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Welcome!

Hello and welcome to the February 2020 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

The Impact of Brexit – from RRC's Lead Tutors

Health and Safety Courses

The UK has now left the EU and we are in the transition period that ends on 31 December 2020.

If you are a student studying a UK health and safety course, you may be wondering about the impact of Brexit on your course syllabus, contents and assessments.

Nothing Changes

The easy answer for most students on 'National' courses (i.e. courses with a UK focus) is that nothing will change. The **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (EUWA)** simply carries over all existing EU legislation that was not UK legislation already.

So if you are studying on any national health and safety course such as IOSH Managing Safely or NEBOSH National General Certificate there will be no impact on your studies or on your assessments.

Except for National Diploma students

The only exception to this 'no change' approach seems to be for students on the NEBOSH National Diploma course - specifically Unit A. For these students the impact of Brexit should be a positive one – it removes a chunk of the syllabus guide from examination.

To quote from page 4 of version 10 of the NEBOSH Diploma syllabus guide:

“Relevant new legislation will become examinable in detail six months after its date of introduction. However, students will be expected to be up-to-date at the time of the examination and, whilst detailed knowledge will not be expected, reference to new or impending legislation, where relevant to an examination question, will be given credit.

Please note, NEBOSH will not ask questions related to legislation that has been repealed, revoked or otherwise superseded.”

The first paragraph above applies to the new **EUWA**, meaning it would be directly examinable from the end of August 2020. But there is nothing health-and-safety-specific in the Act other than the general principle that things continue as per normal up to the end of the transition period.

The second paragraph above means that Section A2.3 (The role of the European Union) of Element A2 (Principles of health and safety law) will be irrelevant and therefore should not be examined. Also, small parts of topic 2.1 (about European Directives and Regulations) and topic 2.5 (about the European Court of Justice) become irrelevant as well.



Until After the Transition Period Ends

Once the transition period ends, then specific pieces of health and safety legislation may be repealed, revoked or amended. But please bear in mind that NEBOSH have a six-month moratorium on asking direct questions on new legislation. So if you are a NEBOSH National Diploma student looking at any of the January 2021 exams, you should not be concerned as it is very unlikely that any significant changes will happen **during** the transition period itself and any changes that happen after the transition period will have to exist in law for at least six months before they become directly examinable.

So it is likely that we won't see a significant impact on any health and safety course contents or assessments until the middle of 2021 at the earliest.

Environmental Courses

The United Kingdom withdrew from the European Union on 31 January 2020 in a process that is often known as Brexit. At present, a large number of UK environmental laws are based on EU Directives and Regulations, as the UK was required to implement these as a member of the EU.

The UK is currently in a 12-month transition period where it has committed to follow EU requirements while it negotiates future arrangements. Some structural changes to UK legislation have been made to ensure that it operates effectively, but there have been no significant operational changes to environmental legislation.

NEW RRC NEBOSH International General Certificate Classroom Materials in French

I'm pleased to announce that the study text and trainer packs for our highly respected NEBOSH IG Certificate have been translated into French. The content is exactly the same as the English version and is one of our many translated products. I'm also pleased to announce that other translations are coming soon, including Spanish and Arabic, so do keep an eye on the IGC page on our website for full details:

www.rrc.co.uk/nebosh/nebosh-certificate/nebosh-international-certificate.aspx

NEW RRC National and International General Certificate Revision Guides

RRC's NG and IG Revision Guides have been revised to the new syllabus specification. Everything you need to study for your General Certificate is issued in note form and with practice exam questions to prepare you for your exam, as well as guidance on the practical assessment.

For more information, head to the RRC website at:

www.rrc.co.uk



Meet Us At...

We will be attending two health and safety events in the next few months:

The Health & Safety Event 2020, NEC Birmingham, 28-30 April

RRC will be exhibiting at the annual Health & Safety event in Birmingham from Tuesday 28 to Thursday 30 April. This is a great opportunity to ask us about our online courses, our classroom or face-to-face courses, or just to chat about any matters health and safety. We will be on stand E40 to answer any questions you may have.

The Safety & Health Expo, ExCeL London, 19-21 May

We will also be attending the Safety & Health Expo at the ExCel Centre in London, from Tuesday 19 May until Thursday 21 May. Drop by stand SH1660 to find out more about our new and existing health and safety courses, or to chat to one of the team.

If you ever want to double-check what's coming up, you can always check our website:

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

I look forward to seeing you soon.

All the best,

Gary Fallaize

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.

Don't worry – you will find that all the amendments noted here have been made to RRC digital and downloadable publications.

NEBOSH Resources

If you are studying for a NEBOSH qualification (**other than the new National General Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety or the new International General Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety – see Important Note below**), we would like to remind you that guidance from NEBOSH is available in the following publications, which can all be accessed from the 'Learners' area of the NEBOSH website (under 'Resources' for each relevant qualification):

- **Preparing Learners for Assessment – Certificate and Diploma Written Question Papers**

This gives advice on learning methods, revision and examination technique and is designed to boost your confidence and improve your performance in the written assessment.

- **Guidance on Command Words – Certificate Qualifications**

This gives definitions of command words and example responses to everyday scenarios and typical exam questions.

- **Guidance on Command Words – Diploma Qualifications**

This gives definitions of command words and example responses to typical exam questions.

We strongly recommend reading this guidance as part of your preparation for the exams.

Sample new-look question papers for each **NEBOSH Certificate** qualification are also available in the 'Learners' area of the NEBOSH website (under 'Resources' for each relevant qualification). You should note that the papers still contain one 20-mark question and ten 8-mark questions but are no longer divided into sections.

Important Note

The NEBOSH publications described above are not relevant to the new National General Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety (Units NG1 and NG2) or the new International General Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety (Units IG1 and IG2). These new qualifications no longer make use of command words.





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.

Building Regulations 2010

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

[Building Regulations 2010](#)

Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2012

Two amendments have been made to this entry.

Under the subheading **Regulation 5: EEE to which these Regulations Apply**, the following text has been added:

“Partial list of exclusions to which the Regulations do not apply (under Part 2 of Schedule 1):

- Equipment for the protection of national security.
- Equipment designed to be sent into space.
- Large-scale stationary industrial tools.
- Large-scale fixed installations.
- Means of transport for persons or goods excluding two-wheel non-type-approved vehicles.
- Non-road mobile machinery for professional use.
- Active implantable medical devices.
- Photovoltaic panels.
- Equipment specifically designed for research and development.”

Under the subheading **Regulation 10: Prohibitions on Placing EEE on the Market (Manufacturers and their Authorised Representatives)**, the first paragraph has been amended to read:

“Producers have an obligation to not place new EEE on the market if it contains lead, mercury, hexavalent chromium, polybrominated biphenyls, polybrominated diphenyl ethers, Bis (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP), Butyl benzyl phthalate (BBP), Dibutyl phthalate (DBP) or Diisobutyl phthalate (DIBP) in greater concentrations than 0.1% by weight in homogeneous materials or 0.01% by weight for homogeneous materials for cadmium.”

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.

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 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.

Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2012

Two amendments have been made to this entry.

Under the subheading **Application**, the following text has been added:

“Partial list of exclusions to which the Regulations do not apply (under Part 2 of Schedule 1):

- Equipment for the protection of national security.
- Equipment designed to be sent into space.
- Large-scale stationary industrial tools.
- Large-scale fixed installations.
- Means of transport for persons or goods excluding two-wheel non-type-approved vehicles.
- Non-road mobile machinery for professional use.
- Active implantable medical devices.
- Photovoltaic panels.
- Equipment specifically designed for research and development.”

Under the subheading **Prohibitions on Placing EEE on the Market (Manufacturers and their Authorised Representatives) (Reg. 10)**, the first paragraph has been amended to read:

“Producers have an obligation to not place new EEE on the market if it contains lead, mercury, hexavalent chromium, polybrominated biphenyls, polybrominated diphenyl ethers, Bis (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP), Butyl benzyl phthalate (BBP), Dibutyl phthalate (DBP) or Diisobutyl phthalate (DIBP) in greater concentrations than 0.1% by weight in homogeneous materials or 0.01% by weight for homogeneous materials for cadmium.”

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.

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

NEBOSH National Diploma Unit C

Element C3

BS 5306-10:2019 *Fire extinguishing installations and equipment on premises* has introduced a colour code for Class D powder – violet. The table headed **Colour coding for fire extinguishants** in section 3.4 of the element has been updated.

Elements C5 and C6

BS EN ISO 13857:2019 *Safety of machinery – Safety distances to prevent hazard zones being reached by upper and lower limbs* has replaced the 2008 standard of the same name. There are minor changes to the table showing **Clearance for fingers** in section 5.1 of Element C5, which has been updated.

NEBOSH International Diploma Unit IC

Element IC3

BS 5306-10:2019 *Fire extinguishing installations and equipment on premises* has introduced a colour code for Class D powder – violet. The table headed **Colour coding for fire extinguishants** in section 3.4 of the element has been updated.

Elements IC5 and IC6

BS EN ISO 13857:2019 *Safety of machinery – Safety distances to prevent hazard zones being reached by upper and lower limbs* has replaced the 2008 standard of the same name. There are minor changes to the table showing **Clearance for fingers** in section 5.1 of Element C5, which has been updated.

NEBOSH National Diploma in Environmental Management

Unit NDEM2 Element 3

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

- The **RoHS Directive** and the **RoHS Regulations**.
- Bans on the use of fluorinated greenhouse gases (F-gases).

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 IDEM2 Element 2

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

- The RoHS Directive.
- Bans on the use of fluorinated greenhouse gases (F-gases).

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments:

[IED Supplement](#)

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

NEBOSH Certificate

Elements Covering Fire Safety

A new colour code (violet) has been introduced for fire extinguishers designed for use on Class D (metal) fires.

The other (existing) colours are given in the following elements:

- Units NG2 and IG2 Element 10.
- Unit GC2 Element 6.
- Units NCC1 and ICC1 Element 7.
- Units FC1 and IFC1 Element 4.

NEBOSH Environmental Certificate

Unit EC1 Element 6

Some text in this element has been updated in relation to **Directive 2011/65/EU** (the **RoHS Directive**).

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amended subsection:

[Unit EC1 Supplement](#)

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





NEBOSH Award

NEBOSH Awards in Health and Safety at Work and Health, Safety and Environment in the Process Industries

A new colour code (violet) has been introduced for fire extinguishers designed for use on Class D (metal) fires.

The other (existing) colours are given in Unit HSW1 Element 7.

IEMA

IEMA Lead Environmental Auditor

Element 6

In this element, under the subheading **Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases**, the first bullet point in the last paragraph has been amended to read as follows:

- “Bans- restriction on the placing on the market of specific refrigeration and air-conditioning equipment, propellants and foams that use F-gases in addition to the use of sulphur hexafluoride for die-casting in magnesium foundries. There is a ban of refrigerants with a GWP of 2,500 or greater in new stationary refrigeration units (apart from those designed to cool products below -50°C) such as R404A and R507A. There is also a ban on the use of refrigerants with a GWP of 2,500 or more for the service and maintenance of refrigeration equipment with a 40 tonne CO₂ equivalent. Sale of F-gases is only allowed to those who have relevant certification or have attended a specific training programme.”

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

Course	RRC Exam Registration Closing Dates	Examination Date
NEBOSH Award in Health and Safety at Work/Process Industries and NEBOSH Certificate in Process Safety Management		
Units: HSW1, HSW2, HSEP1, PSM1 Call for exam venues	23/04/2020	18/06/2020
NEBOSH National Certificate		
Units: NGC1, GC2, FC1, NCC1, EC1, NHC1, NG1	03/04/2020	03/06/2020
NEBOSH International Certificate		
Units: IGC1, GC2, IFC1, ICC1, IOG, IG1	03/04/2020	03/06/2020
NEBOSH National/International Diploma in Environmental Management		
Unit ED1	01/05/2020	20/07/2020
NEBOSH Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety		
Unit A, Unit IA	01/05/2020	21/07/2020
Unit B, Unit IB	01/05/2020	22/07/2020
Unit C, Unit IC	01/05/2020	23/07/2020
NEBOSH Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety/Environmental Management		
Unit D/Unit DNI, Unit N/IDEM2	03/04/2020	27/05/2020

RRC Middle East

Please click the following link to access RRC Middle East to check course dates and fees for 2020.

www.rrc.co.ae

