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Welcome!

Hello and welcome to the August 2020 issue of the RRC Newsletter – Health and Safety Business. I hope this email finds you well and safe during this difficult period.

Here you'll find an overview of the most recent and important developments at RRC. As always, you can find out more information on our website: www.rrc.co.uk

NEBOSH Open Book Exam and Other Developments

The global pandemic continues to impact everyone's lives in some way, and we hope all of our students have managed to stay safe in these challenging times.

Being a training provider for Health, Safety and Environmental qualifications, we have had to stop our classroom courses for the safety of our students, tutors and staff. We hope to be able to offer some classroom training again in the near future, but only at a time we believe it is safe to do so.

Since the last newsletter there have been a couple of new developments. For those of you doing the National or International General Certificate there is a new open book exam for the first unit of the course. NEBOSH have provided details and helpful resources on their website, and RRC have put a supplemental guide together to help you understand the exam format, revise and how to approach and answer questions. This resource is displayed at the top of your NGC1/IGC1/NG1/IG1 course page on the RRC Learning Centre. We hope you find it useful and would love to hear your feedback about it! We are also working on issuing an exams skills update for these units and a brand new mock exam in the format of the Open Book Exam.

The other new development is something from our side. In Autumn 2019, RRC planned the development of a number of 'virtual classroom' products: CPD and revision workshops in mid-2020 and full courses by the end of 2020. Fast forward to the end of May 2020 and we delivered our first full 'virtual classroom course', and we decided to brand this new provision as Live Online. We have taken a slow and steady approach to rolling out this new provision and have now trained almost 200 students using this method. Feedback has been very positive from students and tutors alike. We have committed to making Live Online a permanent addition to the delivery methods we offer.

RRC's Live Online courses offer a number of benefits that make them a great option if you want the participation and interaction of a classroom course but the convenience of online learning:

- Interactive training sessions using Zoom featuring a range of different activities, opportunities to speak with the tutor and collaborate with other students.
- Directed study to gain new knowledge and put it into practice.
- Recordings of the sessions for you to review and revise from.

If you are interested to know more, and what courses we are delivering as Live Online please visit our website.

One of our commitments at RRC is continuous improvement, and so we always welcome feedback from our students as to how we can improve our products and service. We would love to hear your thoughts on what we are doing and what you think we could do better.



I hope that you continue to follow government guidelines and stay safe, and I look forward to seeing you at an event in the near future.

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, 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 Guide – 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.

(Note: not relevant to Units NG1, IG1, NGC1 or IGC1.)

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

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

(Note: not relevant to Units NG1, IG1, NGC1 or IGC1.)

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

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

- **Sample New-Look Question Papers**

These show the current format for paper-based, invigilated exams at Certificate level. They are no longer divided into sections but still contain one 20-mark question and ten 8-mark questions.

(Note: not relevant to Units NG1, IG1, NGC1 or IGC1.)

- **Open Book Examinations: Learner Guide**

This gives guidance on the new Open Book Examinations for Certificate Units NG1, IG1, NGC1 and IGC1.

(Note: not relevant to any other Certificate units.)

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 exams.





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.

Employment Rights Act 1996

This entry has been updated to include amendments made by the **Employment Rights (Employment Particulars and Paid Annual Leave) (Amendment) Regulations 2018** and the **Employment Rights (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2019** to sections 1 and 11 of the Act.

You can access the updated entry here:

[Employment Rights Act 1996](#)

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 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.

Environmental Protection (Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls and other Dangerous Substances) (England and Wales) Regulations 2000

This entry has been updated in relation to **EU Regulation No. 2019/1021** and the **Environmental Protection (Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls and other Dangerous Substances) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020**.

You can access the updated entry here:

[Environmental Protection \(Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls and other Dangerous Substances\) \(England and Wales\) Regulations 2000](#)

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.

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NEBOSH Diploma

NEBOSH National Diploma in Environmental Management

Unit ED1

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

- Exam skills (Elements 2, 5, 7 and 9).
- Agreements under the Kyoto Protocol (Element 6).

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments:

[ED Supplement](#)

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

NEBOSH International Diploma in Environmental Management

Units ED1 and IDEM2

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

- Exam skills (Unit ED1 Elements 2, 5, 7 and 9).
- Agreements under the Kyoto Protocol (Unit ED1 Element 6 and Unit IDEM2 Element 2).

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments:

[ED Supplement](#)

Note: these changes have 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	02/10/2020	09/12/2020
NEBOSH National General Certificate (Open-Book Exam)		
Units: NG1, NGC1	To be advised	To be advised
NEBOSH National Certificate		
Units: GC2, FC1, NCC1, EC1, NHC1	02/10/2020	09/12/2020
NEBOSH International General Certificate (Open-Book Exam)		
Units: IG1, IGC1	To be advised	To be advised
NEBOSH International Certificate		
Units: GC2, IFC1, ICC1, IOG	02/10/2020	09/12/2020
NEBOSH National/International Diploma in Environmental Management		
Unit ED1	06/11/2020	11/01/2021
NEBOSH Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety		
Unit A, Unit IA	06/11/2020	12/01/2021
Unit B, Unit IB	06/11/2020	13/01/2021
Unit C, Unit IC	06/11/2020	14/01/2021
NEBOSH Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety/Environmental Management		
Unit DNI, Unit N/IDEM2	02/10/2020	25/11/2020

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

