



Workforce FAQs

Q1 Why are these new Standards being introduced?

These new standards have been introduced in order to include compressed air emergency breathing system (CA-EBS) training within the new BOSIET/FOET/HUET (with CA-EBS) programmes to meet regulatory requirements in the UK.

Q2 Who will be delivering this training?

OPITO Approved Training Providers will deliver these training standards. Information on Training Providers who are approved to deliver these standards can be found on our website.

Q3 When will the new BOSIET/FOET/HUET (with CA-EBS) standards come into effect?

The new standards are effective from Monday 15th February 2016 and OPITO Approved Training Providers will begin to offer this training from that date onwards.

Q4 These new BOSIET/FOET/HUET (with CA-EBS) standards do not include in-water CA-EBS training? Why has this not been included?

Oil and gas industry stakeholders have agreed, as a result of additional medical requirements stipulated as a condition of offshore workers undertaking in-water CA-EBS training in the UK, that in-water CA-EBS training should not take place at this time.

Q5 Are there any plans to introduce in-water CA-EBS training in the future?

Oil and gas industry stakeholders remain committed to working towards a satisfactory solution to current issues affecting in-water CA-EBS training. Relevant future updates on this issue will be posted on our website.



Q6 What does the introduction of the new BOSIET/FOET/HUET with CA-EBS standard mean if I have undergone BOSIET/FOET/HUET training recently prior to the 15th February 2016?

If you have completed the OPITO Compressed Air EBS Initial Deployment Training along with the OPITO BOSIET/FOET/HUET prior to the 15th of February 2016 you will not be immediately affected. Existing OPITO BOSIET/FOET/HUET and OPITO Compressed Air EBS Initial Deployment Training certification prior to the 15th February 2016 will remain valid until the expiry date on the certificate. When the certification nears expiry you will refresh with the FOET (with CA-EBS) if you are working in the UK.

If you have only completed the OPITO BOSIET/FOET/HUET in the UK, or countries who are part of the Mutual Recognition Agreement, prior to the 15th of February 2016 and you are required to travel offshore in the UK you will need to complete the OPITO Compressed Air EBS Initial Deployment Training to travel offshore.

If you have not completed any training and are required to work in the UK a BOSIET (with CA-EBS) is required.

Q7 If you have completed the OPITO BOSIET/FOET/HUET (with CA-EBS) from the 15th February 2016 can you travel offshore in the other North Sea regions under the Mutual Recognition Agreement?

The mutual recognition agreement will apply.

Q8 If you have completed the BOSIET/FOET/HUET outside the UK and countries who are not part of the Mutual Recognition, will you be able to travel offshore in the UKCS?

Travel offshore in the UK will not be possible until you have completed a OPITO FOET (with CA-EBS). The BOSIET/FOET/HUET you possess will remain valid as per the certificate. The OPITO FOET (with CA-EBS) you complete will have a validity of four years as per the standard.

Q9 If you have completed the OPITO BOSIET/FOET/HUET (with CA-EBS) from the 15th February 2016, will you be able to travel offshore in the other North Sea regions?

This is currently being discussed by the National Offshore Industry Associations (NOIAs) who are responsible for the mutual recognition.

Q10 My work only requires me to travel offshore in countries outside the North Sea. How will this affect me?

You will not be affected by this change. This new Standard has been introduced to meet Aviation Regulation requirements in the UK. Existing BOSIET/FOET/HUET certificate holders will revalidate their training through FOET prior to the expiry date of their existing certification as per normal.

Q11 Will the current North Sea Mutual Recognition Agreement be affected by this change?

The existing North Sea Mutual Recognition Agreement for offshore workers entering the UK from other North Sea countries will not be affected by this change. Discussions are ongoing regarding the potential impact on UK offshore workers entering other North Sea countries.

Q12 I hold a valid UK OPITO BOSIET/FOET/HUET (with CA-EBS) - How will the recent standard title change (UK BOSIET/FOET/HUET (with CA-EBS) to BOSIET/FOET/HUET (with CA-EBS)) in June 2016 affect me?

The change does not affect you - you will not need to complete the course again. Your UK BOSIET/FOET/HUET (with CA-EBS) certificate will be recognised and valid as per the validity date on the certificate.

Q13 Apart from the change to the title of the standard in June 2016, are there any further changes to be aware of?

There have been no changes to the content of the standards.