



Health and Safety Solutions

NEBOSH Diploma NEW Syllabus Update



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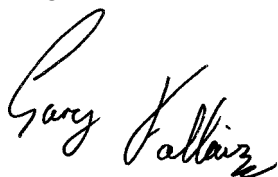
NEW Syllabus Finally Released

After many months of work, NEBOSH have finally released a final draft of the *NEW* Diploma syllabus. Providers will be able to commence delivering courses from September 2004 with the first examinations available in January 2005. This new syllabus is radically different from any of the previous diploma syllabi and will provide interesting new challenges to students.

What follows is RRC's first impressions of both the syllabus and the effect it will have on the courses we offer. Our Course Development team and tutors are now busily involved in reviewing the syllabus and developing new courses to meet its requirements. We will be providing regular updates on our progress on this and you can find the latest information at www.rrc.co.uk.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact our customer services team on 020 8944 3108.

Regards



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Key Aspects of the NEW Syllabus

Introduction

Successful candidates will be awarded the NEBOSH Level 4 Diploma in Occupational Safety and Health Practice and may use the designatory letters Dip.OSH after their name.

At this stage it is expected that the new Diploma will provide the knowledge required for full Membership of IOSH (although this is still to be formally confirmed by IOSH).

It is, however, not yet certain whether the award will allow direct access to the final year of a Masters programme (we need to await a verdict from the various universities offering these awards).

Entry Requirements

- **Level 3 Knowledge** - Unlike the previous Part 1 qualification, students are required to have an appropriate Level 3 qualification (i.e. the NEBOSH Certificate) or be able to prove they are in possession of the knowledge required for a Level 3 qualification. To put it simply, the NEBOSH Certificate (or equivalent) will be a requirement before you can start on the new Diploma.
- **Core Skills** - Unless exempted (either by having successfully completed the Part 1 Diploma or an appropriate degree or masters course) you must successfully complete the Preparatory Unit before you can be fully accepted on to the programme. This unit covers the core skills you will require to successfully tackle the Diploma programme.
- **Work Based Assignments** - A change in emphasis from the existing Diploma requires students to be working, or have access to a suitable workplace, to enable them to complete their assignments.

The Programme

The course itself is divided into three separately examinable units (in addition to the preparatory unit), as follows:

Unit	Total Hours of Study Required
Preparatory Unit	19
Unit A - Managing Health & Safety	170
Unit B - Hazardous Agents in the Workplace	115
Unit C - Workplace & Work Equipment	115
Total	419

This would equate to 30 – 35 days face to face tuition (plus 184 hours private study).

Assessment

The assessment for each unit comprises one NEBOSH set assignment (of 3,000 words) and a 3-hour formal examination. Students must successfully complete all 3 Units to receive the Diploma Award.

Comparison to the Existing Two Part Diploma Award

Introduction

Due to the radical changes in structure, it is difficult to provide a direct comparison with the existing Two Part Diploma. The content obviously covers very similar ground to the existing Diploma (with some topics removed and some added).

Course Length

The Two Part Diploma requires a total of 558 study hours (264 for Part 1 and 294 for Part 2), whereas it appears that the new Diploma requires only 419 hours (although if you include the 130 hours or so required to achieve a Level 3 qualification, it is only 10 study hours less in total).

Assessment

Where there is a distinct difference is in the assessment. The 2 Part Diploma requires a total of approximately 32,500 words of assignment (12,500 for Part 1 and 20,000 for Part 2). In comparison, the new Diploma only requires 9,000 words.

In terms of examinations, the 2 Part Diploma consists of 11 hours of exams (5 hours for Part 1 and 6 hours for Part 2), whereas the new Diploma requires only 9 hours.

The other issue is the standard expected in the assessment. The new Diploma will obviously be assessed at a higher standard than at Part 1, but it is not yet clear how close this will be to the Part 2 standard.

Award

Finally the designatory letters Dip.OSH which are awarded upon successful completion of the course, whilst being sufficient for MIOSH (tbc), will be unlikely to be as prestigious as the Dip2OSH offered to successful Diploma Part 2 candidates.

How will RRC deal with the Changes?

All of this is subject to NEBOSH accreditation (which we expect to proceed without any problems) but we feel it is important to let both our existing and prospective Diploma customers know of our plans at this stage.

Two Part Diploma

RRC will be continuing to deliver and accept enrolments on to this programme in line with the NEBOSH transitional arrangements. These are currently believed to be:

- **Part 1** - Last enrolment with NEBOSH in September 2004 with a final opportunity to sit the examination for the first time in December 2005 (although there will be one or two opportunities to re-sit the examination after this date).
- **Part 2** - Last enrolment with NEBOSH in 2006 (with the last exam in 2008).

RRC's New Diploma Course

RRC's development is currently underway with a team of 5 writers and 3 editors working on the project ensuring we will be in a position to launch the first of our new Diploma courses on **1 September 2004**.

Course Availability

It is difficult to estimate fees at this early stage but we do appreciate that customers need to know the potential costs involved. Our current estimate of fees, detailed below, is fully inclusive of NEBOSH fees (unlike many providers!). We will be guaranteeing these fees until 31/12/04 but cannot promise they will not rise after this date.

Course Type		Date of First Course	Fee Including VAT	Excluding VAT (approx)
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NEW Diploma - Full Course

Blended Learning	Structured distance learning plus 10 days face-to-face	1 Sept 04	£3,199	£2,894
Distance Learning	Traditional distance learning with 3 days compulsory face-to-face	1 Sept 04	£2,295	£2,124
e-Learning	Structured, tutor-led e-learning programme with no face-to-face attendance (subject to conditions)	1 Jan 05	£2,999	£2,552
Blended e-Learning	Structured, tutor-led e-learning plus 10 days face-to-face	1 Jan 05	£3,799	£3,233
Face-to Face	Block release course	1 Sept 05	tba	tba

NEW Diploma Bridging Course for Holders of Part 1 Diploma

Blended Learning	Structured distance learning plus 10 days face-to-face	1 Sept 04	£2,849	£2,570
Distance Learning	Traditional distance learning with 3 days compulsory face-to-face	1 Sept 04	£1,950	£1,805

Where Do You Go From Here?

Options for New Diploma Students

If you have not yet begun your NEBOSH Diploma studies you basically have two options:

1. **Existing Two Part Diploma** (note transitional arrangements above). You WILL NOT need the NEBOSH Certificate (or equivalent) to take this route and once you have completed Part 1 you will have the option either to transfer to Part 2 or to the new Diploma.
2. **NEW Diploma** – commencing 1 September 2004 (note entry requirements above).
If you have not yet achieved a **Level 3** qualification you should start the NEBOSH National General Certificate course *now* (call RRC for details). If you wish, you do not even need to complete the NGC examination – completion of the course and an RRC assignment will be sufficient.
If you already have the Certificate (or equivalent) you should spend the time between now and September revising your notes.

RRC Offers for New Students:

- Register your interest now and receive a **10% discount voucher** valid until **31/08/04**.
- Holders of the NEBOSH Certificate can purchase an **RRC Revision Pack**, including an up-to-date copy of RRC course notes, revision notes and access to online tutor support for only **£150 (refundable if you enrol on the New Diploma by 31/08/04)**.
- If you do not hold the NEBOSH Certificate, enrol now on the RRC Certificate programme and receive a **£350 refund** if you enrol on the new Diploma before 31/12/04.

Options for Existing RRC Students

Existing RRC students can decide whether they wish to continue on the existing Diploma Syllabus or transfer to the new one. RRC will continue to deliver the existing syllabus, supporting students until the final examinations run by NEBOSH. It is up to you to decide the programme that best suits your needs.

RRC Transitional Offers for Existing Distance Learning students

RRC students wishing to transfer on to the NEW Diploma can take advantage of the following offers (**only valid until 31/08/04**).

Current Status	Transitional Offer
NEBOSH Diploma Part 1 students who have successfully completed at least 3 coursework assignments or are holders the NEBOSH Certificate or equivalent and who are up to date with all deferral and re-sit fees	£995
NEBOSH Diploma Part 1 students who have not completed 3 coursework assignments and do not hold the NEBOSH certificate or equivalent and who are up to date with all deferral and re-sit fees	£1,250 (incl RRC Level 3 assessment)
NEBOSH Diploma Part 1 students who are not up to date with their fees and/or have lapsed but wish to restart their studies	£1,750 (incl RRC Level 3 assessment)
NEBOSH Diploma Part 2 students who have not completed and who are up to date with all deferral and re-sit fees	£750
NEBOSH Diploma Part 2 students who have not completed but who are not up to date with their fee and/or have lapsed but wish to restart their studies	£1,500