

	Policy Relating to the Certification of Diving Safety Specialists	Issue 01 Revision: 03 Date: May 30 2016 Review by: N. Smith Approval: D. Parkes
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Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the assessment of applicants for certification as Diving Safety Specialists (DSS) is conducted in a manner which respects the DCBC philosophy relating to continued proficiency, as currently reflected in our Renewal Policy.

Scope

This policy relates to the continued proficiency requirements and appropriateness of the experience and training of candidates for DCBC certification, initial and renewal, as DSS.

Responsibility

The Chief Executive Officer has the responsibility to ensure that the evaluation of applicants for certification as DSS is carried out according to the following policy statements.

Policy

It is the policy of the DCBC that applicants for certification as an offshore Diving Safety Specialist (DSS) in either of the two categories of surface-supplied diving or bell diving must demonstrate the following experience:


1.1 Initial Applications

Any candidate for initial offshore DSS certification must:

- a) meet all the competency criteria for the appropriate category of Offshore DSS detailed in the current CSA standard Z275.4, Section 26.3.1 a) & b) as shown below:

“The diving safety specialist shall have at least five years experience as an unrestricted surface supplied diver and have been appointed and performed as a supervisor of unrestricted surface supplied diving in diving operations for an additional period of at least 5 years”

- b) demonstrate *current* proficiency by having been employed in the applicable category (offshore surface supplied or closed bell diving) as Supervisor, Offshore Construction Manager, Offshore Project Manager, or a combination of these (i.e. as the contractor’s senior offshore diving manager) for at least three (3) months on two occasions in the past five (5) years. This experience may be part of that referenced in a) above.
- c) provide written proof of the above-noted experience from a verifiable source
- d) provide written proof of successful completion of the requirement for DP training and/or experience as per current CSA standard Z275.4:
 - i. a minimum 4 day dynamically positioned induction training course acceptable to the Nautical Institute;

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OR

- ii. a minimum 2 day dynamic positioning familiarization course acceptable to the Nautical Institute **and** 700 signed-on dive panel hours working as an offshore supervisor on dynamically positioned vessels; and
- e) provide written proof of successful completion of, or successfully complete, a regulatory awareness test on Canadian regulations and international standards applicable to the offshore as per current CSA standard Z275.4.

Note: Candidates must demonstrate appropriate experience through signed and stamped log books which clearly indicate the name and type of vessel on which experience was gained.

1.2 Conversion of Pre-DCBC Certificates


Any candidate for offshore DSS certification, and holding a “lifetime” DSS certificate issued prior to the creation of the DCBC program, must:

- a) have obtained at least five (5) years experience:
 - i. as an Unrestricted Surface Supplied Diver (for DSS Surface-Supplied Diving)
- OR
- ii. as a Closed Bell Diver (for DSS Bell Diving)
- b) have been appointed and performed as a supervisor in the applicable category (i.e. offshore surface-supplied diving or closed bell diving operations) for an additional period of five (5) years
- c) have an original DSS Certificate issued by NEB, CNOPB, CNLOPB, or CNSOPB
- d) have been employed in the applicable category (offshore surface supplied or closed bell diving) as Operator DSS or Contractor DSS for at least three (3) months in each of two (2) of the past five (5) years,

OR

have participated in at least 50 offshore diving activities in the applicable category over a period of at least two (2) of the past five (5) years, as follows.

- i. for DSS Surface-Supplied Diving: activities may be diving or supervising (offshore surface-supplied, surface-supplied mixed gas, or closed bell diving) but the candidate must have supervised at least 25 surface-supplied dives over the same period;
- ii. for DSS Bell Diving: activities may be diving or supervising (offshore surface-supplied, surface-supplied mixed gas, or closed bell diving) but the candidate for bell diving DSS must have supervised at least 25 closed bell

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runs, and participated in at least one (1) saturation dive as a supervisor, aggregated over the same period

OR

have been employed in the applicable category (offshore surface supplied or closed bell diving) as Supervisor, Offshore Construction Manager, Offshore Project Manager, or a combination of these (i.e. as the contractor's senior offshore diving manager) for at least three (3) months in each of two (2) of the past five (5) years.

- e) provide written proof of the above-noted experience from a verifiable source
- f) provide written proof of successful completion of:
 - i. a minimum 4 day dynamically positioned induction training course acceptable to the Nautical Institute;

OR

- ii. a minimum 2 day dynamic positioning familiarization course acceptable to the Nautical Institute **and** 700 signed-on dive panel hours working as an offshore supervisor on dynamically positioned vessels.

- g) provide written proof of successful completion of, or successfully complete, a regulatory awareness test on Canadian regulations and international standards applicable to the offshore as per current CSA standard Z275.4.

Note: Candidates must demonstrate appropriate experience through signed and stamped log books which clearly indicate the name and type of vessel on which experience was gained.

1.3 DCBC Certificate Renewal

Any candidate for renewal of offshore DSS certification must:

- a) have an existing DSS Certificate issued by DCBC
- b) have been employed in the applicable category (offshore surface supplied or closed bell diving) as Operator DSS or Contractor DSS for at least three (3) months in each of two (2) of the past five (5) years,

OR

have participated in at least 50 offshore diving activities in the applicable category over a period of at least two (2) of the past five (5) years, as follows.

- i. for DSS Surface-Supplied Diving: activities may be diving or supervising (offshore surface-supplied, surface-supplied mixed gas, or closed bell diving) but the candidate must have supervised at least 25 surface-supplied dives over the same period;

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- ii. for DSS Bell Diving: activities may be diving or supervising (offshore surface-supplied, surface-supplied mixed gas, or closed bell diving) but the candidate for bell diving DSS must have supervised at least 25 closed bell runs, and participated in at least one (1) saturation dive as a supervisor, aggregated over the same period.

OR

have been employed in the applicable category (offshore surface supplied or closed bell diving) as Supervisor, Offshore Construction Manager, Offshore Project Manager, or a combination of these (i.e. as the contractor's senior offshore diving manager) for at least three (3) months in each of two (2) of the past five (5) years.

- c) provide written proof of the above-noted experience from a verifiable source
- d) provide written proof of successful completion of the requirement for DP training and/or experience as per current CSA standard Z275.4 and,
- e) provide written proof of successful completion of, or successfully complete, a regulatory awareness test on Canadian regulations and international standards applicable to the offshore as per current CSA standard Z275.4.