



MIN 554 (M) Amendment 3

Navigation: Vessel Traffic Services V103 and Local Port Services Course Dates 2020-21

Notice to all UK Port and Harbour Authorities and those involved in VTS and Local Port Services Training

This notice replaces MIN 554 Amendment 2

This MIN expires 31 July 2021

Summary

This notice sets out dates for the IALA V103 courses and Local Port Services (LPS) courses programmed for UK Port and Harbour Authorities at MCA accredited training organisations between October 2020 and July 2021.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Annex 1 to this notice sets out the V103 course and LPS course dates available between October 2020 and July 2021. The dates have been agreed and arranged following consultation with Tyne Coast College (formerly South Tyneside College), Blackpool and The Fylde College (Fleetwood Nautical Campus) and the Port of London Authority.
- 1.2 Candidates should contact the training organisations directly as some of the dates contained in Annex 1 may be subject to short notice change. The VTS training organisations should also be consulted to determine any Accredited Prior Learning (APL) requirements especially with regards to non-marine applicants, if appropriate.
- 1.3 Further guidance can be obtained from the current Marine Guidance Note 434 Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) as amended – Training and Certification of VTS Personnel.
- 1.4 This information will be promulgated on an annual basis.



Further Information

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Notes

- Blackpool & The Fylde College: Fleetwood Nautical Campus also offers additional dates on request for block booking.
- South Tyneside College has changed name to Tyne Coast College following a merger with Tyne Metropolitan College. Additional dates for block bookings and Local Port Service courses are available on request.
- Port of London Authority are continuing to provide VTS courses to their own staff. Any course dates for external candidates will be announced at a later time.



More Information

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VTS Refresher (V103/5)	
Training Centre	Course Dates
Blackpool & The Fylde College	13 Oct 2020 – 15 Oct 2020
	6 Apr 2021 – 8 Apr 2021
	13 Jul 2021 – 15 Jul 2021
Port of London Authority	2 Dec 2020 – 4 Dec 2020
	9 Dec 2020 – 11 Dec 2020
	3 Feb 2021 – 5 Feb 2021
	10 Feb 2021 – 12 Feb 2021
	9 Jun 2021 – 11 Jun 2021
	30 Jun 2021 – 2 Jul 2021
Tyne Coast College	6 Oct 2020 – 8 Oct 2020
	24 Nov 2020 – 26 Nov 2020
	26 Jan 2021 – 28 Jan 2021
	23 Mar 2021 – 25 Mar 2021
	11 May 2021 – 13 May 2021
	6 Jul 2021 – 8 Jul 2021
VTS Humber Training Academy (Grimsby)	6 Oct 2020 – 9 Oct 2020
	17 Nov 2020 – 19 Nov 2020
	19 Jan 2021 – 21 Jan 2021
VTS VHF Radio	
Tyne Coast College	7 Jan 2021 – 8 Jan 2021
	22 Apr 2021 – 23 Apr 2021
Blackpool & The Fylde College	<i>Available on request – Please contact college</i>
VTS Nautical Knowledge	
Tyne Coast College	11 Jan 2021 – 29 Jan 2021
	26 Apr 2020 – 14 May 2021
Blackpool & The Fylde College	<i>Available on request – Please contact college B&FC also offer this course by Blended Learning. Start any time.</i>
VTS Radar / ARPA	
Training Centre	Course Dates

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V103 Course Dates from 1 October 2020 to 31 July 2021

ANNEX 1

Tyne Coast College	5 Oct 2020 – 9 Oct 2020
	1 Feb 2021 – 5 Feb 2021
	17 May 2021 – 21 May 2021
Blackpool & The Fylde College	12 Oct 2020 – 16 Oct 2020
	5 Apr 2021 – 9 Apr 2021
	12 Jul 2021 – 16 Jul 2021
VTS Operator (V103/1)	
Tyne Coast College	Induction / UPK: W/C 12 Oct 2020 Simulator: W/C 19 Oct 2020
	Simulator: W/C 26 Oct 2020
	Induction / UPK: W/C 8 Feb 2021 Simulator: W/C 15 Feb 2021
	Simulator: W/C 22 Feb 2021
	Induction / UPK: W/C 31 May 2021 Simulator: W/C 7 Jun 2021
	Simulator: W/C 14 Jun 2021
Blackpool & The Fylde College	Induction / UPK: W/C 19 Oct 2020 Simulator: W/C 26 Oct 2020
	Induction / UPK: W/C 12 Apr 2021 Simulator: W/C 19 Apr 2021
	Induction / UPK: W/C 19 Jul 2021 Simulator: W/C 26 Jul 2021
VTS Supervisor (V103/2)	
Tyne Coast College	2 Nov 2020 – 4 Nov 2020
	1 Mar 2021 – 3 Mar 2021
	14 Jun 2021 – 16 Jun 2021
Blackpool & The Fylde College	Available on request – Please contact college
VTS Instructor (V103/4)	
Tyne Coast College	17 Nov 2020 – 19 Nov 2020
	9 Feb 2021 – 11 Feb 2021
	29 Jun 2021 – 1 Jul 2021

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