



Navigation: Vessel Traffic Services V103 and Local Port Services Course Dates 2017 – 2018

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

This notice replaces MIN 528

This MIN expires 31 July 2018

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 August 2016 and July 2017.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Annex 1 to this notice sets out the V103 course and LPS course dates available between August 2017 and July 2018. The dates have been agreed and arranged following consultation with South Tyneside College, Blackpool and The Fylde College (Fleetwood Nautical Campus), the Scottish Maritime Academy 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 regard 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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V103 Course Dates from 1 August 2017 to 31 July 2018

ANNEX 1

Month / Year	Training Establishment	V103/1 (Operator Level)	V103/2 (Supervisor Level)	V103/4 (On-the-Job Training Instructor)	V103/5 Refresher	Local Port Service
2017						
September	South Tyneside College	VHF 7 Sep				
September	South Tyneside College	Nautical Knowledge 11 Sep				
September	South Tyneside College				12 Sep	
September	South Tyneside College	VHF 28 Sep				
October	South Tyneside College	Radar / ARPA 2 Oct				
October	South Tyneside College	UPK 9 Oct				
October	Scottish Maritime Academy				9 Oct	
October	South Tyneside College	Operators 16 Oct				
October	South Tyneside College	Operators 23 Oct				
October	South Tyneside College		30 Oct			
November	Blackpool & The Fylde College	Radar / ARPA 6 Nov				
November	Blackpool & The Fylde College				6 Nov	
November	Blackpool & The Fylde College	Induction 13 Nov				
November	South Tyneside College				14 Nov	
November	South Tyneside College			14 Nov		

Notes

- Scottish Maritime Academy courses subject to final approval by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency.
- Blackpool & The Fylde College: Fleetwood Nautical Campus offers in house VTS Nautical Knowledge and VTS VHF / GMDSS ROC courses on request
- Blackpool & The Fylde College: Fleetwood Nautical Campus also offers MCA approved VTS Module 4: Nautical Knowledge by blended learning supplemented by one week in house RADAR/ARPA + Chart work course.
- Blackpool & The Fylde College: Fleetwood Nautical Campus also offers additional dates on request for block booking.
- South Tyneside College offers additional dates for block bookings and Local Port Service courses on request.
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November	Blackpool & The Fylde College	Simulator 20 Nov				
December	Scottish Maritime Academy *				12 Dec	
2018						
January	South Tyneside College	VHF 4 Jan				
January	South Tyneside College	Nautical Knowledge 8 Jan				
January	South Tyneside College				23 Jan	
January	South Tyneside College	Radar / ARPA 29 Jan				
February	South Tyneside College	UPK 5 Feb				
February	South Tyneside College			6 Feb		
February	South Tyneside College	Operators 12 Feb				
February	Scottish Maritime Academy				13 Feb	
February	South Tyneside College	Operators 19 Feb				
February	South Tyneside College		26 Feb			
March	Blackpool & The Fylde College	Radar / ARPA 12 Mar				
March	Blackpool & The Fylde College				12 Mar	
March	Blackpool & The Fylde College	Induction 19 Mar				

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March	Blackpool & The Fylde College	Simulator	26 Mar			
April	South Tyneside College	VHF	5 Apr			
April	South Tyneside College	Nautical Knowledge	9 Apr			
April	Scottish Maritime Academy				17 Apr	
April	South Tyneside College	Radar / ARPA	30 Apr			
May	South Tyneside College	UPK	8 May			
May	South Tyneside College				8 May	
May	South Tyneside College	Operators	14 May			
May	South Tyneside College	Operators	21 May			
June	Scottish Maritime Academy				5 Jun	
June	South Tyneside College		11 June			
June	South Tyneside College			26 Jun		
July	Blackpool & The Fylde College	Radar/ARPA	2 Jul			
July	Blackpool & The Fylde College				2 Jul	
July	South Tyneside College				3 Jul	

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July	Blackpool & The Fylde College	Simulator	16 Jul			

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