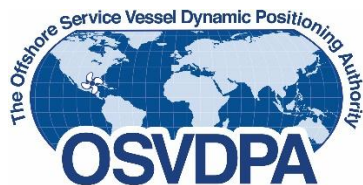


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OFFSHORE SERVICE VESSEL DYNAMIC POSITIONING AUTHORITY

FORM DPO-3-003, THE OSVDPA DPO CERTIFICATE REVALIDATION APPLICATION.

This form is utilized to Revalidate OSVDPA DPO Certificates.

This form should not be used by DPOs or Prospective DPOs seeking to Grandfather into the OSVDPA, these individuals shall utilize Form DPO-4-CV, the Grandfathering of Previous Experience (Current Version)

This form should not be utilized by DPOs to upgrade their DPO Certificate from a Class B to Class A DPO Certificate. These DPOs should use Form DPO-2-CV, the DPO Certificate Application (Current Version).

This form should not be utilized by Prospective DPOs seeking their initial DPO Certificate from the OSVDPA. These Prospective DPOs should utilize Form DPO-2-CV, the DPO Certificate Application (Current Version).

All of the above-mentioned forms are found on the [OSVDP website](#). Further instructions and definitions are found at the end of this form.

Personal Information.

1. DPO Information.

Full Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

First M.I. Last MM/DD/YYYY

Type of DPO Certificate held: ☐ Class A DPO Certificate ☐ Class B DPO Certificate

List the date your DPO Certificate was issued and its expiration date:

<i>Issue Date (MM/DD/YYYY)</i>	<i>Expiration Date (MM/DD/YYYY)</i>
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List DPO Certificate Number:

2. Contact Information. The below will be listed on the OSVDPA Database and will be used to contact DPOs in regard to all OSVDPA-related matters. In the event the contact information changes, please notify the OSVDPA.

Address: _____

<i>Street Address</i>	<i>Apartment/Unit #</i>
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City	State	City
If your address is outside the United States, substitute your province (or other political subdivision) and Postal Code for "State" and "Zip Code."		

Primary Phone: _____ Email: _____
Include Country Code if outside U.S.

Secondary Phone: _____ What is the best/preferred way for the OSVDPA to contact you with questions or concerns? (Feel free to list separate methods depending if you are home or at sea).
Include Country Code if outside U.S.

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Required Documentation. Attach each of the required documents. If any documents are missing or if there are any questions regarding sufficiency, please fill out and submit the application to the best of your ability with whatever attachments you have. If there are any issues, the OSVDPA will reach out to fill any gaps or obtain any additional information. See “Definitions and Instructions” Section at the end of this form for guidance on how to complete the form.

- 3. Government-Issued ID.** A Government-Issued ID is required for proof of identification. Examples of accepted documentation include: Driver's License, TWIC, or Passport.

Attachment Name: _____

In the event the submitted Government-Issued ID becomes invalid, please notify the OSVDPA.

- 4. Accepted Entry Credentials (AEC).** A valid and current license, credential, or qualification issued by a Flag State to show evidence of a mariner's qualifications. e.g. Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC) / Coast Guard license.

Attachment Name: _____

In the event the submitted AEC becomes invalid, please notify the OSVDPA.

- 5. Medical Credentials.** Medical Credential is required to prove DPO meets the required medical standards.

Note. Those applying for revalidation of a DPO Certificate utilizing DP Experience (See section below as well as the “Definitions and Instructions” Section) do not need to upload a Medical Credential if one is not required by their profession, e.g. a DP Instructor would not need to upload a medical credential.

Attachment Name: _____

In the event the submitted Medical Credential becomes invalid, please notify the OSVDPA.

- 6. Passport Photo.** OSVDPA requires DPOs to submit a current photo for inclusion on the DPO Certificate.

Attachment Name: _____

For more information on the requirements for this photo, see the Definitions and Instructions Section.

- 7. Signature.** Please provide a copy of your signature. If the form is completed electronically, please attach a PDF or image of your signature. If the form is not completed electronically, please ensure that your signature fills the entire signature box located at the end of this form.

☐ Check this box if signature is attached

☐ Check this box if signature is found at the end of this form

Sea Time and Practical Experience.

Revalidation Sea Time and Practical Experience. Use this section to record the completion of Sea Time and Practical Experience. As a reminder, DPOs seeking to revalidate their DPO Certificate must record 150 days of Sea Time and 450 hours of Practical Experience in the five (5) years preceding their application for revalidation. If you have not accumulated sufficient Sea Time or Practical Experience, you will need to complete this section AND complete the “Additional Revalidation Activities” Section OR “Complete Revalidation Activities” Section as appropriate (see “Definitions and Instructions” Section for more information).

- 8. Sea Time and Practical Experience.** Check all of the boxes below that apply to the experience you have gained.

- ☐ I have completed at least 150 days meeting the OSVDPA definition of Sea Time on a vessel that is accepted by the OSVDPA in the last five (5) years.
- ☐ I have completed less than 150 days meeting the OSVDPA definition of Sea Time on a vessel that is accepted by the OSVDPA in the last five (5) years. *Complete the “Additional Revalidation Activities” Section.*
- ☐ I have not completed any days meeting the OSVDPA definition of Sea Time on a vessel that is accepted by the OSVDPA in the last five (5) years. *Skip to the “Complete Revalidation Activities” Section.*
- ☐ I have completed at least 450 hours meeting the OSVDPA definition of Practical Experience on a vessel that is accepted by the OSVDPA in the last five (5) years.

See more options on the following page

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- ☐ I have completed less than 450 hours meeting the OSVDPA definition of Practical Experience on a vessel that is accepted by the OSVDPA in the last five (5) years. *Complete the "Additional Revalidation Activities Section."*
- ☐ I have not completed any hours meeting the OSVDPA definition of Practical Experience on a vessel that is accepted by the OSVDPA in the last five (5) years. *Skip to the "Complete Revalidation Activities" Section.*

Attachment Name: _____

Please list the name of the attachment containing a copy of the OSVDPA/industry accepted logbook.

- 9. Self-Signed Logbook.** The OSVDPA, under certain circumstances, requires Enhanced Verification of Training and Competency when all or a majority of the Sea Time and Practical Experience recorded in a Logbook has been self-signed by the holder of the Logbook (see "Definitions and Instructions" Section for the acceptable verification methods for Enhanced Verification of Training and Competency). Check the box corresponding to the amount of time in the Logbook that is self-signed.

- ☐ All hitches included in the logbook were signed by another individual meeting the OSVDPA Logbook signing qualifications (the Master of the vessels or a Certificated DPO).
- ☐ Some hitches included in the logbook were self-signed, however, there are at least 150 days of Sea Time and 450 hours signed by another individual meeting the OSVDPA Logbook signing qualifications (the Master of the vessels or a Certificated DPO).
- ☐ A majority of the hitches in the Logbook are self-signed. *Enhanced Verification of Training and Competency is required.*
- ☐ All hitches included in the logbook were self-signed. *Enhanced Verification of Training and Competency is required.*

Attachment Name: _____

List the name of the attachment containing the method for Enhanced Verification of Training and Competency.

- 10. Revalidation Assessment.** Attach or upload a completed copy of Form P4A-1-CV, the Phase 4 Assessment Report (Current Version). This form can be obtained from the OSVDPA or Accredited Training Providers. If there were multiple attempts to pass the assessment, attach each of the assessment results. DPOs seeking to revalidate an OSVDPA DPO Certificate must pass the OSVDPA Revalidation Assessment after completing the above-described Sea Time and Practical Experience.

Attachment Name: _____

Attach a copy of the assessment results from each attempt, if multiple attempts were made.

Additional Revalidation Activities.

This section should be utilized by those required to record Additional Revalidation Activities (see "Definitions and Instructions" Section for more information and guidance on how to complete the form).

- 11. Additional Revalidation Activities, Phase 3 Assessment.** Attach a completed copy of Form P3A-1-CV, the Phase 3 Assessment Report (Current Version). If there were multiple attempts to pass the assessment, attach each of the assessment results.

Attachment Name: _____

Attach a copy of the assessment results from each attempt, if multiple attempts were made.

- 12. Additional Revalidation, Sea Time and Practical Experience.** DPOs required to complete Additional Revalidation Activities must complete 30 days of additional Sea Time and 60 hours of additional Practical Experience. Check all the boxes below that apply to the experience you have gained:

- ☐ I have completed at least 30 days meeting the OSVDPA definition of Sea Time on a vessel that is accepted by the OSVDPA after completing the Additional Revalidation Activities Phase 3 Assessment.

See more options on the following page

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- ☐ I have completed at least 60 hours meeting the OSVDPA definition of Practical Experience on a vessel that is accepted by the OSVDPA after completing the Additional Revalidation Activities Phase 3 Assessment.

Attachment Name: _____
List the name of the attachment containing a copy of the OSVDPA/industry-accepted logbook .

- ☐ A majority of or all the hitches in the Logbook are self-signed. *Enhanced Verification of Training and Competency is required.* (see "Definitions and Instructions" Section for the acceptable Enhanced Verification of Training and Competency methods).

Attachment Name: _____
List the name of the attachment containing the method for Enhanced Verification of Training and Competency

13. Additional Revalidation Activities, Phase 4 Assessment. Attach a completed copy of Form P4A-1-CV, the Phase 4 Assessment Report (Current Version). If there were multiple attempts to pass the assessment, attach each of the assessment results.

Attachment Name: _____
Attach a copy of the assessment results from each attempt, if multiple attempts were made.

Complete Revalidation Activities.

This section should be utilized by those required to record Complete Revalidation Activities (see "Definitions and Instructions" Section for more information and guidance on how to complete the form).

14. Complete Revalidation Activities, Phase 3 (Simulator) Course.

Name of Training Provider: _____
Note. If the Training Providers has multiple location, also list the location in parentheses, for example "Jones Offshore Training (Jonesburg Facility)."

Date course began: _____
 MM/DD/YYYY

Name of the Course Instructor: _____ Instructor's
 Certificate No.: _____

- ☐ Check this box if this Instructor also served as Examiner. (If a different Instructor served in this role, list their name and Certificate Number at right).

 Instructor's Name Certificate No.

List the Date the Phase 3 Course was completed (Date listed under "Instructor Sign-off" in the logbook): _____
 MM/DD/YYYY

Check this box if the Phase 3 (Simulator) Course was taken multiple times due to three (3) failures of the Phase 3 Assessment, the DPO's inability to retake the assessment within the required timeframe, or the DPO's inability to complete the OSVDPA DPO Certification Scheme before the Certification Deadline. ☐

15. Complete Revalidation Activities, Phase 3 Assessment. Attach a completed copy of Form P3A-1-CV, the Phase 3 Assessment Report (Current Version). If there were multiple attempts to pass the assessment, attach each of the assessment results.

Attachment Name: _____
Attach a copy of the assessment results from each attempt, if multiple attempts were made.

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16. Complete Revalidation Activities, Sea Time and Practical Experience. DPOs without Sea Time and/or Practical Experience within the five (5) years prior to application must complete 30 days of additional Sea Time and 90 hours of additional Practical Experience:

- ☐ I have completed at least 30 days meeting the OSVDPA definition of Sea Time on a vessel that is accepted by the OSVDPA after completing the Complete Revalidation Activities Phase 3 Assessment.
- ☐ I have completed at least 90 hours of experience gathering meeting the OSVDPA definition of Practical Experience on a vessel that is accepted by the OSVDPA after completing the Complete Revalidation Activities Phase 3 Assessment.

Attachment Name: _____

List the name of the attachment containing a copy of the OSVDPA logbook or other industry accepted logbook.

- ☐ A majority of or all the hitches in the Logbook are self-signed. *Enhanced Verification of Training and Competency is required.* (see "Definitions and Instructions" Section for the acceptable verification methods for Enhanced Verification of Training and Competency).

Attachment Name: _____

If applicable, list the name of the attachment containing the method for Enhanced Verification of Training and Competency

17. Complete Revalidation Activities, Phase 4 Assessment. Attach a completed copy of Form P4A-1-CV, the Phase 4 Assessment Report (Current Version). If there were multiple attempts made, attach each of the assessment results. Check the box to reflect how assessment was conducted.

Attachment Name: _____

Attach a copy of the assessment results from each attempt, if multiple attempts were made.

DP Experience.

DPOs seeking revalidation of their certificate but are no longer serving as a DPO (or serve in capacities in addition to being a DPO), are allowed to apply for revalidation utilizing the DP Experience (see the "Definitions and Instructions" Section below) they have gained in the five (5) years prior to submitting their revalidation application. This section is used for recording this experience (the Revalidation Assessment must still be passed and a record of this assessment must still be attached). Check all of the boxes that apply to you and attach the required proof of this experience.

18. Engineers and ETOs.

- ☐ I have served as an Engineer or ETO on a DP-equipped vessel during the last five (5) years.

List the number of days recorded as an Engineer or ETO on a DP-equipped vessel: _____

The OSVDPA finds 350 days of service as an Engineer or ETO aboard a vessel equipped with a DP system in the five (5) years previous to the revalidation application are required to maintain certification.

Attachment Name: _____

Please list the name of the attachment containing either an industry-recognized logbook or a sea service or discharge letter from a vessel operator as verification you have completed the above-described service.

19. DP Instructor. Instructors can utilize either of the below-listed methods of experience calculation. The selected option should be chosen and the required document should be attached or uploaded in the space below.

- ☐ I maintained certification as an Instructor by the OSVDPA, the Nautical Institute, or a DNV-approved DPO certification scheme since the date printed on my previous DPO Certificate.
- ☐ I have conducted 30 courses accepted by the OSVDPA within the last five (5) years.

Attachment Name: _____

Please list the name of the attachment containing either annual review forms from each year claimed or a letter signed by the Principal from a Training Provider accredited by an industry-recognized DPO Certification Scheme.

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20. OSVDPA Approved Auditor.

☐ I have served as an OSVDPA-Approved Auditor during the last five (5) years.

List the number of OSVDPA audit days conducted in the last five (5) years: _____

The OSVDPA finds 50 auditor days in the five (5) years previous to the revalidation application are required to maintain certification.

Attachment Name: _____

Please list the name of the attachment containing copies of your Form AR-3-CV, the Auditor Annual Review (Current Version) as proof of completing this experience.

21. DP surveyor, DP consultant, DP superintendent, DP supervisor, or other DP-based position.

☐ I have served as a DP surveyor, DP consultant, DP superintendent, DP supervisor, or other DP-based position during the last five (5) years.

List the number of calendar days served in such a position in the last five (5) years: _____

The OSVDPA finds 500 days in such a position during the last five (5) years are required to maintain certification.

Attachment Name: _____

Please list the name of the attachment containing a letter signed by the Principal of the company where this service was gained or an IRS document proving employment with this entity.

Disclaimer and Signature.

Read the disclaimer below before signing on the signature line. Ensure your signature completely fills the designated space. Your signature will serve as certification for this form and will be referenced to verify signatures on future documents.

I certify that my answers, the information included above, and the associated attachments are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I have read what is required of me and agree to abide by the policies and procedures of the OSVDPA.

If this application leads to OSVDPA Approval, I understand that false or misleading information in my application or interview may result in the revocation of my approval.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

MM/DD/YYYY

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Definitions and Instructions.

Definitions.

Accepted Entry Credentials (AEC). A valid and current license, credential, or qualification issued by a Flag State, or by a training institution that is approved by a Flag-State to conduct maritime training courses, which are accepted by the OSVDPA as proof the individual is allowed to enter the OSVDPA's DPO Certification Scheme.

Additional Revalidation Activities. DPOs that have not recorded the full required amount of Sea Time and Practical Experience within the last five (5) years or DPOs that fail the Phase 4 Assessment three (3) times during revalidation must record the following activities in the order listed:

- Passage of the Phase 3 Assessment,
- 30 days of Sea Time and 60 hours of Practical Experience, and
- Passage of the Phase 4 Assessment.

Complete Revalidation Activities. DPOs that have not recorded any Sea Time or Practical Experience in the five (5) years prior to submission of their Revalidation Application, DPOs that fail the Phase 3 Assessment three (3) times during Additional Revalidation Activities, or DPOs that fail the Phase 4 Assessment three (3) times during Additional Revalidation Activities must record the following activities in the order listed:

- Completion of the Phase 3 (Simulator) Course,
- Passage of the Phase 3 Assessment,
- 30 days of Sea Time and 90 hours of Practical Experience, and
- Passage of the Phase 4 Assessment.

DP Experience. An amount of time (measured in calendar days) spent working as an engineer or Electro-Technical Officer (ETO) on a DP-equipped vessel or working in a related DP profession, including: DP instructor, OSVDPA-approved Auditor, DP surveyor, DP consultant, DP superintendent, or DP supervisor. Specific amounts of days served in these positions and evidence utilized by the OSVDPA to determine the amount of DP Experience gained can be found in Section 23.6 of the MPP-1-CV located on the OSVDPA website.

Enhanced Verification of Training and Competency.

DPOs who have self-signed the majority or all the Sea Time and Practical Experience hours in their logbook must provide an acceptable form of enhanced verification to ensure the DPO has accomplished the training goals of the OSVDPA DPO Certification Scheme. The Vessel Operator must complete the Enhanced Verification portion of Form DPO-1-CV, or the Enhanced Verification Form to be submitted with the DP letter. This section of the form asks Vessel Operators to detail the steps they have taken to assure the competency of the DPO or Prospective DPO in question. The following enhanced verification measures are accepted:

- The DPO or Prospective DPO's relevant assessment(s) were conducted by an independent Qualified on Board Assessor (QOBA) not employed by the Vessel Operator.
- The DPO or Prospective DPO conducted the relevant assessment(s) at an OSVDPA-Accredited Training Center operated by an independent Training Provider.
- The DPO or Prospective DPO's relevant assessment(s) were conducted by a QOBA that has not served with the DPO or Prospective DPO for a period of more than two (2) years.
- An independent observation of the relevant assessment(s) was conducted by an individual with knowledge of DP operations (i.e., Operations Manager, Vessel Superintendent).
- The Vessel Operator has had the individual's logbook and assessment report form(s) reviewed by a QOBA that has not served with the individual for a period of more than two (2) years. The reviewing QOBA found the Training and Certification Activities and assessments were conducted according to the OSVDPA requirements.
- The Vessel Operator took other steps to ensure the competency of the DPO or Prospective DPO. Specify the steps taken.

Medical Certificate. The OSVDPA requires Applying Mariners to prove they have the physical capabilities to participate in the OSVDPA DPO Certification Scheme. The OSVDPA accepts as proof that an Applying Mariner has met this requirement with a medical certificate from the Maritime Administration that issued the Applying Mariner their AEC.

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If an Applying Mariner has a medical certificate that is included as part of their Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC), the OSVDPA shall review this medical certificate while the Authority is reviewing the Applying Mariner's MMC. If a Mariner has an AEC issued by a Flag State that does not issue medical certificates, the OSVDPA shall accept as proof that the Applying Mariner has met this requirement the results of a physical examination performed, witnessed, or reviewed by a medical doctor, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or a designated medical examiner licensed by the nation state or government that contains that Maritime Administration, or a political division of such a nation state or government. Such physical examination must meet the requirements of 46 C.F.R. Section 10.

Passport Photo. The OSVDPA uses the passport photo requirements as published by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs. Under these requirements, the photo must:

- Be a color image (sRGB color space);
- At least two (2) inches by two (2) inches (51 x 51 mm), with the head (bottom of the chin to the top of the head) is between 1 inch and 1 3/8 inches (between 25 and 35 mm);
- Taken within the last six (6) months;
- Taken in front of a plain white or off-white background;
- Taken in full-face view; and
- Taken with a neutral facial expression (preferred) or a natural smile, with both eyes open.

Practical Experience. An hour-based measurement of DP experience accrued when a DPO or Prospective DPO is at the DP controls for at least one (1) hour during a 24-hour period while the vessel is conducting auto positioning operations, auto heading operations (including DP- or independent joystick-based autopilot), independent joystick operations, or other operations where the DP system is engaged. Up to six (6) hours of Practical Experience can be logged during a 24-hour period. All Practical Experience recorded by Prospective DPOs must be supervised and signed off by a DPO or the Master of the vessel.

Sea Time. A day-based measurement of DP experience accrued when a DPO or Prospective DPO is on watch while the vessel is conducting auto positioning operations, auto heading operations (including DP- or independent joystick-based autopilot), independent joystick operations, or other operations where the DP system is engaged for at least one hour during a 24-hour period. All Sea Time recorded by a Prospective DPO must be supervised and signed off by a certified DPO or the Master of the vessel.

Instructions to complete this form to include attachments.

1. This form is utilized by DPOs to revalidate their OSVDPA DPO Certificate and to confirm the Sea Time and Practical Experience claimed by them as they seek to revalidate their certificate.
2. This form can be completed entirely online through the web-based application or manually by printing and emailing the complete application package.

Web-based Submission: A web-based version of this form can be accessed from the OSVDPA website (OSVDPA.org) by navigating to the "Apply to Revalidate OSVDPA Certification" page under the "I Want To..." tab. Documents can be uploaded in the respective fields within the web-based application or emailed to the account listed below.

Manual Submission: Print the application form from the OSVDPA File Library. Fill out all required fields, ensure to include the names of the attachments in the corresponding fields for each required document. Applicant's should sign on signature line in large font as instructed. Once completed, email the entire application package, including supporting documents, to the OSVDPA at info@osvdpa.org.

3. Once the form is completed and the relevant attachments have been included (for those that fail an assessment, extra copies of the assessment-based questions of this form can be obtained from the OSVDPA), the application should be submitted via the OSVDPA website or emailed to the designated email address, info@osvdpa.org. The application package should include:
 - Signed Form DPO-3-CV, the Revalidation Application;
 - Required documentation from the Personal Information Section listed as numbers three through six;

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- Sea Service letter on the Vessel Operator's letterhead (unless the Vessel Operator submits this letter directly to the OSVDPA);
- If applicable, Enhanced Verification of Training and Competency (unless the Vessel Operator submits this letter directly to the OSVDPA);
- The DPO or Prospective DPO's copy of OSVDPA LB-2-CV; and other logbooks (if utilized);

Note. *If the DPO has attached or uploaded an electronic copy of their logbook(s), they do not need to mail a separate copy of their logbook.*

- Payment (or proof of online payment) of DPO-1 as listed in OSVDPA FS-1-CV, the OSVDPA Fee Schedule (Current Version); and
- If desired, payment (or proof of payment) of Fee DPO-6, for a new Post-Scheme Logbook.
- If the application is being submitted by mail to the OSVDPA, please include a completed copy of the form and all required attachments in the application package. The application package should be mailed to the following address:

OSVDPA
201 St. Charles Ave.
Suite 114 PMB 274
New Orleans, LA 70170

- Once all of the above is received, the OSVDPA shall review the application (in its entirety). Upon complete review, the OSVDPA will take one of the following actions:

Revalidate DPO Certificate. If the OSVDPA finds all of the conditions have been met, it shall send a DPO Certificate to the individual along with all of the original documents submitted with the application.

Respond with list of issues. If the OSVDPA finds questions, problems or shortcomings in the application, it shall respond with a comprehensive list of discrepancies along with suggestions as to how these issues can be addressed. The OSVDPA shall only require the individual to submit the missing or gap-filling information after he or she has worked with the OSVDPA to ensure any questions they may have are answered.

Decline to revalidate DPO Certificate. In limited instances—such as when there are numerous and/or large-scale shortcomings, problems, or issues with the application—the OSVDPA shall return the application and all documents to the individual. In doing so the OSVDPA shall also send a list of all problems or issues and how these can be addressed.

- The OSVDPA welcomes any questions or concerns of applicants. Questions may be directed to info@OSVDPA.org or made via phone at +1 (504) 528-9414.

OSVDPA Certificates:

The OSVDPA provides mariners that have gained the requisite experience, passed the required classes, and passed the relevant assessments with a DPO certificate. The OSVDPA certificate requirements are based on international standards and industry's best practices. Specifically, the OSVDPA provides three (3) types of certificates:

- **Class A DPO Certificate:** This certificate is equivalent to the traditional "Unlimited" DPO Certificate. According to the OSVDPA MPP-1-CV, "the Class A DPO certificate is provided to those DPOs who have passed the Phase 4A or Phase 5 assessment after completion of the certification system either through Phase 4A or upgraded their Class B DPO certificate via Phase 5, in the process accruing at least 60 days of Sea Time and 180 hours of Practical Experience on a vessel with a DP class notation of DP-2 or higher as issued by a recognized classification society after the completion of the requirements of Phase 2 (Familiarization)."
- **Class B DPO Certificate:** This certificate is equivalent to the traditional "Limited" DPO Certificate. According to the OSVDPA MPP-1-CV, the Class B DPO certificate is provided to those DPOs who have completed the OSVDPA Certification Scheme through Phase 4 (Watchkeeping) and passed the Phase 4B Assessment. Class B DPO certificate holders have recorded less than 60 days of Sea Time and 180 hours of Practical Experience

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on a vessel with a DP class notation equal to DP-2 or higher as issued by a recognized classification society. After completing the requirements of Phase 2 (Familiarization), Class B DPO Certificates can be upgraded to Class A DPO certificates if the holder completes Phase 5 (Upgrading) of the certification scheme.

- **Class C Permit:** An optional permit awarded after successful completion of the OSVDPA Certification Scheme through Phase 3 (Simulator) Course and passage of the Phase 3 Assessment. The holder of a Class C Permit has proven they possess knowledge of the fundamental principles of dynamic positioning, demonstrated practical ability to operate a DP system, and is competent in switching the vessel from DP to manual mode in order to move the vessel away from an installation. Class C Permit holders must be under direct supervision of a DPO at all times while gaining the experience and skills necessary to qualify as a DPO. It is important to note that this optional permit follows the guidance offered by IMCA M 117, but it is not a full DPO Certificate. Holders of this permit are still referred to as "Prospective DPOs" and must complete the rest of the DPO Certification Scheme before being a certificated DPO.