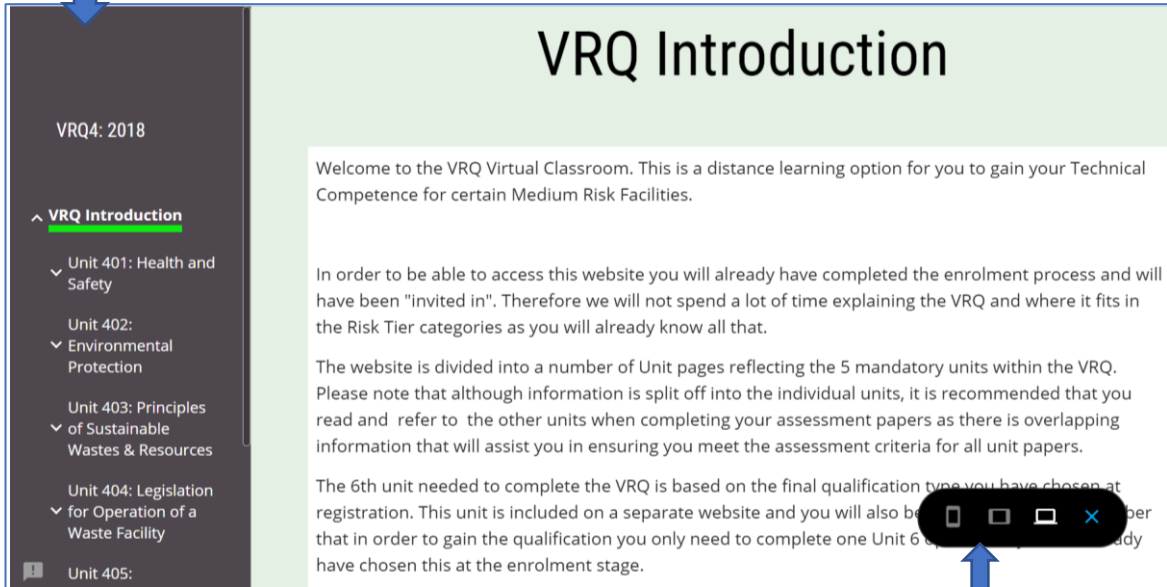


## VRQ Website Layout and Content

You can move around the various units



The screenshot shows the VRQ Introduction page. On the left is a dark sidebar with a navigation menu. The main content area has a light green header with the title "VRQ Introduction". Below the header, there are three paragraphs of text. A mobile device navigation bar is visible at the bottom of the page.

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# VRQ Introduction

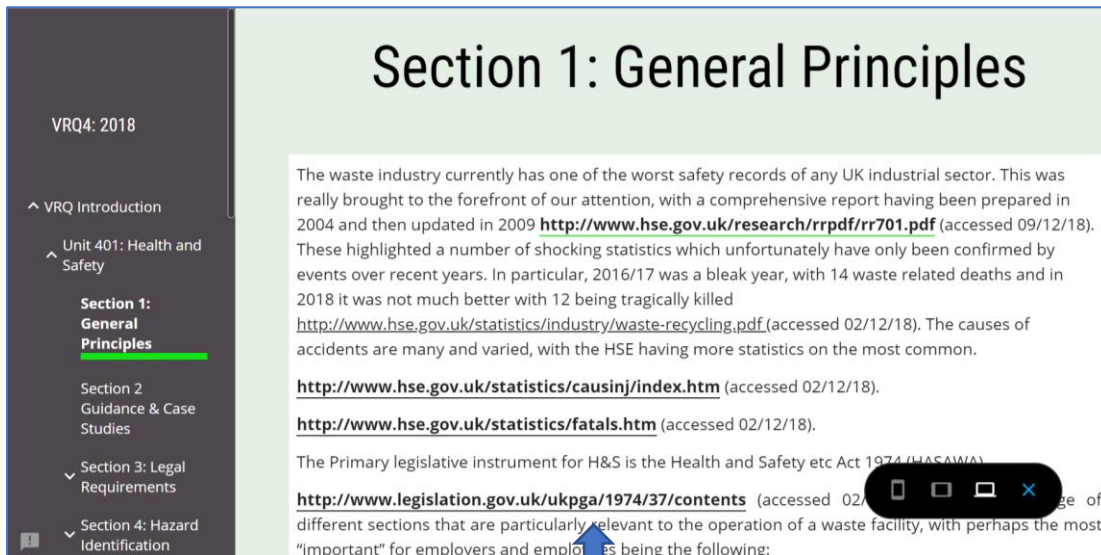
Welcome to the VRQ Virtual Classroom. This is a distance learning option for you to gain your Technical Competence for certain Medium Risk Facilities.

In order to be able to access this website you will already have completed the enrolment process and will have been "invited in". Therefore we will not spend a lot of time explaining the VRQ and where it fits in the Risk Tier categories as you will already know all that.

The website is divided into a number of Unit pages reflecting the 5 mandatory units within the VRQ. Please note that although information is split off into the individual units, it is recommended that you read and refer to the other units when completing your assessment papers as there is overlapping information that will assist you in ensuring you meet the assessment criteria for all unit papers.

The 6th unit needed to complete the VRQ is based on the final qualification type you have chosen at registration. This unit is included on a separate website and you will also be able to see the details of this unit that in order to gain the qualification you only need to complete one Unit 6 if you have chosen this at the enrolment stage.

You can view the site on different devices



The screenshot shows the Section 1: General Principles page. The sidebar on the left has "Section 1: General Principles" highlighted. The main content area has a light green header with the title "Section 1: General Principles". Below the header, there are several paragraphs of text, including several hyperlinks to HSE and UK legislation websites. A mobile device navigation bar is visible at the bottom of the page.

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  - Section 4: Hazard Identification

# Section 1: General Principles

The waste industry currently has one of the worst safety records of any UK industrial sector. This was really brought to the forefront of our attention, with a comprehensive report having been prepared in 2004 and then updated in 2009 <http://www.hse.gov.uk/research/rrpdf/rr701.pdf> (accessed 09/12/18). These highlighted a number of shocking statistics which unfortunately have only been confirmed by events over recent years. In particular, 2016/17 was a bleak year, with 14 waste related deaths and in 2018 it was not much better with 12 being tragically killed <http://www.hse.gov.uk/statistics/industry/waste-recycling.pdf> (accessed 02/12/18). The causes of accidents are many and varied, with the HSE having more statistics on the most common.

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/statistics/causinj/index.htm> (accessed 02/12/18).

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/statistics/fatals.htm> (accessed 02/12/18).

The Primary legislative instrument for H&S is the Health and Safety etc Act 1974 (HASAWA) <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1974/37/contents> (accessed 02/12/18). This Act covers a range of different sections that are particularly relevant to the operation of a waste facility, with perhaps the most "important" for employers and employees being the following:

There is content to read and also links to follow