

OFFICIAL MESSAGE – CIRCULAR

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To: Dynamic Positioning Accredited Training Centres			
Reference: Training and Certification Scheme For Key Technical DP Personnel (The DP Vessel Maintainer Course)			
Subject: Guidance on the implementation of the Training and Certification Scheme For Key Technical DP Personnel (The DP Vessel Maintainer Course)			
DPVM Scheme			
<p>Noting that the Training and Certification Scheme For Key Technical DP Personnel (The DP Vessel Maintainer Course) was introduced in the DP Certification and Accreditation Standard for 2021 with an effective date of 1 March 2021, centres are provided with this operation and implementation update. Please be guided accordingly.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 1 March 2021: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Training and Certification Scheme For Key Technical DP Personnel (The DP Vessel Maintainer Course) becomes active b. Centres may apply for approval to run the Training and Certification Scheme For Key Technical DP Personnel (The DP Vessel Maintainer Course) from this date c. Application fees for approval to run courses are waived for centres already Recognised by The NI for the DP Knowledge for Technical Staff Course (DKPTS) d. Approval fees for centres not yet approved for the DP Knowledge for Technical Staff Course (DPKTS) are £475. e. Point of contact for the approval is: accreditations@nautinst.org 2. Noting widespread restrictions on travel, centres that wish to offer learning support to grandfathered participants will have the opportunity to deliver the online assessment remotely; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Remote access for online assessments will be available to approved centres from 12 April 2021 b. Remote online assessments will be externally invigilated through arrangements put in place by The NI c. The fee for remote online assessments will be £100 per candidate d. Resit fees will be £80 per candidate per re-sit for online assessments 3. On-Site Assessments <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Centres wishing to offer the assessment on-site will be able to do so once approved. The Training Centre will set the fee for an on-site assessment. b. Subject to centres being approved for the conduct of the DPVM examinations, these will be available for on-site assessment from 12 April 2021 4. Candidates that do not wish to receive support from a training centre prior to taking the online assessment may do so by applying directly to the NI HQ for an assessment; 			

- a. Applications may be made for an appointment from 1 April 2021
 - b. Assessments will be scheduled according to demand, and will be available from 12 April 2021
 - c. The fee for online assessments booked through NI HQ will be £100
 - d. Resit fees will be £80 per candidate per re-sit for online assessments.
 - e. Point of contact these assessments is: testreach@nautinst.org
5. Logbooks supporting the scheme will be available shortly;
- a. Centres are reminded that all candidates for this certificate must complete the required tasks and sea time stipulated in the 2021 Standard
 - b. Records are to be kept in the dedicated NI Logbook, numbered copies of which will be specific to each individual
 - c. Logbooks may be ordered by individuals or training centres
 - d. Candidates who are entering directly into the scheme having recently completed the DPKTS examination should apply for their logbook from NI HQ so we can verify assessment results prior to issuing the logbook.
 - e. The fee for the logbook is £45
6. A dedicated FAQ section will be available on the NI Alexis Platform from 1 March 2021.
- a. Additional questions may be raised through the following email address: dpvm@nautinst.org
7. It is expected that the first applications will be submitted in May or June 2021.
8. Discounted Certificate application fees for the first year are as follows;
- a. Grandfathered applications (26 days sea time after the examination): £75
 - b. New entrants (26 days sea time after exam): £75.

The rates for applications will increase from 2022, in line with DPO Certification charges.

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