

AUTUMN 2016

Welcome!

Hello and welcome to the Autumn 2016 issue of the RRC Newsletter - Health and Safety Business.

Here you'll find an overview of the most exciting and important developments at RRC and events we're involved in. As always, you can find more information on our website:

www.rrc.co.uk

NEBOSH Certificate e-Learning Courses

I'm pleased to announce a wide range of our NEBOSH Certificate e-Learning courses have been upgraded to the 'new-look' and include the most up to date legislative changes. We've improved navigation and layout to make studying with RRC a much better learning experience. They are also compatible with mobile devices, so you can easily access your course anytime, anywhere.

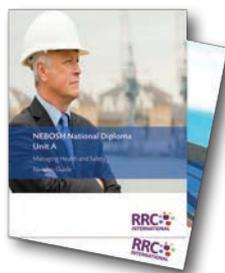
Sign up for a free trial at:

www.rrc.co.uk/newtrial.aspx

NEBOSH Diploma Revision Guides - Coming Soon!

RRC's NEBOSH Diploma Revision Guides are also undergoing a restyle and have been revised to the 2015 syllabus specification. Everything you need to study for your Diploma course is issued in note form and with practice exam questions to prepare you for your exam. To place your order, contact:

info@rrc.co.uk



RRC Partners

We have one new partnership to announce - Falck Pty Australia.



Falck will be offering RRC NEBOSH, IOSH and IEMA e-Learning courses. Falck delivers health and safety and risk management solutions around the world, and operates the world's largest intercontinental ambulance service and private fire brigade! So we're very excited to work together with Falck in the future.

For more information on Falck, or any other one of our partners, visit:

www.rrc.co.uk/international.aspx

The RRC Blog

A great way to stay up to date with any current health and safety issues is via the RRC Blog, which makes an interesting read and includes a wide range of topics within the field of health and safety. There are also good tips on exam success and practical assessments, written by RRC's very own tutors. You can read the blog at:

<http://blog.rrc.co.uk>

Meet Us At...

RRC at the SHE Show North East 2016

RRC will be exhibiting at the annual SHE Show in Newcastle on Tuesday 15 November. This is a great opportunity to ask us about our e-Learning courses, if you're interested in any other course or service, or if you just want to chat about any matters health and safety - or just say hello - do stop by Stand 10. There will also be some special offers for visitors on the stand so don't miss us!

If you ever want to check out what's coming up, you can always have a look on our website:

www.rrc.co.uk/news-resources/events.aspx

I look forward to seeing you soon.

All the best,

David Towlson
Director of Training and Quality





Student Focus

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

Don't worry - we'll make all the amendments noted here to your online resources, too.

RRC Resources

RRC Health and Safety Law and Case Law Guide

We have made a minor amendment to the Health and Safety Law and Case Law Guide. If you are studying a national (UK) course, please note the change below.

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992

In this entry, the text under the subheading **Section 156: Minimum Basic Award** now reads:

"Where a dismissal is unfair by virtue of section 152 or 153, the basic minimum award shall be not less than £5,853.

Note: this figure is correct as of 6 April 2016. Compensation limits are varied annually; this figure is found in the Schedule to the **Employment Rights (Increase of Limits) Order 2016.**"

The complete Health and Safety Law and Case Law Guide (in which the change has already been made) can be accessed via your Learning Centre Resource 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.

RRC Environmental Law and Case Law Guide

We have made two minor amendments to the Environmental Law and Case Law Guide. If you are studying a national (UK) course, please note the changes below.

Environmental Protection Act 1990

In this entry, under the subheading **Amendments**, the penultimate sentence now reads:

"More recently the **Hazardous Waste (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2015** (regulation 2) have amended Section 62A of this Act (lists of waste displaying hazardous properties) and the **Unauthorised Deposit of Waste (Fixed Penalties) Regulations 2016** introduce the issue of fixed penalty notices for fly-tipping offences."

Water Industry Acts 1991 and 1999

In this entry, under the subheading **Introduction**, the text now reads:

"The **EC Drinking Water Directive 98/83/EC** is transposed into UK legislation by the **Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 2016** and the **Water Industry Act 1991.**"

The complete Environmental Law and Case Law Guide (in which the changes have already been made) can be accessed via your Learning Centre Resource 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 Diploma

In 2017, the Diploma exams will be based on a 'common syllabus'. That means you'll only get questions on topics that appear in both the old syllabus and the new one. If a topic is absent from one of them, NEBOSH aren't going to set a question on it (promises... promises...). That sounds great but the old and new syllabuses aren't that different in terms of coverage - mainly things have been moved around. The clear exception to that is Element A11 of Unit A (National) and Element IA9 of Unit IA (International) of the new Diploma. This is specifically identified as **only** being assessed as part of the Unit DNI assignment. That means it shouldn't appear in the common exam either. The topics are:

- The role of the health and safety practitioner.
- The importance of effective communication and negotiation skills when promoting health and safety.
- The health and safety practitioner's use of financial justification to aid decision making.

NEBOSH National Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety (2015 Specification)

Unit B

We have updated the study material for Element B7 of this unit in relation to the **Control of Electromagnetic Fields at Work Regulations 2016**.

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments:

[Unit B Supp \(2015\)](#)

Note: these changes have been made to your online material.

NEBOSH National Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety (2010 Specification)

Unit B

We have updated the study material for Element B7 of this unit in relation to the **Control of Electromagnetic Fields at Work Regulations 2016**.

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments:

[Unit B Supp \(2010\)](#)

Note: these changes have been made to your online material.





NEBOSH National Diploma in Environmental Management

Unit ED1

We have updated the study material for this unit in relation to:

- The **Unauthorised Deposit of Waste (Fixed Penalties) Regulations 2016** (Element 9).
- The **Water Resources (Control of Pollution) (Oil Storage) (Wales) Regulations 2016** (Element 11).
- The **Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 2016** (Element 11).
- The **Private Water Supplies (England) Regulations 2016** (Element 11).

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments:

[Unit ED1 Supplement](#)

Note: these changes have been made to your online material.

NEBOSH Certificate

NEBOSH International General Certificate

Unit GC2 Element 6: Fire Safety

We have updated the study material for this element in relation to the definitions of flammable liquids under the EU CLP Regulation.

In the main section on **Fire Prevention and Prevention of Fire Spread**, under the subheading **Storage of Flammable Liquids in Workrooms and Other Locations**, the first four paragraphs now read as follows:

“Category 3 **“Flammable liquids”** have a relatively low flash-point (between 23°C and 60°C) and are therefore relatively easily ignited with an ignition source (such as a match) at normal room temperature.

Category 2 **“Highly flammable liquids”** have a lower flash-point (<23°C) and a boiling point of 35°C or more and are therefore easier to ignite at normal indoor and outdoor temperatures.

Category 1 **“Extremely flammable liquids”** have a similar low flash-point (<23°C) and a boiling point of less than 35°C and are therefore very easy to ignite at normal indoor and outdoor temperatures.

Petrol (gasoline) is a common example of a highly flammable liquid. The lower the flash-point and boiling point, the more dangerous the substance. It is therefore essential that flammable liquids are used and stored safely.”

Note: this change has been made to your online material.



NEBOSH Fire Certificate

Unit FC1 Element 2: Principles of Fire and Explosion

We have updated the study material for this element in relation to the definitions of flammable liquids under the EU CLP Regulation.

In the main section on **Ignition of Solids, Liquids and Gases**, under the subheading Definitions, “Flammable, Highly Flammable and Extremely Flammable” are now defined as follows:

“These are useful classifications under the EU CLP Regulation (No. 1272/2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures) as follows:

- **Flammable liquid** - flash point between 23°C and 60°C (i.e. around ambient temperature).
- **Highly flammable** - liquids with a flash point of less than 23°C (i.e. below ambient temperature) and a boiling point of 35°C or more and certain reactive substances.
- **Extremely flammable** - liquids having a flash point less than 23°C and a boiling point of less than 35°C (i.e. very low flash point and low boiling point therefore high volatility).”

Note: this change has been made to your online material.

IEMA

IEMA Associate Certificate in Environmental Management

Element 4: Waste Management

At the end of the main section on **Waste Policies and Law**, immediately before the **Revision Questions**, the following new text has been added:

“Fly Tipping Fixed Penalties

The **Unauthorised Deposit of Waste (Fixed Penalties) Regulations 2016** insert a provision into Section 33 of the **Environmental Protection Act 1990** allowing a Waste Collection Authority (Local Authority) in England to issue a fixed penalty notice for depositing controlled or extractive waste on land unless in compliance with an environmental permit (covers fly-tipping offences). The Regulations allow for a specified fine of between £150 and £400, and £200 if the Waste Collection Authority does not specify a fine.”

Note: this change has been made to your online material.

Element 5: The Water Environment

In the main section on **Water Management Laws**, under the subheading **Oil Storage**, the following new paragraph has been inserted just before the last paragraph of the text:

“In Wales, the **Water Resources (Control of Pollution) (Oil Storage) (Wales) Regulations 2016** cover similar requirements.”

Note: this change has been made to your online material.





IEMA Foundation Certificate in Environmental Management

We have made a minor amendment to the study material for this course.

Element 2: Environmental Legislation

In the main section on **Key Pieces of Environmental Law**, under the subheading **Duty of Care**, the following new text has been inserted immediately before the **More** box:

“Fly Tipping Fixed Penalties

The **Unauthorised Deposit of Waste (Fixed Penalties) Regulations 2016** insert a provision into Section 33 of the **Environmental Protection Act 1990** allowing a Waste Collection Authority (Local Authority) in England to issue a fixed penalty notice for depositing controlled or extractive waste on land unless in compliance with an environmental permit (covers fly-tipping offences). The Regulations allow for a specified fine of between £150 and £400, and £200 if the Waste Collection Authority does not specify a fine.”

Note: this change has been made to your online material.





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 | | |
| Units: HSW1, HSEP1 Call for exam venues | 01/11/2016 | 10/01/2017 |
| NEBOSH National Certificate | | |
| Units: NGC1, GC2, FC1, NCC1, EC1, NHC1 | 03/10/2016 | 07/12/2016 |
| NEBOSH International Certificate | | |
| Units: IGC1, GC2, IFC1, ICC1, IOG | 03/10/2016 | 07/12/2016 |
| NEBOSH Diploma in Environmental Management | | |
| | 03/10/2016 | 08/12/2016 |
| NEBOSH Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety | | |
| Unit A, Unit IA | 01/11/2016 | 17/01/2017 |
| Unit B, Unit IB | 01/11/2016 | 18/01/2017 |
| Unit C, Unit IC | 01/11/2016 | 19/01/2017 |
| NEBOSH Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety | | |
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| NEBOSH Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety | RRC Assignment Registration Closing Dates | Assignment Submission Date |
| Unit DNI | 01/10/2016 | 30/11/2016 |

RRC Middle East

Please click the following link to access RRC Middle East to check course dates and fees for 2016.

www.rrc.com.bh

