

	<p>Policy re COVID-19 and the renewal of DCBC diver certificates of competency.</p>	<p>Issue 01 Revision: 02 Date: 31 Mar 2020 Review by: H. Hunt Approval: D. Parkes</p>
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Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that occupational divers are not refused the renewal of their DCBC certificate of competency or DMT endorsement if (s)he is unable to undertake a medical re-examination with a competent MED or attend a DMT refresher course for reasons associated directly with COVID-19 or as a result of complying with related national government advice.

Scope

This policy relates to the renewal of DCBC certificates during a COVID-19 pandemic.

Responsibility

The Chief Executive Officer of the DCBC has the responsibility to ensure that occupational divers are not refused certificate renewal for reasons associated directly with COVID-19 or as a result of complying with related national government advice.

Policy on the Certification of Diving Personnel (QP-7.02 Rev 01/04)

The DCBC Policy on the Certification of Diving Personnel (QP-7.02 Rev 01/04) states that

An applicant for a certificate must include a valid oxygen administration certificate, First Aid certificate, CPR/AED certificate and Diving Medical with their application.

COVID-19 Corollary to Policy QP-7.02 Rev 01/04

If a diver is unable to undertake a medical re-examination with a competent MED for reasons associated directly with COVID-19 as a result of complying with related national government advice, DCBC may accept the validity of certificates which would otherwise expire after 1 March 2020, up until 31 July 2020 provided that the diver’s current certificate of medical fitness was issued with a full 12 or 24 months validity.

Anyone taking advantage of this extension must be able to describe clearly their reasons for delaying undertaking a medical examination and must also be able to confirm that they have not been diagnosed with or suffered any illness or injury that could impact on their medical fitness to dive.

If a diver is unable to renew their oxygen administration, First Aid, CPR/AED and/or DMT certificates for reasons associated directly with coronavirus or as a result of complying with related national government advice, DCBC may accept the validity of certificates which would otherwise expire after 1 March 2020, up until 31 July 2020

This policy comes into effect immediately for certificates expiring on or after 1 March 2020 and will be reviewed on 31 July 2020.