date for the publication will be provided by NEBOSH in due course.



RRC are also currently offering **20% off** our own series of RRC courses for the NEBOSH Award in Health and Safety at Work. These include flexible courses (distance learning or e-learning) as well as face-to-face and in-company training. The offer is available until the end of November 2010, click here for more information:

[NEBOSH Award in Health and Safety at Work](#)

New CITB Courses

RRC are delighted to announce that we can now offer the following courses from the CITB Construction Skills Site Safety Plus Scheme:

- Health and Safety Awareness
- The Site Supervisor's Safety Training Scheme (SSSTS)
- The Site Management Safety Training Scheme (SMSTS)
- The Site Management Safety Training Scheme Refresher Course

The Construction Skills' Site Safety Plus Scheme has been designed to provide the building, civil engineering and allied industries with a framework for training and career development. The Scheme includes a series of courses, aimed at all levels of the workforce, from health and safety awareness to an intermediate level for those with supervisory or management responsibilities.

The courses will be available by Face-to-Face training and can also be delivered In-Company by one of our expert tutors.

More information will be available shortly or contact us on +44(0) 208 944 3108 or info@rrc.co.uk

Materials Handling 2011

Come and see us at the Materials Handling 2011 event at the NEC in Birmingham on the 30th and 31st March 2011. Our Director of Training, Dr David Towlson will be on hand to meet and greet those of you who visit and is looking forward to discussing relevant safety issues as well as the effectiveness of e-learning for the materials handling industry. He will also be demonstrating our e-learning system, as well as handing out free logins to a new e-learning short course we will be developing specially for the event.

Further details will follow nearer the time, but for now you can find more information by clicking on the following link:

[Materials Handling 2011](#)

We look forward to seeing you there.

Important Exam Information

NEBOSH Exam 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.

NEBOSH Certificate Exam Dates

Course	RRC Exam Registration Cut off Dates	Examination Date
NEBOSH Certificate Unit NGC1	01/01/2011	11/03/2011
NEBOSH Certificate Unit NGC2	01/01/2011	11/03/2011
NEBOSH Certificate Unit FC1	01/01/2011	10/03/2011
NEBOSH Certificate Unit NCC1	01/01/2011	10/03/2011
NEBOSH Certificate Unit IGC1	01/01/2011	09/03/2011
NEBOSH Certificate Unit IGC2	01/01/2011	09/03/2011
NEBOSH Env. Certificate Unit NEC1	01/01/2011	08/03/2011

NEBOSH National Diploma Exam Dates

Course	RRC Exam Registration Cut off Dates	Examination Date
NEBOSH National Diploma Unit A	01/05/2011	05/07/2011
NEBOSH National Diploma Unit B	01/05/2011	06/07/2011
NEBOSH National Diploma Unit C	01/05/2011	07/07/2011

NEBOSH International Diploma Exam Dates

Course	RRC Exam Registration Cut off Dates	Examination Date
NEBOSH International Diploma Unit IA	01/05/2011	05/07/2011
NEBOSH International Diploma Unit IB	01/05/2011	06/07/2011
NEBOSH International Diploma Unit IC	01/05/2011	07/07/2011

NEBOSH Diploma in Environmental Management Exam Dates

Course	RRC Exam Registration Cut off Dates	Examination Date
NEBOSH Environmental Diploma	01/04/2011	09/06/2011

RRC Middle East

Please click the following link to access RRC Middle East to check course dates and fees for 2011.

www.rrc.com.bh



Student Focus

This is the section of the e-newsletter where we focus on any important updates to your course. Please review the following carefully for anything which may impact your studies.

All Students on National (UK) Courses The RRC Health and Safety Law Guide

We have recently updated our Health and Safety Law and Case Law Guide to include the Control of Artificial Optical Radiation at Work Regulations 2010 and the Equality Act 2010. If you are studying a national (UK) course you should add the following entries to your Health and Safety Law and Case Law Guide:

[Control of Artificial Optical Radiation at Work Regulations 2010](#)

[Equality Act 2010](#)

The following Acts have been repealed by the **Equality Act 2010** which now incorporates all the provisions on discrimination.

- Disability Discrimination Act 1995
- Race Relations Act 1976
- Sex Discrimination Act 1975

You should note that these amendments have already been included in the online version of the Health and Safety Law and Case Law Guide which can be accessed via your e-Zone Library.

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.

The RRC Environmental Law Guide

We have recently updated our Environmental Law Guide to include the **Air Quality Standards Regulations 2010**, the **CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme Order 2010** and the **Flood and Water Management Act 2010**. If you are studying a national (UK) course you should replace the entry on the **Air Quality Standards Regulations 2007** in your Environmental Law Guide with the following entry:

[Air Quality Standards Regulations 2010](#)

You should also add the following entries to your Environmental Law Guide:

[CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme Order 2010](#)

[Flood and Water Management Act 2010](#)

You should note that these amendments have already been included in the online version of the Environmental Law Guide which can be accessed via your e-Zone Library.

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 National Diploma

Unit A - Element A7

You may be aware that many of the provisions of the Equality Act 2010 came into force on 1st October 2010. We will be updating the study material to reflect this new legislation but in the meantime you may find it useful to refer to the following brief summary:

[Unit A Summary](#)

Unit B - Element B8

We have recently updated the section on Non-Ionising Radiation in this element to reflect the **Control of Artificial Optical Radiation at Work Regulations 2010**. The main changes are in the Measurement subsection (Optical and Lasers) and the Controls subsection (Assessment of Risks and Protection from Ultraviolet Radiation). The Revision Questions and Suggested Answers remain unchanged.

Please click on the following link to access the updated section.

[Unit B Update](#)

Students on e-learning courses should note that this updated section has already been included in the online version of the course materials.

The proposed timeline for the change from the Health Protection Agency to the Health Protection Service is 2012; the HPA remains a statutory body for the time being. The study material for this element will be updated further when this change comes into effect.



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Unit C

Element C3

EU Regulation 744/2010 has amended **EU Regulation 1005/2009** to continue the use of specific halons (1301, 1211 and 2402) for critical uses (e.g. military, aircraft, nuclear power and Channel Tunnel). Cut-off dates are identified when the halons must no longer be present in new equipment (the latest being 2014) and also for decommissioning of equipment containing the halons (the latest being 2040).

Element C10

The **Environmental Civil Sanctions (Wales) Order 2010** came into force on 15th July 2010 and establishes the same civil sanctions regime in Wales as is established by the **Environmental Civil Sanctions (England) Order 2010**. The only major difference between the two Orders is that the Welsh Order is enforced by the Environment Agency (EA) alone, with no enforcement powers being conferred on the Countryside Council for Wales (the equivalent of Natural England). The civil sanctions available to the EA under the Welsh Order are identical.

NEBOSH International Diploma

Unit IB

We have recently updated the section on Non-Ionising Radiation in this element to cover the UK's **Control of Artificial Optical Radiation at Work Regulations 2010**. The main changes are in the Measurement and Exposure Standards subsection (Optical and Lasers) and the Controls subsection (Assessment of Risks). The Revision Questions and Suggested Answers remain unchanged.

Please click on the following link to access the updated section.

[Diploma Unit IB Update](#)

Students on e-learning courses should note that this updated section has already been included in the online version of the course materials.

The proposed timeline for the change in the UK from the Health Protection Agency to the Health Protection Service is 2012; the HPA remains a UK statutory body for the time being. The study material for this element will be updated further when this change comes into effect.

Unit IC

Elements IC2, IC5 and IC9

We have recently made some amendments to the study material for these elements to include:

- Additional material on Boiling Liquid Expanding Vapour Explosions (BLEVE) and the incident at the PEMEX LPG terminal at San Juan Ixhuatepe, Mexico City, in 1984.
- Clarification of the terms:
 - Fire prevention and fire protection.
 - Explosion prevention and explosion protection.
- The application of non-destructive testing techniques to the inspection of a new chemical plant.
- Choosing the appropriate independent tied scaffold for the job and general safeguards for its use.
- Suspension trauma (or orthostatic intolerance) due to suspension in a harness for an extended period.

Please refer to the Supplement by clicking on the following link.

[Diploma Unit IC Supplement](#)

Students on e-learning courses should note that these amendments have already been included in the online version of the course materials.

NEBOSH National Diploma in Environmental Management

We have recently updated the course material to cover the following:

- Forthcoming abolition of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution (Element 3).
- Coming into force of the **Environmental Civil Sanctions (Wales) Order 2010** (Element 5).
- Amendments made by the **Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (Amendment) Regulations 2010** (Element 9).
- Replacement of the **Air Quality Standards Regulations 2007** by the **Air Quality Standards Regulations 2010** (Element 10).
- Cut-off dates for the use of halons (Elements 10 and 13).
- Introduction of the **Flood and Water Management Act 2010** (Element 11).
- Amendments made by the **Planning (Hazardous Substances)(Amendment) (England) Regulations 2010** (Element 13).

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- Introduction of the **Aviation Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme Regulations 2010** (Element 15).

Please refer to the Supplement by clicking on the following link.

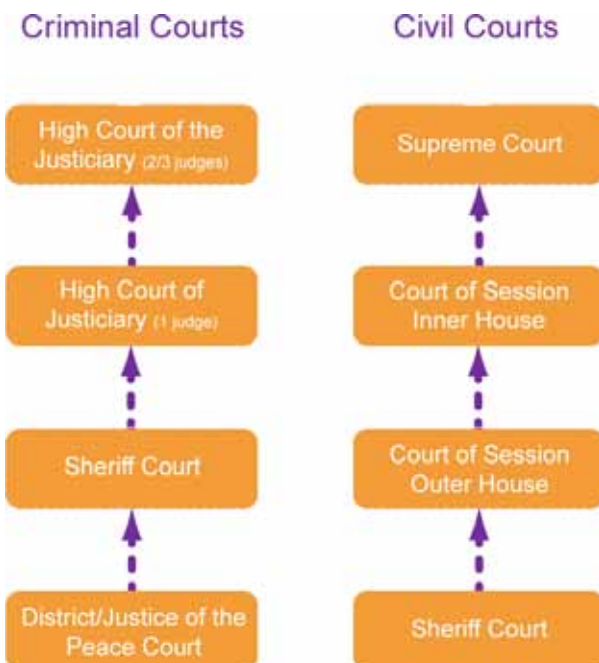
[ED1 Supplement](#)

Students on e-learning courses should note that these updating amendments have already been included in the online version of the course materials.

NEBOSH National General Certificate

Unit NGC1 Element 1

We have updated the Criminal and Civil Courts in Scotland diagram in Element 1 of NGC1 (see below). This update reflects the fact that for criminal cases heard in the High Court of Justiciary (with 1 judge sitting) the final court of appeal will usually be the same court but with 2 or 3 judges sitting, depending on the case. In exceptional circumstances the final court of appeal may be the Supreme Court, but this is very unlikely in cases relating to health and safety.”



NEBOSH Construction Certificate

Unit NCC1

We have recently updated the course material for NCC1 Element 9 to cover the **Control of Artificial Optical Radiation at Work Regulations 2010**.

Please refer to the Supplement by clicking on the following link.

[Unit NCC1 Supplement](#)

Students on e-learning courses should note that these updating amendments have already been included in the online version of the course materials.

NEBOSH National Certificate in Environmental Management

Unit NEC1

We have recently updated the course material for Unit NEC1 to cover the following:

- Forthcoming abolition of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution (Element 1).
- Coming into force of the **Environmental Civil Sanctions (Wales) Order 2010** (Element 1).
- Replacement of the **Air Quality Standards Regulations 2007** by the **Air Quality Standards Regulations 2010** (Element 4).

Please refer to the Supplement by clicking on the following link.

[NEC1 Supplement](#)

Students on e-learning courses should note that these updating amendments have already been included in the online version of the course materials.