

Applicants for VHF direct exams

Holders of the old VHF licence often need to convert their certificate for DSC. Some have no wish to attend a course – they aim to study at home and just take the exam at a centre. The training scheme allows them to do this but some find it difficult to find a centre willing to conduct an exam.

There are very few of these candidates, but your centre is obliged to examine them when requested. No tuition should be given, but time must be allowed for the candidates

to familiarise themselves with the instruction book for the training radio. The candidate should complete the whole exam paper, whether applying for a conversion or the full exam, and the practical part of the conversion exam should concentrate on the DSC functions of the radio.

The direct exam fee is £25.00 for a conversion and £38.00 for a full exam. A small portion of this fee is paid to the Assessor by the RYA and the rate for this is currently under review.