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

This edition includes information about the Open and Distance Learning Quality Council's exciting new online blog, Quodlibs, as well as news of the latest Technical Update from RRC which is now available to download for free.

Regular readers may notice that we have revised our e-newsletter format and this month bring you a streamlined version designed to tackle the increasing problem of information overload. The next few months promise to deliver an exciting time at RRC with more improvements on the way - stay in touch to keep on top of all the latest developments.

As ever, don't forget to look at the Student Focus if you are currently studying with RRC – this section contains useful information about forthcoming exam registration dates as well as details of important updates to our courses.

Best regards

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What's New

Quodlibs - New ODL QC Blog Now Available

The Open and Distance Learning Quality Council have recently announced exciting news of a blog which is now available online.

Written by David Morley, the Chief Executive of the ODL QC, "Quodlibs" features a wide range of topics related to open and distance learning and also provides the opportunity for interaction and commentary.

According to David himself, "Quodlibs is personal: all opinions in Quodlibs are my own, and not necessarily those of ODL QC".

The result is an interesting and candid examination of educational talking points which is sure to develop into a lively forum for discussion and debate.

Quodlibs already has several entries, ranging from the controversial subject of school league tables to a piece on the future of Internet search engines and the role they could play in the provision of educational courses.

For more information and to browse through Quodlibs yourself, click on the following link:

<http://www.odlqc-blog.org.uk/>



New Technical Update – Download Now for Free

The **Supply of Machinery (Safety) Regulations 2008**

were originally announced in June 2008 but finally came into force at the end of December 2009.

Essentially, they establish several key

requirements designed to ensure that machinery is safe before it becomes available for use - the regulations mainly apply to machinery manufacturers but we all benefit from their enforcement.

For more information on the **Supply of Machinery (Safety) Regulations 2008**, including a concise explanation of what they are really all about and how they could affect you, simply visit the RRC website www.rrc.co.uk and download the latest Technical Update from the 'Free Resources' area.

This Technical Update is the latest in a series of popular titles, all of which are available to download for free. Other subjects include the **European Classification, Labelling and Packaging Regulation (EC 1272/2008)**, the **Regulatory Fire Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005**, the **Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2007** and the **Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) Regulation (EC 1907/2006)**.

It can often be a hard task getting to grips with the intricate detail of complicated legislation – RRC's Technical Updates are designed to provide you with the key information in an easily-digestible nutshell! We hope you find them useful.





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	01/04/2010	11/06/2010
NEBOSH Certificate Unit NGC2	01/04/2010	11/06/2010
NEBOSH Certificate Unit FC1	01/04/2010	10/06/2010
NEBOSH Certificate Unit NCC1	01/04/2010	10/06/2010
NEBOSH Certificate Unit IGC1	01/04/2010	09/06/2010
NEBOSH Certificate Unit IGC2	01/04/2010	09/06/2010
NEBOSH Env. Certificate Unit NEC1	01/04/2010	08/06/2010

NEBOSH National Diploma Exam Dates

Course	RRC Exam Registration Cut off Dates	Examination Date
NEBOSH National Diploma Unit A	01/05/2010	06/07/2010
NEBOSH National Diploma Unit B	01/05/2010	07/07/2010
NEBOSH National Diploma Unit C	01/05/2010	08/07/2010

NEBOSH International Diploma Exam Dates

Course	RRC Exam Registration Cut off Dates	Examination Date
NEBOSH International Diploma Unit IA	01/05/2010	06/07/2010
NEBOSH International Diploma Unit IB	01/05/2010	07/07/2010
NEBOSH International Diploma Unit IC	01/05/2010	08/07/2010

NEBOSH Diploma in Environmental Management Exam Dates

Course	RRC Exam Registration Cut off Dates	Examination Date
NEBOSH Environmental Diploma	01/04/2010	10/06/2010

RRC Middle East

Please click the following link to access RRC Middle East to check course dates and fees for 2010.

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

Following the transfer of the appeal court functions of the appellate committee of the House of Lords to the Supreme Court, with effect from 1st October 2009 (see the Autumn 2009 e-newsletter), the court hierarchy is now as follows:

[Criminal Court Diagrams for England and Wales and Scotland](#)

[Civil Court Diagrams for England and Wales and Scotland](#)

If you are studying a national (UK) course, you should amend references in your study material to the “House of Lords” **in the context of the appellate function** to “Supreme Court” to reflect the change outlined and illustrated above. Remember that the function of the House of Lords in the parliamentary law-making process remains unchanged.

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

The RRC Environmental Law Guide

We have recently updated our Environmental Law Guide to include the **Groundwater (England and Wales) Regulations 2009**. The **Groundwater Regulations 1998** have been revoked. If you are studying a national (UK) course you should replace the entry on these in your Environmental Law Guide with the following entry:

[Groundwater \(England and Wales\) Regulations 2009](#)

We have also updated our Environmental Law Guide to take account of the **Water Resources Act 1991 (Amendment)(England and Wales) Regulations 2009**, the **Nitrate Pollution Prevention (Amendment) Regulations 2009** and the **Environmental Damage (Prevention and Remediation)(Amendment) Regulations 2009**.

If you are studying a national (UK) course you should replace the relevant entries in your Environmental Law Guide with the following revised entries:

[Water Resources Act 1991](#)

[Nitrate Pollution Prevention Regulations 2008](#)

[Environmental Damage \(Prevention and Remediation\) Regulations 2009](#)

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 Regulations referred to above are covered in the section on your course below.

The RRC Health and Safety Law Guide

We have recently updated our Health and Safety Law Guide to take account of the **Supply of Machinery (Safety) Regulations 2008** and the **Environmental Damage (Prevention and Remediation) Regulations 2009**.

If you are studying a national (UK) course you should replace the relevant entries in your Health and Safety Law Guide with the following revised entries:

[Environmental Damage \(Prevention and Remediation\) Regulations 2009](#)

[Supply of Machinery \(Safety\) Regulations 2008](#)

NEBOSH National Diploma

Unit A Element 3

We have recently revised a short section of our material on Fault Tree Analysis and Event Tree Analysis. The changes made were for the purposes of clarification rather than amendment but students may find it helpful to replace the relevant section of course material with the following section.

[Fault Tree Analysis and Event Tree Analysis](#)



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Your Suggested Answer for Revision Question 6 has also been updated (students who have not yet completed the Revision Questions for this Element should do so before reading the Suggested Answers).

Suggested Answer - Update

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

Unit C Element 1

We have recently revised the section on First-Aid Provision in this element to reflect the revised guidance from the HSE which came into effect on 1st October 2009. Please replace this section in your copy of the element with the following:

First-Aid Provision

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

Unit C Element 3

We have recently revised the subsection on Maintenance of fire extinguishers in this element to reflect BS 5306-3:2009 *Fire extinguishing installations and equipment on premises. Commissioning and maintenance of portable fire extinguishers. Code of practice*. Please replace this subsection in your copy of the element (in the section on Portable Fire-Fighting Equipment) with the following revised subsection on Inspection and Maintenance.

Inspection and Maintenance

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

Unit C Element 5

We have recently revised a section of our course material in order to reflect the **Supply of Machinery (Safety) Regulations 2008**, which came into effect in December 2009. You may find it useful to refer to the free Technical Update on these Regulations, as detailed in the main content

of this e-newsletter.

Please replace the section of your material from the main heading "Selection" to the end of the main heading "Duties in Respect of Machinery, Pressure Systems and Electricity on Manufacturers and Suppliers" with the following revised material.

National Diploma Unit C Element 5 - Update

A minor amendment is also required to the subsection on "Design of Controls and Emergency Controls" in the main section on "Ergonomic, Anthropometric and Human Reliability Considerations". In the third paragraph of this subsection the reference to "Schedule 3 of the **Supply of Machinery (Safety) Regulations 1992 (as amended)**" should be changed to "**Schedule 2 of the Supply of Machinery (Safety) Regulations 2008**". The criteria listed below remains the same.

Finally, your Suggested Answers for Questions 4, 5, 7 and 8 have also been updated with the following material (students who have not yet completed the Revision Questions for this Element should do so before reading the Suggested Answers).

National Diploma Unit C Element 5 Suggested Answers - Update

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

Unit C Element 10

The **Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Regulations 2006** have been amended by the **Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (Amendment) Regulations 2009**. No amendments to your study material are necessary other than to add the words "as amended" to the title of the 2006 Regulations.

The **Environmental Damage (Prevention and Remediation) Regulations 2009** have been amended by the **Environmental Damage (Prevention and Remediation) (Amendment) Regulations 2009**. No amendments to your study material are necessary other than to add the words "as amended" to the title of the original 2009 Regulations.



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

NEBOSH International Diploma

Unit IA Element 3

We have recently revised a short section of our material on Fault Tree Analysis and Event Tree Analysis. The changes made were for the purposes of clarification rather than amendment but students may find it helpful to replace the relevant section of course material with the following section.

Fault Tree Analysis and Event Tree Analysis

Your Suggested Answer for Revision Question 6 has also been updated (students who have not yet completed the Revision Questions for this Element should do so before reading the Suggested Answers).

Suggested Answer – Update

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

NEBOSH National Diploma in Environmental Management

Unit ED1

We have recently made some additions and amendments to the study material for Unit ED1 to cover:

- The Copenhagen Accord.
- The **Groundwater (England and Wales) Regulations 2009** which revoke the 1998 Regulations.
- The **Environmental Damage (Prevention and Remediation) Regulations 2009**.
- The **Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (Amendment) Regulations 2009**.
- **EU Regulation 1005/2009** on substances that deplete the ozone layer and the **Environmental Protection (Controls on Ozone-Depleting Substances) Regulations 2010**.

- Additional measurement devices used to determine the amount of a substance in a sample of contaminated air.
- The **Nitrate Pollution Prevention (Amendment) Regulations 2009**.
- The **Water Resources Act 1991 (Amendment)(England and Wales) Regulations 2009**.
- Additional information on water quality standards and objectives and biological monitoring.
- Measures to reduce adverse impacts on biodiversity.

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

[National Diploma in Environmental Management - Supplement](#)

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

NEBOSH National General Certificate

Unit NGC1 Element 6

We have recently revised the section on First-Aid in this element to reflect the revised guidance from the HSE which came into effect on 1st October 2009. Please replace this section in your copy of the element with the following:

First-Aid

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

Unit NGC2 Element 6

Please add the following text on the use of personal dust samplers to your copy of this element:

Procedure for Using a Personal Dust Sampler

It should be added to the main section entitled "Basic Surveys for Health Risks", at the end of



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the subsection on “Dust Monitoring Equipment” and before the start of the next main section (“Occupational Exposure Limits”).

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

NEBOSH International General Certificate

Unit IGC2 Element 6

Please add the following text on the use of personal dust samplers to your copy of this element:

Procedure for Using a Personal Dust Sampler

It should be added to the main section entitled “Risks Associated with Hazardous Substances”, at the end of the subsection on “Dust Monitoring Equipment” and just before the Revision Questions.

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

NEBOSH National Fire Certificate

Unit FC1 Element 4

We have recently reviewed our course material in the light of BS 5306-3:2009 *Fire extinguishing installations and equipment on premises. Commissioning and maintenance of portable fire extinguishers. Code of practice*. Some small amendments have consequently been made to the section entitled “Selection Procedures for Basic Fire Extinguishing Methods (Life Risk and Process Risk)”, in the subsection “Maintenance of Portable Fire-Fighting Equipment”. Please replace the bullet point on ‘Extended Service’ with the following:

- **Extended Service or Overhaul** (depending on the extinguisher)

This is where part of the service is testing the intended operation of the extinguisher by actually discharging the contents (as you would do in the event of a real fire). Discharge intervals are generally every five years (ten years for primary sealed powder type).

Instead of an extended service, carbon dioxide and halon extinguishers undergo an overhaul every ten years. An overhaul includes a test discharge and also a pressure test of the extinguisher body.

It is generally recommended that fire extinguishers should be replaced once they reach 20 years old.

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

NEBOSH National Certificate in Environmental Management

Unit NEC1

We have recently made some small additions and amendments to the study material for Elements 1 and 5 of Unit NEC1 to cover:

- Significant impacts of deforestation on the environment.
- Conditions under which enforcement notices may be served.
- Sources of pollutants which may cause increased BOD in surface waters.

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

[National Certificate in Environmental Management - Supplement](#)

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