

RYA online CEVNI test

Outline information for training centres

The CEVNI test is required by applicants for the International Certificate of Competence (ICC), if it is to be endorsed for inland waters outside the UK.

The online test is an alternative to the paper test enabling students to take the test anywhere, anytime through www.ryainteractive.org.

About the online test

A practice is available, which will help students check if they're ready for the real test. It's up to them if they try this, and their scores won't be recorded. It will guide them to talk to a training centre about tuition if needed, or to study the European Waterways Regulations book.

The real test is split into two parts - Part 1: signs and buoyage, Part 2: sound signals, lights and shapes. Fifteen questions are asked in each part, and the student must answer at least eleven questions correctly in each part to pass the whole test. When they have done that, they can download a certificate that can be used as evidence for their inland ICC.

Students will have two attempts to pass each part of test. If they are unsuccessful they can be re-enrolled at a later date for another two attempts (when they have done their homework!).

As people will be able to take the test anywhere, without invigilation, we have built in some features to avoid students simply working through it with the book in front of them:

- Questions are displayed in random order from a large question bank
- The multiple choice answers are displayed in a random order
- Each question has a time limit, set to be long enough to allow for slow computers and slow readers, but not long enough to flick through the book!

Who can offer the test?

The CEVNI test can be offered by RYA affiliated clubs and training centres that are recognised to offer powerboat, inland waterways, motor cruising, sail cruising or navigation courses.

Anyone offering the test must themselves be familiar with the CEVNI rules and, preferably, be prepared to offer pre-test tuition if the student requires it.

How to offer the test

All students must take the test via a recognised training centre or affiliated club. If a potential student approaches us, we will direct them to a list of centres offering the test.

Students will be able to register themselves on the site, but can't access the test until you have given them an enrolment key. During registration, students will be asked to specify which training centre they are taking the test through.

The ICC is only available to over 16s, so the CEVNI test shouldn't be taken by under 16s. Please check your students' age before directing them to the test.

Your students can take the test remotely, or they can take it at your centre. Taking the test at your centre is ideal as it enables you to invigilate. However we are keen to make it accessible to as many people as possible, regardless of where they live and how easily they can travel to a training centre.

There is no formal training course leading up to the CEVNI test, but you are free to offer tuition if you wish. Whether you offer tuition or not, you should be on hand to help and guide your students if they are struggling.

When students are ready for the test there are two steps to follow:

1. Create a new account, which the students do themselves
2. Enrol for the test, which you enable them to do, or you do for them.

Full instructions will be sent when your RYA Interactive recognition is complete.

As students move through the test you will receive a series of automated emails so you can monitor their progress.

How much will it cost?

Costs of applying for recognition are shown on the application form. In addition, your training centre will be charged £10 plus VAT for each student that you put through the test. What you charge them for taking the test, and how you choose to package it with other training they might take, is entirely up to you.

We will invoice centres monthly for their students going through the test.

What to do next

If you want to go ahead and offer the test, please return your application form to interactive@rya.org.uk.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch.