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## **BSS EXAMINER NEWS**

Dear Examiner,

This edition of BSS Examiner News provides a brief update concerning the planned LPG update course and proposed CO alarm requirements training.

We also encourage you to update Salesforce with any changes to your membership of organisations and we set out the usual arrangements for the Christmas period shut-down.

### **LPG update course – Spring 2019**

For the safety of themselves and others, all examiners will undertake the LPG update course and be updated and assessed to the revised BSS manometer and bubble tester LPG tightness test procedures. The training need affects all examiners including those who are Gas Safe registered and who may have recently undertaken their ACS qualification renewal.

The compulsory programme is being developed now and more details will follow in the next newsletter, however, the purpose of this article is to announce that the training is planned to take place during March, April and into May 2019 and to explain the component parts of the training. The course is made up of:

- a) An online course on the essential information fundamental to any examination of a boat's LPG system, for instance, the nature of LPG including its explosive limits and the component parts of an LPG system. This will include an online assessment.
- b) A two-day attended training course validating the knowledge from the online course but mostly to train to the revised BSS manometer and bubble tester LPG tightness test procedures, as well as a refresher concerning flue spillage testing. Assessments to all three BSS test procedures will take place.
- c) An online course and assessment covering the application of the Part 7 Examination Checking Procedures (ECPs).

As always, the attended training will take place reasonably locally to you and will be provided at cost. There is no charge for the online elements. The online course will likely be available late February/early March.

The attended training venue locations/dates and method by which you will book yourself on to one of these training events will follow in late January/early February.

### **Proposed BSS CO alarm requirements – BSS Examiner training**

On Thursday 13 December the BSS Management Committee will review the outcome of the BSS Consultation on the proposed introduction of BSS CO Alarm requirements [[LINK](#)] and decide upon whether or not to introduce new BSS requirements concerning CO alarms on boats subject to the Scheme. In the event the proposals are endorsed then it is likely that new requirements will come in from 1 April 2019.

Should the proposals be agreed, it is planned to deliver training to examiners by way of an updated appendix within the ECPs as well as by way of a short online course. It is likely that validation of the training will take place during attendance at the planned LPG update course.

### **Check your claims of organisation membership (where relevant)**

Are you still a member of the organisations you claim to be? You must not claim the advantage and kudos of the membership of an organisation if it has lapsed. If your membership of any organisation has lapsed please login to the BSS database and edit your 'Current Details' accordingly. We reserve the right to edit membership of organisation details in the event we are contacted by the organisation concerned and informed that an examiner's membership is not current.

Are you claiming to be on the Gas Safe Register – is it for LPG / boats, is the engineer ID number correct, has your registration lapsed? Do not claim to be Gas Safe registered if your registration is not current and/or appropriate for boats, as there are legal implications if the facts are inaccurate or no longer current. For reasons of legal and reputational protection, if there is doubt as to an examiner's valid Gas Safe registration, we reserve the right to remove the examiner's name/details immediately from the BSS website until resolution of the matter is achieved.

### **End of Salesforce support for Microsoft Internet Explorer 9.0 (IE9) or 10.0 (IE10) in 2019**

Salesforce has announced support will end for Explorer IE9 and IE10 in April 2019, due to the low number of users and worries about security.

If you use Microsoft Internet Explorer, find out which version you have by opening it up and then clicking on 'Help' on the top toolbar, then click on 'About Internet Explorer' and a box will appear telling you which version you have.

You are recommended to move to browsers that Salesforce will continue to support, namely:

1. Microsoft® Internet Explorer® version IE11
2. Mozilla® Firefox®, most recent stable version
3. Google Chrome™, most recent stable version
4. Apple® Safari® version 11.x on Mac OS

### **BSS Office Christmas Shut-down**

Although all staff will be on leave during the Christmas and New Year break (22 December – 1 January inclusive) technical support will likely be available to you should you need it. Please use this email address - [bss.office@boatsafetyscheme.org](mailto:bss.office@boatsafetyscheme.org) and include your contact phone number and subject matter and your email will be picked up and forwarded to the most appropriate BSS team member who will call you back. Concerning urgent messages please try team mobiles, numbers are on the Examiner Support site or for those that have it Whatsapp for Rob or Graham.

If you have a need to order any items via Salesforce, please do this very soon as we will be unable to dispatch any items after 20 December. The next post out will be week commencing Monday 7 January.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Best regards,



Graham Watts, **BSS Manager**