

Bulletin – Information

Authorisation extensions for mandatory refresher training

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Summary

On review of a detailed risk assessment, a decision has been made to extend certain authorisations that require mandatory refresher training. This will help Western Power manage the ongoing safety and wellbeing of its people during the current COVID-19 pandemic.

The specific authorisations being extended are:

- Pole Top Rescue (PTR) – Authorisation code XPTR
- Emergency Descent Device (EDD) – Authorisation code XEDD
- LV Panel Rescue (PR) – Authorisation code XLVPR
- Advanced Driving Heavy Vehicle (HR) – Authorisation code O0498

Key messages

- The authorisations listed above will automatically be extended for 6 months from the original date of expiry
- The extensions will only be applied to authorisations that have, or will, expire on or before 31/07/2020 due to training delivery changes related to COVID-19.

*e.g. Mr E. Lectric PTR expires 23/03/20, will be extended to 23/09/20.

- Authorisations already expired not directly linked to COVID-19 training delivery changes will not be extended.
- To minimise risk, knowledge assessments for PTR, EDD & PR will still be completed via an online platform. These assessments will be issued to individuals over the coming weeks with full details for completion.
- Authorisations listed above that expire after 31/07/2020 will remain unchanged.
- The commercial Driver medical authorisation (XC MED) associated with the Driving Heavy Vehicle (HR) driving authorisation (O0498) must be maintained.
- It remains the responsibility of the individual and formal leader to ensure all other authorisations are maintained.
- Depots will be contacted by PTS in relation to resetting Block Training.
- Service Connection Testing (SCT/Metrel™) annual assessment will continue and depots will be contacted by PTS to discuss arrangements.
- These authorisation extensions are in addition to FirstAid and CPR, which has already been extended for 6 months, and are not subject to the 31/07/2020 date.



Communication

This bulletin is intended for Western Power Employees and Contractors, primarily in Operational Maintenance, who require the mandatory refresher training authorisations.

Formal Leaders must discuss this bulletin with their team members at their next team meeting.

This bulletin is available via EDM and will be available via Depot Pack and The Grid.



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