

RYA TRAINING NOTICE

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Changes to protocols, terminology and administration for SRC courses and exams

Summary:

Changes to protocol and terminology leading to changes to the RYA SRC course, course materials and written exam papers.

Applies to:

- **SRC Assessors**
- **Training centres recognised to offer the RYA Marine Radio SRC Course**

See also:

[TG35-19](#)

For guidance on other areas of RYA Training see: www.rya.org.uk/training-support

Recent changes in the Distress Relay protocol, terminology and other items within the SRC course syllabus have led to a number of changes being made within the RYA course and support materials as detailed below.

Distress Relay

The key change is to the Distress Relay protocol, whereby a DSC Urgency Announcement should no longer be sent prior to a voice distress relay call.

The course

The online SRC course and the new syllabus for the classroom course have been updated to incorporate a change to the Distress Relay protocol and terminology of Urgency, Safety and Routine Announcements. The [new syllabus](#) is available from the Training Support Site and should be implemented with immediate effect.

Written exam papers

A new suite of [four SRC written exam papers](#) (L, M, N and O) is available and can be downloaded from the Training Support Site. A [marking scheme](#) has also been provided. Both should be implemented with immediate effect. Guidance is available in TG35-19 with regard to marking the papers of students who have completed their training during the transition to the new protocol and terminology.

VHF Handbook (G31, eG31, SRCP and eSRCP)

The latest reprint will incorporate various updates to the content including the changes to the Distress Relay protocol and the new terminology for Urgency, Safety and Routine Announcements. The changes are detailed in a [Summary of Updates](#) on the Training Support Site. Training Centres may continue to use up existing stocks of handbooks and course packs.

Updated SRC Report cards

SRC course packs will include a report form which has been updated and is now called an 'Exam Eligibility Form'. Clear instructions for handling and completing the form are provided on the reverse.

Further information on all changes mentioned above are available in [TG35-19](#).

Revalidation reminder

SRC Assessors who qualified before 1 May 2014 have been invited to complete the online revalidation course and must do so before 31 October 2019 in order to retain their SRC Assessor qualification.

Assessors qualified after 1 May 2014 will be (or have already been) contacted approximately a month before their expiry date with instructions on registering for the revalidation course and should complete the revalidation before the expiry date.

If you have any queries about your revalidation please email training@rya.org.uk