

How to Upgrade to a Full DP Certificate

If you currently hold a Limited DP certificate and would like to upgrade to a Full/Unlimited certificate then you must meet the following criteria

- 60 days DP watchkeeping time on board a DP2 or 3 vessel
- Section F Upgrade form signed off on DP2 or 3 vessel

Please note that the following cannot be used to upgrade your DP certificate

- DP1 watchkeeping time
- DP2 or 3 watchkeeping time accumulated before gaining your Limited certificate.
- Intensive simulator courses

The sample form below shows you how your upgrade form should be completed. Once you are ready to apply for an upgrade, please send your log book and Upgrade Section F form to The Nautical Institute.

UPGRADING FROM A LIMITED TO A FULL OR UNLIMITED CERTIFICATE

Please enter the DP time required in your logbook and have the statement of suitability below completed by the Master of the DP Class 2 or 3 vessel on which you are serving. Then forward your log book, this form and your original Limited DP Certificate to The Nautical Institute.

F. SUITABILITY OF OFFICER TO UNDERTAKE FULL WATCH-KEEPING RESPONSIBILITY ON BOARD A D.P. VESSEL

I, Captain LEONARD RIND verify that

MR JOE ADAM BLOGGS

has completed the D.P. Operator's Log Book to my satisfaction and in my opinion is competent to undertake D.P. Watchkeeping duties, and in particular


- Possesses an adequate knowledge.
- Knows the underlying principles of DP.
- Can take control of the DP system in normal operational conditions.
- Understands what to do in an emergency.
- Understands the operational procedures on board and can safely operate the vessel's DP system.

Operator's Signature J Bloggs

Master's Signature L Rind

Date 15.09.09

Ship's stamp


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On completion of the Log Book and satisfactory completion of the relevant courses a D.P. Operator's Certificate will be issued by The Nautical Institute. The Operator should forward the Log Book to: The Education and Training Manager, The Nautical Institute, 202 Lambeth Road, London SE1 7LQ.

You should sign this form where indicated.

Please ensure this form bears a DP2 or 3 vessel stamp. If has a DP1 vessel stamp you will not qualify for an upgrade.

The Master of the last vessel you have sailed on before you apply for your upgraded certificate should complete this form. If you are the Master applying for your DP certificate then you cannot sign this form yourself. Instead you should have it countersigned by one of the following authorised personnel:

- The vessel's Relief Master
- A certified DPO onboard
- A Marine Superintendent/Manager who knows your capabilities.

(Please note that the Relief Master and Marine Superintendent/Manager are not required to hold a DP certificate to be able to sign the Section F form).

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