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Welcome!

Hello and welcome to the February/March 2021 issue of the RRC Newsletter – Health and Safety Business. I hope this email finds you safe and well.

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 NEBOSH Fire Certificate

NEBOSH have recently (1 March) launched their new Fire Certificate course. The new syllabus is designed to provide a shorter, more targeted fire safety qualification. It removes the link from N/IGC1 and the assessment is reduced to one exam - a scenario-based Open Book Exam - and a practical assessment. This means there is no need to attend an examination centre.

The course length has consequently been significantly reduced to 48 hours (5 days), previously 120 (9 days).

For more information, see www.rrc.co.uk/nebosh/nebosh-certificate/nebosh-certificate-in-fire-safety.aspx. Keep an eye on this page as sample materials and an Online Course demo will be added soon.

NEW Wellbeing Course

NEBOSH launched a new [Working with Wellbeing](#) course on 22 February. The course is an introductory level qualification that looks at workplace wellbeing at both an individual and organisational level. It is designed for those who wish to gain a greater understanding of workplace wellbeing and the factors which affect it, including people that work in human resources, health and safety, occupational health or anyone with people management responsibilities. RRC are currently developing Online, Live Online and Classroom courses for this and they will be available in the Autumn.

Blogs for Those who Couldn't do January Diploma Exams

For those of you who were unable to sit your January NEBOSH Diploma Health & Safety and Environmental Management exams, our Lead Tutors have written some blog posts to help with further studies and revision for the next exam sitting. You can view the Health & Safety blogs [here](#), and the Environmental Management blogs [here](#).

Classroom Courses

We have made the difficult decision to suspend most of our classroom courses for the next couple of months. This is to ensure the safety of our learners, tutors and staff. Most of our courses are available as Online or Live Online courses. Please keep an eye on our website for upcoming course dates or contact us for more information.



Events

The latest news on the pandemic in England is looking promising with the rollout of the vaccines well underway and the easing of the lockdown planned over the coming months. I hope to see you at an event soon. Please keep an eye on our website for details of where we will be exhibiting in 2021.

As always, please ensure you 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.

Don't worry – all the amendments noted here will be made to RRC digital and downloadable publications shortly.

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):

- **Guidance on Command Words – 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, NGC1 or IGC1.)

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

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

- **Sample New-Look Question Papers**

These show the current format for paper-based, invigilated exams at Certificate level. They are no longer divided into sections but still contain one 20-mark question and ten 8-mark questions.

(Note: not relevant to Units NG1, IG1, NGC1 or IGC1.)

- **Open Book Examinations: Learner Guide**

This gives guidance on the new Open Book Examinations for Certificate Units NG1, IG1, NGC1 and IGC1.

(Note: not relevant to any other Certificate units.)

- **Open Book Examinations: Learner Feedback**

This uses the August 2020 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, IG1, NGC1 and IGC1.)

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 exams.





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 change below.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme Order 2020

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

[Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme Order 2020](#)

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.

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 Units A and B – Minor Syllabus Changes

You should note that, **with effect from 1 June 2021**, NEBOSH will no longer examine the following topics:

- **In Unit A, Element A2:**
 - European Directives and Regulations (in section A2.1 under “Sources of law”).
 - The role of the European Union – the whole content of section A2.3.
 - The European Court of Justice (its functions, jurisdiction and powers in section A2.5).
- **In Unit B, Element B1:**
 - Fitness to work standards (in section B1.2).
 - Managing long-term and short-term frequent sickness absence/incapacity for work (with reference to PH19 – NICE) in section B1.2.

RRC materials will be updated in due course.





NEBOSH International Diploma Unit IB – Minor Syllabus Changes

You should note that, **with effect from 1 June 2021**, NEBOSH will no longer examine the following topics:

- **In Unit IB, Element IB1:**

- Fitness to work standards (in section IB1.2).
- Managing long-term and short-term frequent sickness absence/incapacity for work (with reference to PH19 – NICE) in section IB1.2.

RRC materials will be updated in due course.

NEBOSH National Diploma in Environmental Management

Units ED1 and NDEM2

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

- EMAS (Unit ED1 Element 3).
- The UK Emissions Trading Scheme (Unit ED1 Elements 4 and 12 and Unit NDEM2 Element 3).
- **UK REACH** (Unit ED1 Element 4 and Unit NDEM2 Element 3).
- A management hierarchy for greenhouse gases (Unit ED1 Element 8).
- **GB CLP** (Unit ED1 Element 11 and Unit NDEM2 Element 3).
- The withdrawal of the UK from the European Union (Unit NDEM2 Element 3).
- The identification of hazardous waste (Unit NDEM2 Element 3).
- The **Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Regulations 2007** and recycling targets (Unit NDEM2 Element 3).
- Obligations on distributors of WEEE (Unit NDEM2 Element 3).
- The regulation of pesticides and biocides (Unit NDEM2 Element 3).
- Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) and Special Protection Areas (SPAs) (Unit NDEM2 Element 3).
- The UK's National Determined Contribution (NDC) under the Paris Agreement (Unit NDEM2 Element 3).

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments:

[NED Supplement](#)

Note: these changes will be made shortly in RRC digital and downloadable publications.





NEBOSH Interational Diploma in Environmental Management

Units ED1 and IDEM2

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

- EMAS (Unit ED1 Element 3).
- The UK Emissions Trading Scheme (Unit ED1 Elements 4 and 12).
- **UK REACH** (Unit ED1 Element 4).
- A management hierarchy for greenhouse gases (Unit ED1 Element 8).
- **GB CLP** (Unit ED1 Element 11).
- The EU's SCIP database for substances of very high concern (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 (2014 Specification)

Unit NGC1 – Minor Syllabus Change

You should note that, **with effect from 1 June 2021**, NEBOSH will no longer examine the following topic in Element 1:

The influence and role of the European Union in harmonising health and safety standards (in section 1.3 under “The legal framework for the regulation of health and safety”).

Until that date, however, it is still part of the syllabus and remains relevant to your studies.

NEBOSH National Construction and National Fire Certificates

Unit NGC1 – Minor Syllabus Change

See above for **National General Certificate**.





NEBOSH Environmental Certificate

Unit EC1

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

- A management hierarchy for greenhouse gases (Element 1).
- EMAS (Element 2).

You should also note that there is a **minor change to the syllabus with effect from 1 June 2021**.

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments and the minor syllabus change:

[EC1 Supplement](#)

Note: these changes will be made shortly in 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	02/04/2021	02/06/2021
NEBOSH National General Certificate (Open-Book Exam)		
Units: NG1, NGC1	26/02/2021 30/04/21	07/04/2021 09/06/21
NEBOSH National Certificate		
Units: GC2, FC1, NCC1, EC1, NHC1	02/04/2021	02/06/2021
NEBOSH International General Certificate (Open-Book Exam)		
Units: IG1, IGC1	26/02/2021 30/04/2021	07/04/2021 09/06/21
NEBOSH International Certificate		
Units: GC2, IFC1, ICC1, IOG	02/04/2021	02/06/2021
NEBOSH National/International Diploma in Environmental Management		
Unit ED1	07/05/2021	05/07/2021
NEBOSH Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety		
Unit A, Unit IA	07/05/2021	06/07/2021
Unit B, Unit IB	07/05/2021	07/07/2021
Unit C, Unit IC	07/05/2021	08/07/2021
NEBOSH Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety/Environmental Management		
Unit DNI, Unit N/IDEM2	02/04/2021	26/05/2021

RRC Middle East

Please click the following link to access RRC Middle East to check course dates and fees for 2021.

www.rrc.co.ae

