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COVID-19 Temporary Training Arrangements for Induction Course			
<p>In order to provide support to Training Centres during the current global health situation, The Nautical Institute has established the following temporary measures will be in place for an initial period of 3 months, subject to review, and be implemented with immediate effect for those training centres that wish to deliver online training:</p> <p>Induction Course:</p> <p>The Induction course comprises three key components:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Theory and instruction 2. On-line assessment 3. Practical Training and familiarisation using the simulator <p>Temporary Training Arrangements</p> <p>Under these temporary arrangements Training Centres may submit applications for a course delivery that includes remote learning under the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The remote learning must cover all of the course content and must include the transfer of a learning pack to the trainee DPO either in hard copy or as a downloadable document. 2. The theory content must be delivered over a period of not less than 3 days. 3. On completion of the theory content the DPO may be issued with a logbook in the normal way and proceed to sea. The logbook should not be dated, stamped or signed at this stage for the Induction course. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Where it is not possible for a logbook to be sent to the trainee DPO, The Nautical Institute is to be advised and a personalised soft copy will be issued. Contact DP@nautinst.org with CB in the subject line and copy to accreditations@nautinst.org 4. The DPO may gain a maximum of 60 days DP time prior to returning to a training centre. No additional days may be accrued towards total of 120 days required for the award of DPO certificate. 5. Prior to undertaking the simulator course, the trainee DPO must complete a 2-day training period at a training centre which must include: 			

- a. Practical training on DP controls and equipment
- b. Basic Exercises including use of PRS and other equipment
- c. Completion of the Induction on-line assessment under supervised conditions

On successful completion of all these components the trainee may proceed directly to the Simulator Course and the logbook entry for the Induction course should be completed.

Trainees following this route will not be permitted to use the STR course as a component of the training.

Application Arrangements

Training centres wishing to take advantage of this pathway must get approval from The Nautical Institute.

The application should include:

1. Details of the instructors to be used for the remote learning
2. Details of how learning materials will be provided to the learner
3. Details of the delivery methodology including any on-line learning platforms.
4. Details of the required equipment needed by the trainee DPO in the remote location
5. The intended arrangements for the supply of a DPO logbook to the trainee
6. A draft of a letter to be provided to the trainee to take on board ships explaining that the normal training of the induction phase has not been completed in full and that the trainee will require additional support for familiarisation with equipment and its operation
7. Confirmation that the arrangements for the training and assessment prior to the simulator course are understood.

Applications should be submitted in writing (e-mail) to the Accreditation Manager Qasim.masood@nautinst.org / accreditations@nautinst.org and a response can normally be expected within 2 working days.

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