

Updated Covid-19 Contingency Plan and Guidelines for the services provided to VTS Centres and VTS Operators by the MCA.

Refresher Training

Previous guidelines issued by the MCA in March 2020 provided an extension to the requirement of refresher training taking place every 3 years. Due to the on-going Covid-19 pandemic and uncertainty regarding any further restrictions being imposed, MCA is now prepared to provide an further extension to this requirement.

Due to the continuing Covid-19 situation the MCA will extend the validity of this training for a further period of 6 months up to 30 June 2021. This is subject to VTS Operators having been in continuous service for a period of not less than 12 months. The MCA expectation remains that procedures will be put into place by individual VTS Centres to ensure that the continuous service requirement has been met. We will provide further updates on these requirements in due course.

Revalidation

The MCA recommends all applicants submit their application and supporting documents via email to deck@mcga.gov.uk using application form MSF 4807. This will be assessed, and if the application is complete and approved a letter will be issued allowing VTS Operators, Supervisors and Instructors to continue working up until 30 June 2021. On resumption of normal operations a full physical VTS will be issued provided the applicant meets the requirements of a full revalidation.