

## December 2023

### Welcome!

Hello and welcome to the December 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](http://www.rrc.co.uk)

### RRC to Close Middle East Office

We will be closing our office in Dubai on 31 December 2023. All business operations will be managed from our head office in the UK.

More information can be found [here](#).

### SHW Live North - 23-24 January 2024, Manchester Central

Our first trade show of the 2024 calendar is SHW Live North, in Manchester from 23-24 January. The event aims to bring together the HSE community in the north for 2 days of interesting and insightful talks, as well as an opportunity to reconnect with the HSE community. As Founding Partners, RRC are delighted to be supporting these events focused on bringing regional HSE communities together.

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

### Occupational Safety & Health Forum

On 7 February 2024, we will be attending the Occupational Safety & Health Forum at the Hilton in Canary Wharf. This event gives you the opportunity to meet with our Head of Customer and Corporate Services, Nick McLaren, with pre-arranged meeting slots. More information can be found [here](#).

There will be more trade shows throughout the year and you can keep up with where we are [here](#).

### 2024 Course Dates

All of our 2024 classroom and live online course dates are available. You can view the upcoming dates for your chosen course on the course page on our website. Online courses can be started at any time.



## Christmas Closing

The office will be closing early on Friday 22 December 2023 for the Christmas break. We are aware that not all of our customers and learners celebrate Christmas and we will therefore only be closed for the UK bank holidays (25-26 December 2023 and 1 January 2024).

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 National and International General Certificates in Occupational Health and Safety Assessments: Learner Performance Report May 2023**

This uses the May 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 changes below.

#### Fire Safety (England) Regulations 2022

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

[Fire Safety \(England\) Regulations 2022](#)

#### Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005

Changes made by the **Building Safety Act 2022** have been added to this entry. You can access the additional text here:

[Changes Made by the Building Safety Act 2022 extract](#)

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.





## 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

At the end of this entry, the following new paragraph has been added:

“The **Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023** allows for the amendment of retained EU law (REUL), so that laws that are appropriate to the UK will remain in the legal system. Its powers allow for REUL to be revoked, replaced, restated or amended.”

### Environmental Offences (Fixed Penalties) (England) Regulations 2017

In this entry, the first paragraph has been amended to read:

“These Regulations state the ranges of fixed penalties that can be issued by local authorities. They cover issues such as littering, free distribution of printed matter on designated land and graffiti and fly-posting. The range is not less than £65 and not more than £500 (fines changed by the **Environmental Offences (Fixed Penalties) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2023**).”

### Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016

In this entry, at the end of the section headed **Introduction**, the following new paragraph has been added:

“The **Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2023** make changes to the regulations covering a broad range of areas. Key changes include:

- Adding to the definition of mobile plant.
- Requiring the following of general binding rules for small-scale sewage discharges.
- New definitions for mobile plant (part B mobile plant, waste mobile plant, mobile medium combustion plant and groundwater mobile plant).
- Closed loop ground source heating/cooling systems and low environmental risk burials at new cemeteries or new extensions to cemeteries are exempt from an environmental permit.”

### Environmental Protection Act 1990

In this entry, under the heading **Section 34A: Fixed Penalty Notices**, the second paragraph has been amended to read:

“Fixed penalty notices may be served where a person has failed to comply with a duty to furnish documents. Once the fixed penalty has been accepted, proceedings cannot be instigated for prosecution.”

### Environmental Protection (Microbeads) (England) Regulations 2017

In this entry, the fourth and fifth paragraphs have been amended to read:

“Non-compliance with the Regulations can lead to a civil sanction such as a fixed monetary penalty of £200 or £100 if paid within 28 days (added by a later amendment), stop notice, compliance notice and enforcement undertakings (Regulation 7). Failure to comply with a stop notice is an offence (Schedule). Appeal relating to a civil sanction is to a first-tier tribunal.

Regulators can recover the cost of enforcement for the issue of a fixed monetary penalty, compliance notice or stop notice (Schedule). The Regulations give enforcement officers the powers to carry out investigations into non-compliance with the Regulations (Regulation 8).”



**Environmental Protection (Plastic Plates etc. and Polystyrene Containers etc.) (England) Regulations 2023**

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

[Environmental Protection \(Plastic Plates etc. and Polystyrene Containers etc.\) \(England\) Regulations 2023](#)

**Environmental Protection (Plastic Straws, Cotton Buds and Stirrers) (England) Regulations 2020**

In this entry, in the section headed **Schedule**, the first paragraph has been amended to read:

“Civil sanctions that may be issued for non-compliance include fixed monetary penalties of £200 or £100 if paid within 28 days (added by a later amendment), compliance notices, third party undertakings and enforcement undertakings. A monetary penalty may be issued where a person fails to comply with a compliance notice or a third party undertaking.”

The third paragraph now reads:

“Regulators may recover the cost of enforcement in the case of fixed monetary penalties, compliance notices and stop notices.”

**Packaging Waste (Data Reporting) (England) Regulations 2023**

In this entry, immediately before the section heading **Part 1: General (Regulations 1 to 14)**, the following new paragraph has been inserted:

“The **Packaging Waste (Data Reporting) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2023**, **Packaging Waste (Data Reporting) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023** and the **Packaging Waste (Data Reporting) (No. 2) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2023** corrected minor errors and omissions to the principal regulations.”

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.





## NEBOSH Diploma

### NEBOSH National Diploma for Occupational Health and Safety Management Professionals (2020 Specification)

#### Unit DN2 Learning Outcome 10.8

##### A Note About CE Marking

The UK Government has announced that it intends to extend recognition of the CE marking for placing most goods on the market in Great Britain, indefinitely, beyond December 2024. Businesses will have the flexibility and choice to use either the UKCA or CE mark when selling products in Great Britain.

The change in policy does not currently extend to construction products, although it does include construction machinery. Construction products are due to require UKCA marking after 30 June 2025.

#### Unit DN3

Some text in this unit has been updated in relation to the withdrawal of guidance note INDG382 and its replacement by online guidance (Learning Outcome 11.12). Information has also been provided about new fire safety regulations guidance (Learning Outcome 11.4) and CE marking (Learning Outcome 11.8).

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments and the information:

##### [Unit DN3 Supplement](#)

**Note:** the amendments have been made in RRC digital and downloadable publications.

### NEBOSH National Diploma for Occupational Health and Safety Management Professionals (2015 Specification)

#### Unit B Element B3

##### A Note About CE Marking

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### Unit C

Some text in this unit has been updated in relation to the withdrawal of guidance note INDG382 and its replacement by online guidance (Element C10). Information has also been provided about new fire safety regulations guidance (Element C3) and CE marking (Element C6).

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments and the information:

[Unit C Supplement](#)

**Note:** the amendments have been made in RRC digital and downloadable publications.

## NEBOSH International Diploma for Occupational Health and Safety Management Professionals (2020 Specification)

### Unit D13

Some text in this unit has been updated in relation to the ILO Code of Practice *Safety and Health in Construction* (2022 edition) (Learning Outcomes 10.11 and 10.12) and the withdrawal of UK HSE guidance note INDG382 and its replacement by online guidance (Learning Outcome 10.12). Information has also been provided about CE marking (Learning Outcome 10.8).

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments and the information:

[Unit D13 Supplement](#)

**Note:** the amendments have been made in RRC digital and downloadable publications.

## NEBOSH International Diploma for Occupational Health and Safety Management Professionals (2015 Specification)

### Unit IC

Some text in this unit has been updated in relation to the ILO Code of Practice *Safety and Health in Construction* (2022 edition) (Elements IC9 and IC10) and the withdrawal of UK HSE guidance note INDG382 and its replacement by online guidance (Element IC10). Information has also been provided about CE marking (Element IC6).

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments and the information:

[Unit IC Supplement](#)

**Note:** the amendments have been made in RRC digital and downloadable publications.







## NEBOSH National Diploma in Environmental Management

### Units ED1 and NDEM2

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

- The EU's **Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD) 2022/2464** (Unit ED1 Element 3).
- The **Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023** (Unit NDEM2 Element 3).
- The **Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2023** (Unit NDEM2 Element 3).
- The **Environmental Protection (Plastic Plates etc. and Polystyrene Containers etc.) (England) Regulations 2023** (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

### Unit ED1 Element 3

Some text in this element has been updated in relation to the EU's **Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD) 2022/2464**.

You can access the amendment here:

[IED Update](#)

**Note:** this change has been made in RRC digital and downloadable publications.





## NEBOSH Certificate

### NEBOSH National and International General Certificates

#### Unit NG2/IG2 Element 9

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### NEBOSH National and International Construction Certificates

#### Unit CN1/CI1 Element 9

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## 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
<b>NEBOSH Certificate in Process Safety Management; NEBOSH Award in Environmental Awareness at Work (Online Multiple-Choice Exam)</b>		
Units: PSM1, EAW1	13/12/2023	24/01/2024
	10/01/2024	21/02/2024
<b>NEBOSH National General Certificate (Open-Book Exam)</b>		
Unit: NG1	01/12/2023	17/01/2024
	22/12/2023	07/02/2024
	26/01/2024	06/03/2024
<b>NEBOSH National/International General Certificate (Unit 2, 2018 Spec)</b>		
Units: NG2, IG2	01/12/2023	24/01/2024
	22/12/2023	14/02/2024
	26/01/2024	13/03/2024 (IG2 all languages)
<b>NEBOSH International General Certificate (Open-Book Exam)</b>		
Unit: IG1	01/12/2023	17/01/2024
	22/12/2023	07/02/2024
	26/01/2024	06/03/2024 (IG1 all languages)
<b>NEBOSH Certificate in Fire Safety (Open-Book Exam)</b>		
Unit FSC1	22/12/2023	07/02/2024
	29/03/2024	08/05/2024
<b>NEBOSH Certificate in Fire Safety (Practical Assessment)</b>		
Unit FSC2	22/12/2023	14/02/2024
	29/03/2024	15/05/2024
<b>Health and Safety Management for Construction (UK/International)</b>		
Units: CN1/CI1	01/12/2023	16-17/01/2024
	23/02/2024	02-03/04/2024



Course	RRC Exam Registration Closing Dates	Examination Date
<b>NEBOSH Environmental Management Certificate (Open-Book Exam)</b>		
Unit EMC1	26/01/2024	06/03/2024
	26/04/2024	05/06/2024
<b>NEBOSH Environmental Management Certificate (Practical Assessment)</b>		
Unit EMC2	26/01/2024	13/03/2024
	26/04/2024	12/06/2024
<b>NEBOSH International Technical Certificate in Oil and Gas Operational Safety</b>		
Unit: IOG	05/01/2024	13/03/2024*
	05/04/2024	12/06/2024*
*UK locations subject to availability- contact <a href="mailto:exams@rrc.co.uk">exams@rrc.co.uk</a> for details		
<b>NEBOSH National/International Diploma in Environmental Management</b>		
Unit ED1	03/05/2024	15/07/2024
<b>NEBOSH Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety</b>		
Unit A, Unit IA	03/05/2024	16/07/2024
Unit B, Unit IB	03/05/2024	17/07/2024
Unit C, Unit IC	03/05/2024	18/07/2024
<b>NEBOSH Diploma for Occupational Health and Safety Management Professionals</b>		
DN1, DI1	29/12/2023	13/03/2024- 12/04/2024
DN2, DI2	01/03/2024	15-30/05/2024
DN3, DI3	03/05/2024	17-31/07/2024
<b>NEBOSH Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety/Environmental Management</b>		
Unit DNI, Unit N/IDEM2	RRC Assignment Registration Closing Date	Assignment Submission Date
	05/01/2024	28/02/2024

