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Welcome!

Hello and welcome to the February 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

NEBOSH General Certificate update available with RRC's Enhanced Online Course and AI Coach, RAPID

The new year has seen an update to the flagship NEBOSH courses - the National General Certificate and International General Certificate. The major updates have been to the assessment for Unit 2, which has moved from Pass/Refer to a points-based marking scheme. We believe this change will help learners better understand how to approach the Unit 2 Risk Assessment, as well as make improvements in the event that they are referred.

RRC Enhanced Online

While the content has remained largely unchanged, we have taken the opportunity to launch the first version of our improved Enhanced Online course. We've taken the expert-written and detailed content seen in our existing Online courses, but with a re-designed layout, increased interactivity and a focus on active learning to support learners to succeed in their training. The content is structured to be engaging throughout, and consolidate learning at key moments with review questions and activities.

We have also added in new Practitioner Insight videos for each element. These provide real-world examples of how practising HSE experts are applying the content covered in the element to their work. You can [find out more about Enhanced Online here.](#)

RAPID - RRC's AI Coach

Alongside the launch of our Enhanced Online course, we have also introduced a new and innovative feature - RAPID, RRC's AI Coach. Built using a closed data set of RRC course content, RRC's AI Coach is the next step in interactive, highly engaging learning. This new feature is designed to support learners in approaching HSE scenarios and questions in a systematic, in-depth way that will enable them to not only succeed in their course, but also in their wider professional practice.

You can find out more about RAPID on [our website.](#)

Upcoming Events

Health & Safety Event | NEC Birmingham | 28-30 April 2026

RRC are heading back to the NEC for the UK's largest Health & Safety event. The 3-day event offers an excellent opportunity to network with the H&S community, attend high-quality CPD-accredited seminars covering a wide range of topics and find the perfect solution from the 400+ exhibitors.

The RRC team will be on stand 3/L74, and are ready to help you with your training and consultancy needs. We'll also be running a giveaway each day of the event. Simply visit the stand, have one of the team scan your badge and you'll be entered to win 1 of 3 RRC H&S Law Guides each day.



You can find out more information and register for your place [here](#).

Safety, Health & Wellbeing Live London and the Blue Light Show | London Olympia | 1-2 July 2026

Co-located SHW Live and Blue Light Show are back at the London Olympia this summer for their 2nd year. Both shows offer the high-quality seminars and exhibitors you've come to expect, and are set to be even bigger and better than last year.

The events provide a great opportunity to meet our customers and learners face to face and advise on the range of courses, products, and consultancy services that RRC provide, and RRC are delighted to return as a Premier Partner for SHW Live. We will have our main stand in the National Hall for SHW Live, as well as a smaller stand in the Blue Light Show to provide support to the emergency services community specifically.

RRC will be delivering sessions across the 2-day event, so keep an eye out for announcements with details to make sure you don't miss out.

You can find out more information on [SHW Live](#) and [Blue Light Show](#) on the event websites, and we will keep you updated for when registrations open.

Sharing Success

Our social media channels are seeing a lot of happy RRC Learners sharing their success, a great joy for all of us at RRC. We really appreciate the hard work you all put into your studies and we are always looking to improve how we can provide support to make your journey to success as easy as possible. Please continue to share your success and give us your feedback. Visit our LinkedIn page to share your experiences with us: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/rrc-training/>.

RRC Blog

Members of the RRC team, including myself and John Binns, continue to add Blogs to help you with your studies. The latest offerings include:

- [A Guide to Environmental Risk Assessment](#)
- [Workplace Temperature Guidelines: Keeping Your Employees Comfortable](#)
- [Environmental Management Careers Guide](#)
- [IOSH Managing Safely: Everything You Need to Know](#)
- [What is an Environmental Audit and Why is it Important](#)
- [The Importance of Sustainable Development for Businesses](#)

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.

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, NG1, GIC1, 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 GNC1, NG1, GIC1 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: 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 NG1, IG1, 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.

We also recommend reading **section 4.4 (Learner malpractice)** in the NEBOSH Malpractice Policy, available at <https://www.nebosh.org.uk/policies-and-procedures/malpractice-policy-and-procedures/>, to ensure you understand what constitutes unacceptable practice in relation to your examinations and assessments.





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 changes below.

Bathing Water Regulations 2013

In this entry, the opening text now reads as follows:

“Minor amendments to the **Bathing Water Regulations 2013** have been made by the **Bathing Water (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2016**, the **Floods and Water (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019** and the **Bathing Water (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2025**. These changes, where appropriate, have been incorporated into the text below.”

Under the key requirements of the primary Regulations, the first bullet point now reads:

- “The Secretary of State and Welsh Ministers are required to publish at the start of the bathing season (15 May to 30 September each year) a list of all bathing waters, in addition to surface waters at which permanent advice not to bathe has been issued.”

The following bullet point has been removed:

- “The operation and effects of the Regulations must be reviewed every five years.”

EU Regulation No. 2017/852 on Mercury

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

“The **Control of Mercury (Amendment) Regulations 2025** amend **EU Regulation 2017/852** in England, Scotland and Wales. They implement measures decided by the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury, adding various mercury-added products to those already controlled by the Regulation such as lighting, strain gauges, vacuum pumps and photographic film and paper.”

Planning and Infrastructure Act 2025

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

[Planning and Infrastructure Act 2025](#)

Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging and Packaging Waste) Regulations 2024

In this entry, under the subheading **Introduction**, the following new paragraph has been added:

“The Regulations were amended by the **Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging and Packaging Waste) (Amendment) Regulations 2025**.”





RRC Environmental Law and Case Law Guide (Continued)

Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2012

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

“Parts of the Regulations surrounding environmental authorisations were revoked by the **Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Regulations 2018**, as amended by the **Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025**. These minor changes have no impact on the summary of the Regulations above.”

Water Industry Acts 1991 and 1999

In this entry, the following has been added to the section on the **Water Industry Act 1991**:

“The following were added to the **Water Industry Act 1991** by the **Water (Special Measures) Act 2025**:

Section 141F: Reporting on Discharges from Emergency Overflows

Sewage undertakers must report on discharges from emergency overflows.

Section 205A: Pollution Incident Reduction Plans

Water companies must prepare pollution incident reduction plans (PIRPs) before 1 April every calendar year. These are plans on how they intend to reduce the occurrence of pollution incidents attributable to their system.

Section 205B: Implementation Reports

An implementation report on how water companies intend to implement the PIRP must be published at the same time as the PIRP.”





NEBOSH Diploma

NEBOSH National Diploma for Occupational Health and Safety Management Professionals

Unit DN1

Some text in this unit has been updated in relation to minor changes to the syllabus made by NEBOSH (Learning Outcomes 1, 2, 4 and 5).

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments:

[Unit DN1 Supplement](#)

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

Unit DN2

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

- Minor changes to the syllabus made by NEBOSH (Learning Outcomes 10.1, 10.2, 10.5, 10.7 and 10.10).
- BS 30480:2025 *Suicide and the workplace – Intervention, prevention and support for people affected by suicide – Guide* (Learning Outcome 10.2).
- The Unique Formula Identifier (UFI) code under **CLP** (Learning Outcome 10.5).

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments:

[Unit DN2 Supplement](#)

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

Additional Resource for Learning Outcome 10.8

The HSE has produced a series of short videos to help employers control worker exposure to metalworking fluid (MWF) mist when Computer Numerical Control (CNC) machining. In addition, the videos show how to use monitoring methods to assess control of MWF mist and check that LEV is working effectively.

The videos cover:

- [LEV to control worker exposure to MWF mist.](#)
- [Monitoring methods for MWF mist.](#)
- [Assessing control of MWF mist during CNC machining using monitoring methods.](#)
- [Monitoring methods to check LEV for MWF mist.](#)





NEBOSH International Diploma for Occupational Health and Safety Management Professionals

Unit DI1

Some text in this unit has been updated in relation to minor changes to the syllabus made by NEBOSH (Learning Outcomes 2 and 5).

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments:

[Unit DI1 Supplement](#)

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

Unit DI2

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

- Minor changes to the syllabus made by NEBOSH (Learning Outcomes 9.1, 9.2, 9.5 and 9.10).
- BS 30480:2025 *Suicide and the workplace – Intervention, prevention and support for people affected by suicide – Guide* (Learning Outcome 9.2).
- The Unique Formula Identifier (UFI) code under **CLP** (Learning Outcome 9.5).
- The EU's *Guidelines for managing asbestos related health and safety risks at work* (Learning Outcome 9.7).

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments:

[Unit DI2 Supplement](#)

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

Additional Resource for Learning Outcome 9.8

The UK's HSE has produced a series of short videos to help employers control worker exposure to metalworking fluid (MWF) mist when Computer Numerical Control (CNC) machining. In addition, the videos show how to use monitoring methods to assess control of MWF mist and check that LEV is working effectively.

The videos cover:

- [LEV to control worker exposure to MWF mist.](#)
- [Monitoring methods for MWF mist.](#)
- [Assessing control of MWF mist during CNC machining using monitoring methods.](#)
- [Monitoring methods to check LEV for MWF mist.](#)





NEBOSH National Diploma in Environmental Management

Units ED1 and NDEM2

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

- COP 30 (Unit ED1 Element 6).
- The *Environmental Improvement Plan 2025* (Unit NDEM2 Element 3).
- The **Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Regulations 2018**, as amended by the **Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025** (Unit NDEM2 Element 3).
- ODS use for fire-fighting equipment (Unit NDEM2 Element 3).
- The **Planning and Infrastructure Act 2025** (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 publications.

NEBOSH International Diploma in Environmental Management

Unit ED1 Element 6

Please refer to the following for some updating information:

[IED Update](#)

Note: this change has been made in RRC course content and publications.





NEBOSH Certificate

NEBOSH National General Certificate

Units GNC1 and NG1 Element 4

The HSE has published an accident and near-miss reporting tool. More information on this is available at:

[Accident and Near-miss Tool | HSE Books](#)

NEBOSH National Construction Certificate

Unit CN1

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

- Use of the term 'incident' by NEBOSH (Introduction to the Certificate Course and Element 3).
- Immediate, underlying and root causes of an incident (Element 3).

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments:

[Unit CN1 Supplement](#)

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

NEBOSH International Construction Certificate

Unit CI1

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

- Use of the term 'incident' by NEBOSH (Introduction to the Certificate Course and Element 3).
- Immediate, underlying and root causes of an incident (Element 3).

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments:

[Unit CI1 Supplement](#)

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





NEBOSH Environmental Management Certificate

Unit EMC1 Element 1

Please refer to the following for some updating information:

[Unit EMC1 Update](#)

Note: this change has been made in RRC course content and 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. Birmingham and Newcastle are no longer available.

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	11/03/2026	22/04/2026
	15/04/2026	27/05/2026
	13/05/2026	24/06/2026
NEBOSH National / International General Certificate (Open-Book Exam) - all specifications		
Units: NG1/GNC1, IG1/GIC1	27/03/2026	06/05/2026
	17/04/2026	03/06/2026 (IG1/GIC1 all languages)
	29/05/2026	08/07/2026
NEBOSH National/International General Certificate (Unit 2, 2018 specifications only)		
Units: NG2, IG2	27/03/2026	13/05/2026
	17/04/2026	10/06/2026 (IG2 all languages)
	29/05/2026	15/07/2026
NEBOSH National/International General Certificate (Unit 2, 2025 specifications only)		
Units: GNC2, GIC2	27/03/2026	20/05/2026
	17/04/2026	17/06/2026 (GIC2 all languages)
	29/05/2025	22/07/2026
NEBOSH Certificate in Fire Safety (Open-Book Exam)		
Unit FSC1	27/03/2026	06/05/2026
	26/06/2026	05/08/2026





Course	RRC Exam Registration Closing Dates	Examination Date
NEBOSH Certificate in Fire Safety (Practical Assessment)		
Unit FSC2	27/03/2026 26/06/2026	13/05/2026 12/08/2026
Health and Safety Management for Construction (UK/International)		
Units: CN1/CI1	29/05/2026 28/08/2026	07-08/07/2026 06-07/10/2026
NEBOSH Environmental Management Certificate (Open-Book Exam)		
Unit EMC1	17/04/2026 24/07/2026	03/06/2026 09/09/2026
NEBOSH Environmental Management Certificate (Practical Assessment)		
Unit EMC2	17/04/2026 24/07/2026	10/06/2026 16/09/2026
NEBOSH International Technical Certificate in Oil and Gas Operational Safety - Existing learners only		
Unit IOG1 UK locations subject to availability - contact exams@rrc.co.uk for details	10/04/2026 03/07/2026	18/06/2026 17/09/2026 (FINAL DATE)
NEBOSH National/International Diploma in Environmental Management		
Unit ED1	01/05/2026 04/12/2026	06/07/2026 08/02/2027
Unit N/IDEM2	03/04/2026 03/07/2026	27/05/2026 26/08/2026
NEBOSH Diploma for Occupational Health and Safety Management Professionals		
DN1, DI1	10/07/2026 (Resits: 07/08/2026)	16/09/2026-14/10/2026
DN2, DI2	06/03/2026 (Resits: 27/03/2026)	13/05/2026-28/05/2026
DN3, DI3	01/05/2026 (Resits: 05/06/2026)	15/07/2026-29/07/2026

