

SUMMER 2017

Welcome!

Hello and welcome to the Summer 2017 issue of the RRC Newsletter - Health and Safety Business.

Here you'll find important information and updates about your course and the latest NEBOSH registration dates.

If you ever want to check out other updates, developments or events, don't forget to visit our website:

www.rrc.co.uk

All the best,

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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 – all the amendments noted here will be made to your online resources.

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:

- **Guidance on Command Words**

This is provided at both Certificate and Diploma level and gives definitions of command words and example responses to everyday scenarios and typical exam questions. You can access it from the Student area of the NEBOSH website.

- **Example Question Paper and Examiners' Feedback on Expected Answers**

This is provided for each qualification and gives example exam questions with examiners' expectations and typical areas of underperformance by students. The aim is to help you better understand the syllabus content and how the assessment criteria are applied. You can access it from the Student area of the NEBOSH website and also from the RRC Learning Centre Resource Library (under 'Exam Tips')

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



RRC Resources

RRC Health and Safety Law and Case Law Guide

We have made some amendments to the Health and Safety Law and Case Law Guide in relation to recent legislation. If you are studying a national (UK) course, please note the changes below.

Dangerous Substances and Explosive Atmospheres Regulations 2002

The entry on these Regulations has been amended in respect of the **Equipment and Protective Systems Intended for Use in Potentially Explosive Atmospheres Regulations 2016**.

Pressure Equipment (Safety) Regulations 2016

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

[Pressure Equipment \(Safety\) Regulations 2016](#)

The entry on the **Pressure Equipment Regulations 1999** has been removed.

Simple Pressure Vessels (Safety) Regulations 2016

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

[Simple Pressure Vessels \(Safety\) Regulations 2016](#)

The entry on the **Simple Pressure Vessels (Safety) Regulations 1991** has been removed.

The complete Health and Safety 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.

RRC Environmental Law and Case Law Guide

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

Controls on Dangerous Substances and Preparations Regulations 2006

This entry has been removed.

Energy Act 2008

In this entry, the reference to the Renewables Obligation has been removed.

Planning (Hazardous Substances) Act 1990 and the Planning (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2015

This entry has been amended in relation to the **Planning (Hazardous Substances) (Amendment) Regulations 2017**.

Renewables Obligation Order 2015

This entry has been removed.

Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (England and Wales) Regulations 2017

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

[Water Environment \(Water Framework Directive\) \(England and Wales\) Regulations 2017](#)

The entry on the **Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (England and Wales) Regulations 2003** has been removed.





Water Industry Acts 1991 and 1999

This entry has been amended in relation to the **Water Act 2014**.

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

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

Unit A

Element A5

We have made a small amendment to this element to clarify the meaning of 'working day'.

In section 5.3, under the heading **Statutory Reporting Requirements and Procedures**, the text in the **Topic Focus** box under the subheading **Over-Seven-Day Injuries** now reads as follows:

"Reporting is required in cases where a person is incapacitated for work of a kind which he might reasonably be expected to do. The seven days do not include the day of the accident, but do include non-working days.

'Working day' means any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a day which is a bank holiday."

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

Unit C

Element C3

We have made two small amendments to this element to include references to BS 9999:2017:

- In section 3.3, under the heading **Common Fire Detection and Alarm Systems and Procedures**, the following text has been added at the end of the first paragraph:

"BS 9999:2017 *Fire safety in the design, management and use of buildings - Code of practice* also includes guidance on minimum levels of fire detection and fire alarm systems for premises. It acknowledges that premises with a higher fire growth rate may require a more sophisticated system, and in some low-risk premises an alternative means of giving warning in the event of fire might be more appropriate."

- In section 3.5, under the heading **Travel Distances**, the following new paragraph has been added beneath the table:

"BS 9999:2017 *Fire safety in the design, management and use of buildings - Code of practice* includes specific guidance on travel distances based on risk profile and fire protection measures provided."

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





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

Unit A

Element A2

We have made a small amendment to this element to clarify the meaning of 'working day'.

In the main section on **Reporting and Recording of Injuries, Ill Health, Dangerous Occurrences and Near-Misses**, under the subheading **Statutory Reporting Requirements and Procedures**, the text in the **Topic Focus** box under the subheading **Over-Seven-Day Injuries** now reads as follows:

"Reporting is required in cases where a person is incapacitated for work of a kind which he might reasonably be expected to do. The seven days do not include the day of the accident, but do include non-working days.

'Working day' means any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a day which is a bank holiday."

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

Unit C

Element C3

We have made two small amendments to this element to include references to BS 9999:2017:

- In the main section on **Fire Detection and Alarm Systems and Procedures**, under the heading **Common Fire Detection and Alarm Systems and Procedures**, the following text has been added at the end of the first paragraph:
"BS 9999:2017 *Fire safety in the design, management and use of buildings - Code of practice* also includes guidance on minimum levels of fire detection and fire alarm systems for premises. It acknowledges that premises with a higher fire growth rate may require a more sophisticated system, and in some low-risk premises an alternative means of giving warning in the event of fire might be more appropriate."
- In the main section on **Means of Escape**, under the subheading **Travel Distances**, the following new paragraph has been added beneath the table:
"BS 9999:2017 *Fire safety in the design, management and use of buildings - Code of practice* includes specific guidance on travel distances based on risk profile and fire protection measures provided."

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 **Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (England and Wales) Regulations 2017** (Elements 5 and 11).
- Simple cautions (Element 6).
- The **Water Act 2014** (deregulation of water and sewage services) (Elements 9 and 11).
- The current rates for landfill tax and the maximum credit that may be claimed back (Element 9).
- **EU Regulation No. 517/2014 on Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases** (Element 10).
- The closure of the Renewables Obligation (Element 15).

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments:

[ED1 Supplement](#)

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

NEBOSH Certificate

NEBOSH Environmental Certificate

Unit EC1

Element 6

We have updated the study material for this element in relation to the current rates for landfill tax in the UK and the maximum credit that may be claimed back.

In **section 6.4 (Outlets Available for Waste)**, under the subheading **Landfill Tax**, the last three paragraphs of the text now read as follows:

“The current rates for LFT are £2.70 per tonne for inert wastes and £86.10 per tonne for active waste.

The Landfill Communities Fund (formerly the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme) is a scheme whereby landfill operators are able to claim back a credit against their landfill tax liability. This credit (currently 5.3% of the tax liability) must then be used to help fund partnership projects that create significant environmental benefits, jobs and which improve the lives of communities living near landfill sites. The tax credit makes up 90% of the landfill operator’s contribution to the partnership project scheme. The operator can then either make up the remaining 10% of the project cost themselves, or ask an independent third party to contribute the difference.

The Landfill Communities Fund is administered by ENTRUST, a private company overseen by Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs.”

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





IEMA

IEMA Associate Certificate in Environmental Management

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

- The closure of the Renewables Obligation (Elements 2 and 3).
- The **Water Act 2014** (deregulation of water and sewage services) (Elements 2 and 5).
- The current rates for landfill tax and the maximum credit that may be claimed back (Element 4).

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments:

[IEMA Associate Supplement](#)

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

IEMA Lead Environmental Auditor

Element 6

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

- **EU Regulation No. 517/2014 on Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases.**
- The **Water Act 2014** (deregulation of water and sewage services).

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments:

[IEMA LEA Supplement](#)

Note: these changes have 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	11/08/2017	03/10/2017
NEBOSH National Certificate		
Units: NGC1, GC2, FC1, NCC1, EC1, NHC1	07/07/2017	06/09/2017
NEBOSH International Certificate		
Units: IGC1, GC2, IFC1, ICC1, IOG	07/07/2017	06/09/2017
NEBOSH Diploma in Environmental Management		
	02/11/2017	18/01/2018
NEBOSH Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety		
Unit A, Unit IA	03/11/2017	16/01/2018
Unit B, Unit IB	03/11/2017	17/01/2018
Unit C, Unit IC	03/11/2017	18/01/2018
NEBOSH Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety		
Unit D/Unit DNI	RRC Assignment Registration Closing Dates 07/07/2017	Assignment Submission Date 30/08/2017

RRC Middle East

Please click the following link to access RRC Middle East to check course dates and fees for 2017.

www.rrc.com.bh

