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**NEBOSH National Diploma in Environmental Management  
(September 2016 specification)**

**Guidance for students  
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## General information

### Why has the syllabus been updated?

NEBOSH has reviewed the syllabus in line with the normal qualification development cycle. The syllabus content, following extensive research, has been updated to provide the knowledge and understanding required by environmental practitioners in the modern workplace.

### Who did NEBOSH consult with on the changes that have been made to the National Diploma in Environmental Management?

Extensive consultation has been carried out with employers and NEBOSH's network of accredited course providers.

### When was the syllabus for the September 2016 specification launched?

The syllabus was launched in December 2016 and will be assessed from January 2018.

### Will students who have achieved the National Environmental Diploma September 2016 specification be invited to the annual NEBOSH Graduation Ceremony?

All candidates who successfully complete either specification of the National Environmental Diploma will be invited to attend the next available NEBOSH Graduation Ceremony.

### Will the designatory letters for holders of the September 2016 specification change?

No. Candidates who achieve the September 2016 specification will be able to use the designatory letters EnvDipNEBOSH.



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## Student issues

### Enrolment

#### Will I need to enrol onto the September 2016 specification?

This is a change to the current rules. Students will now be required to enrol with NEBOSH, usually at the start of their studies, although enrolment can take place any time prior to registration for their first assessment. The enrolment period will commence on the date that the enrolment is processed.

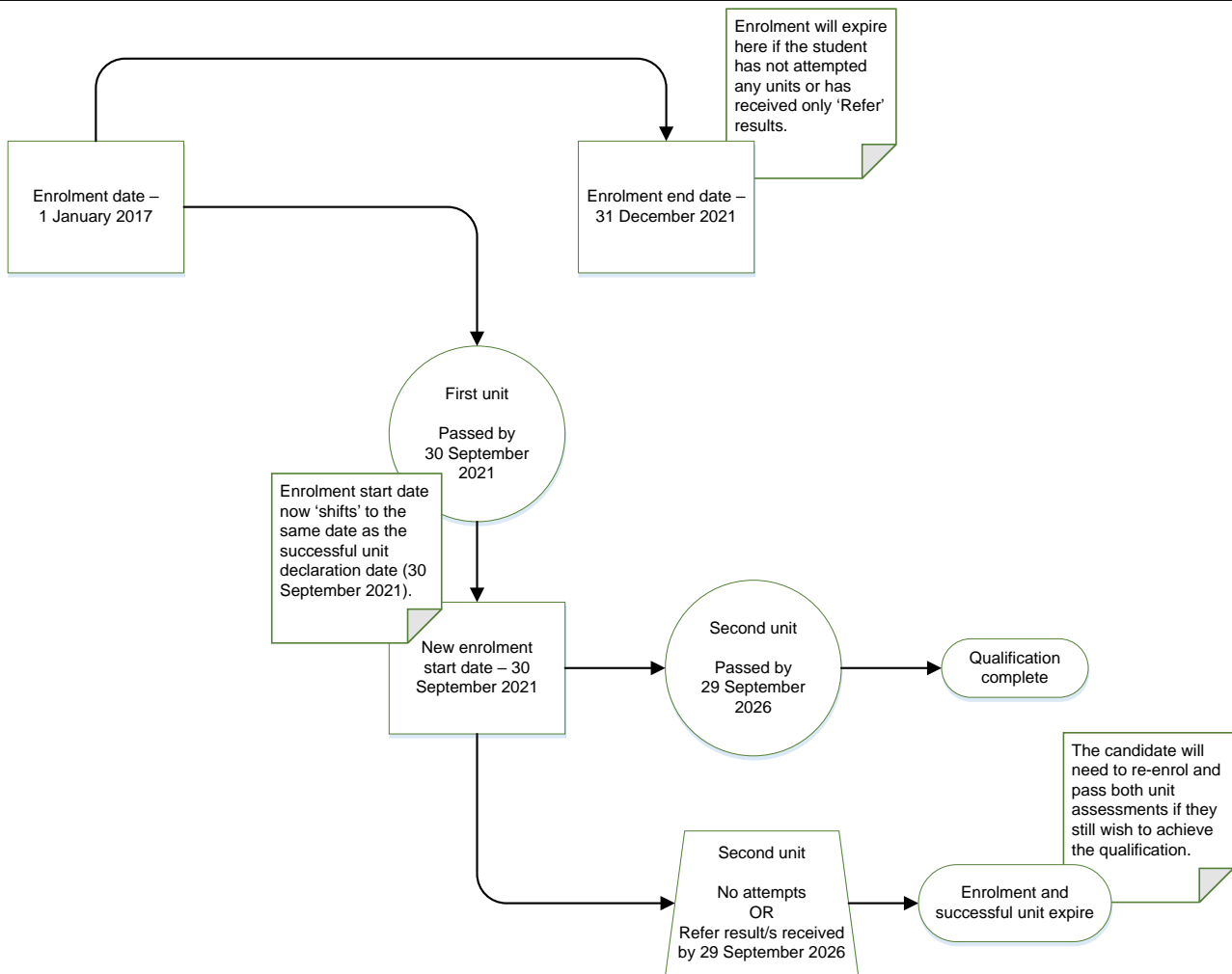
#### What are the rules for enrolment?

Accredited course providers will be responsible for enrolling you and NEBOSH will send confirmation of the enrolment start and end date to you after processing. The initial enrolment period will be for five years.

Once you have passed your first unit, the enrolment start date will change to the same date as the declaration date of that successful unit (the date which is printed on the unit certificate). You will then have five years from this new 'enrolment date' to complete the qualification.

You must pass both units within five years of each other; the five years start from the declaration date of the first successful unit. Any unit that is older than five years will not count towards the qualification grading and must be re-taken in order to achieve the National Diploma in Environmental Management.

The following diagram explains how the process will work.



The enrolment period will only expire:

- when both units have been successfully completed; or
- five years from the enrolment start date; or
- when a successful unit has expired (ie the declaration date is five or more years older than the current date); or
- five years from the enrolment start date if unit assessment/s have been attempted but you receive a 'Refer' result and/or have been marked as 'absent'.

### Will I be able to apply for an enrolment extension request in the same way as the National Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety students can?

You can apply for an extension to a unit's validity period rather than the enrolment period only if there are extenuating reasons for this. The process for extensions will follow the current procedure for enrolment extensions but, due to the fact that there is now the more flexible 'rolling enrolment period', you will only be able to apply for one validity extension per unit. The rules for unit validity extensions are included in the 'Enrolment Policy for NEBOSH Diploma Level Qualifications'.



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## **When can I enrol onto the September 2016 specification?**

Enrolments will commence from October 2017.

## **Transition between specifications**

### **Can I take the 2016 specification assessments instead of the 2010 assessments?**

From January 2018 students will be assessed against the September 2016 specification syllabus content only. If you have started studying the syllabus content but have not registered for an assessment, you could choose to take the September 2016 specification assessments instead of the September 2010 specification. However, you will need to enrol onto the qualification and pay the appropriate fee (please see the 'Enrolment' section for further details). There is some new content in the 2016 specification so you may require additional tuition to cover this content.

You should, therefore, speak to your accredited course provider to discuss any additional tuition and/or course materials which may be required. Any fees which may be incurred for this are by negotiation between the student and the accredited course provider.

### **Can I take unit passes over from the September 2010 to the September 2016 specification?**

No this will not be possible. The syllabus content and the assessment structure for the September 2016 specification is significantly different to the September 2010 specification.



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## Syllabus

### Are there many differences between the September 2010 and September 2016 specification syllabus?

The main change is that the syllabus has been split into two taught units. The first unit (Unit ED1: Controlling environmental aspects) is a common unit, shared with the International Diploma in Environmental Management (also launched in December 2016). This unit contains no UK legislation and will be assessed by a written examination.

The second unit (Unit NDEM2: Environmental regulation) is also a taught unit, however, this unit will be assessed by an assignment. Although the assessment for this unit is designed to assess the content specific to Unit NDEM2, it also assesses some content from Unit ED1 eg, the assignment looks at legislation relating to air pollution (Unit NDEM2 content) but also looks at existing/further controls for air pollution (Unit ED1 content). It is, therefore, recommended that students should have undertaken their studies for both units before attempting the unit assessments.

This syllabus content for Unit NDEM2 contains reference to the UK environmental legislative framework.



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## Qualification structure

### How long can I take to complete the qualification?

You will have five years to complete the qualification (please refer to the '[Enrolment](#)' section for further details).

### Are the pass standards for the units to change?

The pass standard for Unit ED1 (the examination unit) will remain at 45%. The pass standard for Unit NDEM2 (the assignment unit) is 50% (previously 60%).

### Has the grading structure for the qualification changed?

The grading has changed. Weighting will no longer be applied to results. The qualification grade will be calculated by adding the two unit marks together and awarded according to the following grading bands:

Distinction:	135 or more marks
Credit:	115 – 134 marks
Pass	95 – 114 marks

### Will the mark for the 'common' Unit ED1 be capped when being used as an exemption against the same unit of the International Diploma in Environmental Management?

No, the mark achieved for Unit ED1 will be the mark which is applied against the same unit of the International Diploma in Environmental Management as long as it meets the 'exemptions criteria' (please refer to the NEBOSH [website](#) for further information).





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## Assessments

### Has the assessment structure of the 2016 specification changed?

Unit ED1: Controlling environmental aspects will be assessed by a written examination. This will take the same format as the current NED1 examination ie, a three hour written examination, where the student answers five out of eight 20 mark questions.

Unit NDEM2: Environmental regulation will be assessed by assignment. The assignment will assess the content of Unit NDEM2 but will also cover content from Unit ED1. It is, therefore, strongly recommended that you complete your studies of both units before attempting the assignment.

### When is the first date that I will be allowed to submit Unit NDEM2 for the September 2016 specification?

The first submission date for Unit NDEM2 will be February 2018. You **must** submit your assignment electronically and by doing so you:

- give permission for the work to be screened by Turnitin UK and understand that it will be added to the Turnitin database; and
- declare that the work is original and does not include work from other sources except where identified by reference.

You will be issued with a pre-submission email confirming your registration to submit the assignment and containing instructions for the electronic submission.



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## Fees / costs

### Will I be required to pay an enrolment fee?

An enrolment fee of £25 is payable (2017/18 Fees List) to NEBOSH at the time that your enrolment is processed.

### Are the unit registration fees changing?

The examination unit (Unit ED1) will increase slightly to align with the National and International Diplomas in Occupational Health and Safety (from £81 to £82\*). The assignment unit registration fee (Unit NDEM2) will also increase (from £48 to £75\*). This is to reflect that the assignment is moving from being marked by the accredited course provider to being marked by NEBOSH examiners.

\* 2017/18 fees



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## Qualification level and recognition

### **Will the November 2016 specification of the National Environmental Diploma be accredited by SQA?**

NEBOSH will be applying to SQA for accreditation of the National Environmental Diploma during 2017.

### **What level will the 2016 specification be?**

It is anticipated that the qualification will remain at Level 10 on the SCQF and will attract 24 credit points.

### **Will my qualification be eligible for membership with CIWEM and IEMA?**

It is anticipated that professional bodies will continue to recognise the Environmental Diploma (2016 specification) for membership.

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