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BSS EXAMINER NEWS

Dear Examiner

BSS Office: Examiner Training Programme Update No2

We have an update concerning the Examiner Online Training Programme.

However, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their constructive feedback since last week's update.

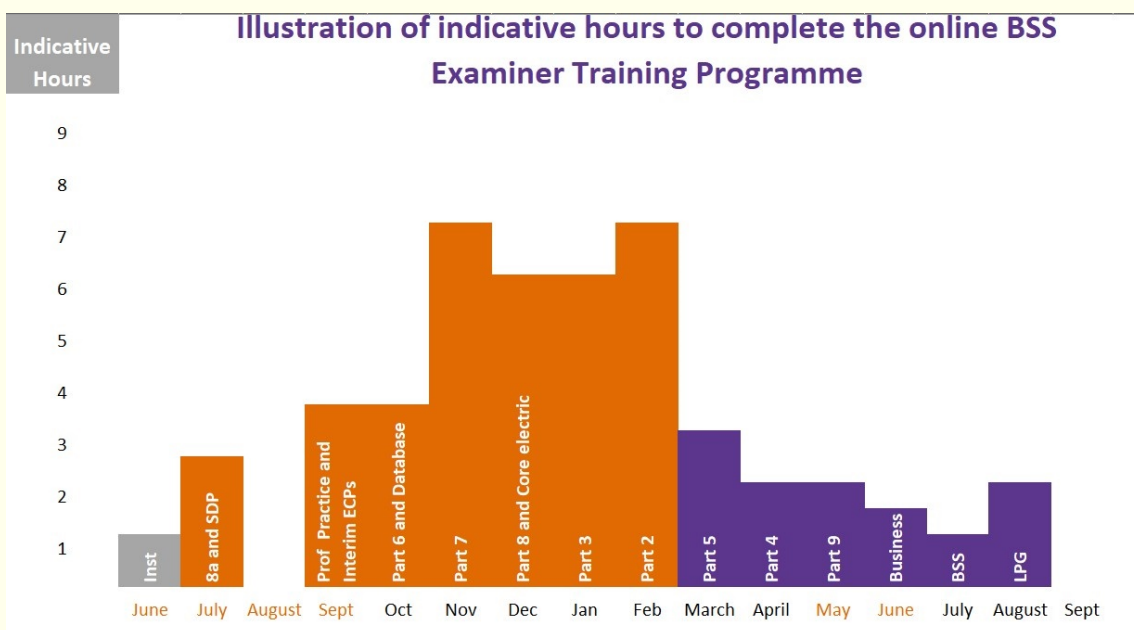
If you have any further observations to tell us about, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Our intention is to get back to you personally, however with attended (live) training events happening this week and next, as well as having a very busy day-to-day business period right now, responses may take longer than expected. My thanks in advance for your patience.

The Bratton Group (TBG) have advised that as of yesterday over 30% of Examiners have completed the first two modules and several more are part-way through, all of which is great and ahead of schedule.

Having had further discussions with the Examiners Representatives, not least ABSSE and IIMS, we have agreed to hold back on invoicing until the week ending Friday, 24 September

All said, from your feedback clarity has been sought around a), how long is there to complete individual, multiple and or all modules, and/or, b), 'if I have decided I don't what to undertake the training, what are my options?' For clarity, I have split the subjects into two topics:

1) The 16-month Online Training Programme



This is the latest version of the release schedule for the modules. All the modules released during the summer are both small and have three-month deadlines* from release. (June, July, August, September, May 22, June 22)

The others are mainly deeper and longer topics, but those have one-month completion deadlines.

Whatever the deadline, TBG will be monitoring your progress. If there is any reason why you may be unable to complete any module before its deadline, please contact TBG on a confidential basis to discuss your concerns. They are there to support you, they have a good listening ear.

However, if you have not completed the required modules up to and including Part 3 by the end of January, you will be asked to consider your position as you will find it extremely difficult to catch up.

2) Introduction to the revised Examination Checking Procedures ECPS 2022 and Part 8a Mini-Module on Ventilation matters.

Following their two-year journey through committees and amendment processes, we intend to get the revised Examination Checking Procedures, and linked stationery to you on 13 September. A few days prior to that, TBG will release an online module to you as a means of introduction.

The revised ECPs will go live on 28 September and every practising examiner must use them from that day.

While for boat owners, nothing will change and any boat that is compliant on 27 September, will be compliant the next morning, there are some important changes Examiners must be aware of and take into account when making the checks, or recording comments on the database.

The ECP change learning module will be very short. You are expected to read through all the ECPs in the module where you will see all the minor changes in grammar and/or wording.

Where there are (the few) changes that will have a significant impact on the way you check something or make comment on an examination report, we will draw your attention to those by asking you to complete a quick quiz. It won't be taxing, but we want to be sure you have seen and read those materially changed checks specifically.

* Deadline: If there any examiners who haven't completed that module by 4pm on 27 September 2021, we can't allow two sets of requirements to operate and so we will need to suspend those examiners from examining boats until they complete the module. Once completed and we're notified by TBG, we can unsuspend the examiner who will be allowed to continue.

The mini-module on ventilation called Part 8a has been scheduled as a mandatory course because of confusion and widespread poor practice in making and/or reporting examination checks in Section 8.9. This is a short and very informative module.

Because of the importance of the topic, not least covered in recent fatal incident reports, we must ensure that every examiner still practising has demonstrated their knowledge and understanding of this subject in order to help their customers and any subsequent owners of the boat stay safe during the validity of the certificate.

*Deadline: while it is a mini-module and released in the summer months, it will also have the operational deadline of 4pm 27 September, and like the ECP introduction, if missed, it will mean the examiner will need to be suspended until they have completed that module.

I would like to ask that if you intend completing all the learning modules, but you fear you cannot make the deadline due to exceptional circumstances, please get in touch with TBG as soon as possible.

Examiners may choose to engage fully with the training programme, or to only complete the introduction module, Part 8A, and the ECP module. If, having completed these modules, the examiner decides not to continue as an examiner then the examiner will not be invoiced for the training and will cease to be an examiner shortly afterwards, on a date to be agreed with the BSS manager. Those choosing to continue as examiners will need to be up to date with the training programme by the end of January as above.

Examiners Intending Not to Undertake Any Training

If you are someone who intends not to undertake any training whatsoever, we will ask you to confirm this in writing to the BSS Manager by 20 September, CC TBG, in order not to be invoiced the full amount for training.

Please also get your affairs in order ready to withdraw from the BSS authorisation on 28 September.

For those who advise us in writing and in advance that they are choosing this pathway, we wish you every happiness for the future and thank you for your support and professionalism over the years and we will refund the 21-22 registration fee pro rata, minus an admin fee of £20.

I trust this provides clarity and enables you to make an informed decision as to your options moving forward.

With kind regards and please stay safe.

Kevin Tyson

BSS Manager