

## Changes in Dispensation Rules

### OPITO ER Certificate Renewal

OPITO has authorised a 3-month **prior** to current certificate expiry 'renewal' window to complete any OPITO-Approved 'Further' (refresher) training course without the delegate being time-penalised.

Anyone taking advantage of this allowance will have their new certificate forward dated to align with the expiry date of their current certificate. Vantage Central Register is capable of managing this information, providing the Training Providers via electronic transfer detail the start date of the current course and the expiry date of the delegate's existing certificate.

### OPITO ER Certificate Extensions (dispensation) options

Oil & Gas UK guidelines detail how Duty Holders can authorise a 3-month **post** current certificate expiry 'extension' for any person to:

- a. Visit their offshore installation(s)
- b. Complete any OPITO-Approved 'Further' (refresher) training course with certain considerations:
  - Extensions will only be applied to personnel who work offshore regularly and not to visitors or personnel who work offshore occasionally.
  - Extensions will only be applied to personnel who have completed basic training and at least one related refresher course in the respective emergency response subject matter
  - A 'Responsible Person' employed by the Duty Holder must sign a declaration. This person will normally be an OIM or senior member of the onshore operational staff. The Responsible Person should review the individual's training record, experience and frequency of participation in relevant drills and exercises before determining that attendance at a refresher course is adequate. Otherwise, the individual should complete the relevant basic training course again.
  - Where an extension is granted, the effective start date of the new refresher training certificate will be the expiry date of the individual's corresponding current certificate

OPITO-Approved Emergency Response Training Providers are required to examine, and where appropriate confirm the details on the dispensation form are authentic, prior to acceptance.