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Welcome!

Hello and welcome to the September 2026 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

Upcoming Events

NEBOSH Graduation | Warwick University Arts Centre | 7th September 2026

NEBOSH Graduation is one of the highlights of the RRC calendar, and the team will be heading to Warwick on Monday 7th September to celebrate with the incredible diplomates and award winners. If you are an RRC graduate, make sure you say hello to the team and collect your goodie bag! We'll be in the room following gowning.

Also, if you take any pictures during the day and post on social media, make sure to tag RRC!

ISEP Connect | Virtual Event | 14-15th October 2026

As we head into the end of the year, we're sponsoring our first virtual event - ISEP Connect. The two-day event is filled with high-quality educational content for Environmental Practitioners. And for the first time, ISEP are opening the free attendance to non-members.

You can find out more about the event & book your place here: <https://www.isepglobal.org/engage/events/>

HSM Live | SEC Glasgow | 26th November 2026

We're finishing off the year in Scotland for HSM Live at the Scottish Event Campus in Glasgow. The one-day event is focused on delivering engaging, high-quality educational content. We will be delivering a session, so keep an eye out for more information as we approach the event.

Registration is open and you can find out more here: <https://hsmlive.co.uk/>

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

Guidance

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 GNC1, GIC1, 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 GNC1 and GIC1.)

- **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: only relevant to Unit IOG1.)

- **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: only relevant to Unit ED1.)

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.





Sample Papers/Assessments and Examiners' Reports

The following are available on the NEBOSH website (under 'Resources' for each relevant qualification):

- **Sample Papers** for Units GNC1, GIC1, CN1, CI1, FSC1, EMC1 and IOG1.
- **Sample Assessments** for Units DN1, DI1, DN2, DI2, DN3 and DI3.
- **Examiners' Reports** for Unit ED1.

Note on Assessment Terminology

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.

NEBOSH Policies

Please familiarise yourself with the following NEBOSH policies, especially any relevant application deadlines:

- **Access Arrangements and Reasonable Adjustments Policy** (for extenuating circumstances you can anticipate, that may affect your performance - this includes the use of grammar/spellcheck tools, which are subject to approval and restrictions).
- **Malpractice Policy and Procedures** (in particular Plagiarism, Collusion and use of Artificial Intelligence).
- **Refunds Policy and Procedure** (if you registered for an assessment and it's too late to cancel/postpone, and you have extenuating circumstances).
- **Special Considerations** (for extenuating circumstances you couldn't anticipate, that may have affected your performance).

All are available at <https://www.nebosh.org.uk/policies-and-procedures/>.





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 change below.

UK REACH

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

“The **REACH (Amendment) Regulations 2026** amend **UK REACH** with regard to lead and lead compounds. They provide prohibitions on the placing on the market and use of shot containing lead in a concentration equal to or greater than 1% by weight and projectiles other than shot with a concentration of lead equal to or greater than 3% by weight, following a three-year transition period. Exemptions include military, security and police applications, museum collections and testing of materials and products.”

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.

Deposit Scheme for Drinks Containers (England and Northern Ireland) Regulations 2025

In this entry, the last section has been amended to read as follows:

“Scottish and Welsh DRSs

Two separate but very closely aligned DRSs will be introduced in Scotland and Wales on 1 October 2027 (the same date the English and Northern Irish scheme begins). These are made under the **Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Regulations 2020** as amended by the **Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Amendment Regulations 2025** and the **Deposit Scheme for Drinks Containers (Wales) Regulations 2026** for Scotland and Wales respectively.”

Finance Act 2021

In this entry, in the subsection entitled **Introductory and Charging of Plastic Packaging Tax (Sections 42 to 46)**, “£223.69 per metric tonne” has been changed to “£228.82 per metric tonne”.

Noise Emission in the Environment by Equipment for Use Outdoors Regulations 2001

In this entry, under the subheading **General Duty Relating to Placing on the Market or Putting into Service**, the third and fourth bullet points have been amended to read:

- “UKCA or CE mark and an indication of the guaranteed sound power level must be affixed.
- Declaration of conformity must be generated.”





RRC Environmental Law and Case Law Guide (Continued)

Under the subheading **Enforcement**, the third offence has been amended to read:

- “Does not have a UKCA or CE mark and indication of sound power level.”

Under the subheading **Key Schedules**, the following has been added:

“**Schedule 6A** – Annex III to the Directive – methods to measure airborne noise emitted by equipment for use outdoors.”

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NEBOSH Diploma

NEBOSH National Diploma for Occupational Health and Safety Management Professionals

Unit DN1 Learning Outcome 1.7

Please refer to the following for some updating information:

[Unit DN1 Update](#)

Note: these changes have been made in RRC course content and digital publications.

Unit DN2

Additional Resources

For Learning Outcome 10.2

Prevent stress before it starts (a new HSE video) at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EnaXXAp0SQ4>

Implementing flexible working (guidance from ACAS) at <https://www.acas.org.uk/implementing-flexible-working>

For Learning Outcome 10.10

Guidance on Infections and Biological Hazards at Work (refreshed guidance from the HSE) at https://www.hse.gov.uk/biosafety/index.htm?utm_source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=hse-guidance&utm_term=intro&utm_content=biosafety-8-may-26

For Learning Outcome 10.15

Heat and Health (a new fact sheet from the World Health Organization) at <https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/climate-change-heat-and-health>

New Technologies and Prevention of Occupational Risks Related to Climate Change: The Case of Heat (a Discussion Paper from EU-OSHA) at <https://osha.europa.eu/en/publications/new-technologies-and-prevention-occupational-risks-related-climate-change-case-heat>

Unit DN3 Learning Outcome 11.4

Please refer to the following for some updating information:

[Unit DN3 Update](#)

Note: these changes have been made in RRC course content and digital publications.





NEBOSH International Diploma for Occupational Health and Safety Management Professionals

Unit DI2

Additional Resources

For Learning Outcome 9.2

Prevent stress before it starts (video from the UK HSE) at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EnaXXAp0SQ4>

Implementing flexible working (guidance from the UK's ACAS) at <https://www.acas.org.uk/implementing-flexible-working>

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Guidance on Infections and Biological Hazards at Work (refreshed guidance from the UK HSE) at https://www.hse.gov.uk/biosafety/index.htm?utm_source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=hse-guidance&utm_term=intro&utm_content=biosafety-8-may-26

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Unit DI3 Learning Outcome 10.4

Please refer to the following for some updating information:

[Unit DI3 Update](#)

Note: these changes have been made in RRC course content and digital publications.





NEBOSH National Diploma in Environmental Management

Units ED1 and NDEM2

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

- ISO 19011:2026 *Guidelines for auditing management systems* (Unit ED1 Element 5).
- **EU Regulation 2024/1157 on shipments of waste** (Unit ED1 Element 7).
- **Directive 2024/1275/EU on the energy performance of buildings** (Unit ED1 Element 12 and Unit NDEM2 Element 3).
- The **Waste Separation Requirements (Wales) Regulations 2023** (Unit NDEM2 Element 3).
- The current rates for landfill tax and plastic packaging tax (Unit NDEM2 Element 3).
- The **Deposit Scheme for Drinks Containers (Wales) Regulations 2026** (Unit NDEM2 Element 3).
- The **Ecodesign for Energy-Related Products and Energy Information (Household Tumble Dryers) Regulations 2026** (Unit NDEM2 Element 3).

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments:

[NED Supplement](#)

Note: these changes have been made in RRC course content and digital publications.

NEBOSH International Diploma in Environmental Management

Units ED1 and IDEM2

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

- ISO 19011:2026 *Guidelines for auditing management systems* (Unit ED1 Element 5).
- **EU Regulation 2024/1157 on shipments of waste** (Unit ED1 Element 7 and Unit IDEM2 Element 2).
- **Directive 2024/1275/EU on the energy performance of buildings** (Unit ED1 Element 12 and Unit IDEM2 Element 2).
- The current rates for landfill tax in the UK (Unit IDEM2 Element 2).

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments:

[IED Supplement](#)

Note: these changes have been made in RRC course content and digital publications.





NEBOSH Certificate

NEBOSH National General Certificate

Unit GNC2 Element 7.5

Please refer to the following for some updating information:

[GNC2 Update](#)

Note: these changes have been made in RRC course content and digital publications.

NEBOSH International General Certificate

Unit GIC2 Element 7.5

Please refer to the following for some updating information:

[GIC2 Update](#)

Note: these changes have been made in RRC course content and digital publications.

NEBOSH National Construction Certificate

Unit CN1 Element 11

Some text in this element has been updated in relation to lithium-ion battery fires.

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments:

[Unit CN1 Supplement](#)

Note: these changes have been made in RRC course content and digital publications.





NEBOSH International Construction Certificate

Unit CI1 Element 11

Some text in this element has been updated in relation to lithium-ion battery fires.

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments:

[Unit CI1 Supplement](#)

Note: these changes have been made in RRC course content and digital publications.

NEBOSH Environmental Management Certificate

Unit EMC1

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

- A definition of Environmental Audit (Element 2).
- The current rates for landfill tax in the UK (Element 8).
- The current rate for the aggregates levy in the UK (Element 8).
- Solar furnaces (Element 9).
- **Directive 2024/1275/EU on the energy performance of buildings** (Element 9).

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments:

[Unit EMC1 Supplement](#)

Note: these changes have been made in RRC course content and digital 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.

UK **paper-based** exam venues are now in London, Manchester and Glasgow.

Course	RRC Exam Registration Closing Dates	Examination Date
NEBOSH Certificate in Process Safety Management; NEBOSH Award in Environmental Awareness at Work (Online Multiple-Choice Exam)		
Units: PSM1, EAW1	09/09/2026	28/10/2026
	14/10/2026	25/11/2026
	18/11/2026	16/12/2026
NEBOSH National / International General Certificate (Open-Book Exam)		
Units: GNC1, GIC1	25/09/2026	04/11/2026
	23/10/2026	02/12/2026 (all languages)
	20/11/2026	06/01/2027
NEBOSH National/International General Certificate (Risk Assessment)		
Units: GNC2, GIC2	25/09/2026	18/11/2026
	23/10/2026	16/12/2026 (all languages)
	20/11/2026	20/01/2027
NEBOSH Certificate in Fire Safety (Open-Book Exam)		
Unit FSC1	25/09/2026	04/11/2026
	18/12/2026	03/02/2027
NEBOSH Certificate in Fire Safety (Practical Assessment)		
Unit FSC2	25/09/2026	11/11/2026
	18/12/2026	10/02/2027
Health and Safety Management for Construction (UK/International)		
Units: CN1/CI1	20/11/2026	05-06/01/2027
	26/02/2027	06-07/04/2027



Course	RRC Exam Registration Closing Dates	Examination Date
NEBOSH Environmental Management Certificate (Open-Book Exam)		
Unit EMC1	23/10/2026 22/01/2027	02/12/2026 03/03/2027
NEBOSH Environmental Management Certificate (Practical Assessment)		
Unit EMC2	23/10/2026 22/01/2027	09/12/2026 10/03/2027
NEBOSH National/International Diploma in Environmental Management		
Unit ED1	04/12/2026 07/05/2027	08/02/2027 12/07/2027
Unit N/IDEM2	02/10/2026 08/01/2027	25/11/2026 14/02/2027
NEBOSH Diploma for Occupational Health and Safety Management Professionals		
DN1, DI1	18/12/2026 (Resits: 22/01/2027)	10/03/2027-09/04/2027
DN2, DI2	04/09/2026 (Resits: 02/10/2026)	11/11/2026-25/11/2026
DN3, DI3	30/10/2026 (Resits: 20/11/2026)	13/01/2027-27/01/2027