

AMENDMENT NOTICE
to
Station Officers'
Handbook for Candidates
Dated March 2005

The following minor amendments are to the Rules and Study Notes for the Station Officers' examination as it is no longer the intention to re-issue amended pages for the final re-sit examinations in 2005 and 2006. The changes will apply to all examinations in and after September 2005.

Handbooks should be updated to reflect the changes and I would be grateful if you would advise all potential candidates of these. The Board's web site www.fseb.gov.uk has also been updated (March 2005) to reflect the current status of each Study Note.

However, copies of the Syllabus and Bibliography (Section 2) for the Station Officers' examination have been published to brigades.

Section 1 – The Rules for the Written Examination

Page 3

AMEND 'Questions to answer' for Paper 2:

Section A	Fire Safety Legislation	2
Section B	Community Fire Safety	2
Section C	Fire Safety Risk Assessment	2
TOTAL		6

Study Notes

3104 – Stored Pesticides Involved in Fire

Page 3, Section 4, line 2:

DELETE all from 'Inspections made under Act, 1947' and

REPLACE with 'Risk assessment visits'

Page 3, Section 4, line 9:

DELETE '1(1)(d)' and REPLACE with 'risk assessment'

3106 – Operational Incidents in Tunnels and Similar Structures

Page 8, Section 9(c):

DELETE '1(1)(d) inspections and REPLACE with 'Risk assessment visits'.

3201 – Cautioning Suspects

Page 3, Section 2, final paragraph:

AMEND to read 'Fire Officers, who are charged with the duty to investigate possible offences under legislation, should have due regard to the provisions of the Code or the Guide'.

Page 4, Section 4

REPLACE with the following:

'Some concern has been registered about the possible conflict between the right to silence and the fire authorities ability to bring prosecutions, for example where a person fails to provide appropriate assistance to an officer making enquiries in the pursuance of his or her duties.

The Code of Practice and Guide referred to in 2(a) and 2(b) above provide that a caution need not be given if questions are put solely to establish identity or ownership or to obtain information in accordance with any statutory requirement.

However, it may be appropriate to give a caution in cases where a person refuses to provide information requested by an officer.

It is nevertheless thought that difficulties are unlikely to arise in most cases if the legal responsibility of the person to assist the officer in his or her enquiries has been properly drawn to their attention during preliminary enquiries to establish the facts.

A caution should be given when their answers to questions give reason to suspect the commission of an offence, including the offence of not providing the officer with the required assistance during his or her enquiries'.

Page 5, Section 5 (vii), line 3:

AMEND to read: 'to indicate where they consider it inaccurate'.

3203 – The Health and Safety (Safety Signs and Signals) Regulations 1996

Page 4, Section 5(b), lines 2/3:

DELETE 'Eg The Fire Authority ... Act 1971'.

3206 – Planning for Fire Safety in the Community

Page 3, Section 4, line 3:

DELETE 'The Home Office' and commence the sentence with 'Each Brigade has ...'

Page 3, Section 4(a), line 1:

DELETE 'The Home Office' and REPLACE with 'The Office of the Deputy Prime Minister'.

3207 – Safety at Community Events

Page 2, Section 2, line 5 and Section 3, line 9:

DELETE 'Station Officer' and REPLACE with 'Station Manager'.

Page 15, Section 8(a)

DELETE and REPLACE with 'Comply with HSE guidance and other information issued by responsible bodies;'

3210 – Principles of Fire Safety Risk Assessment

Page 2, Section 2, 2nd paragraph:

DELETE and REPLACE with 'The one described in this study note has been designed for general use, taking into account the advice in Section 6, but it has no statutory force'.

Page 6, Section 8, lines 5 – 7 and Section 9, last 2 lines on page:

DELETE all from 'For example ... typical benchmark document'.

Page 6, Section 9, last two lines on page:

DELETE all from 'For example ... typical benchmark document'.

Page 7, Section 10, lines 25 – 27:

DELETE all from 'For example ... typical benchmark document'.

Page 8, Section 11, lines 16 – 18:

DELETE all from 'For example ... typical benchmark document'.

Page 11, Section 14, lines 17 – 19:

DELETE all from 'For example ... typical benchmark document'.