

Summary of SRC changes with effect from 2 January 2014

Classroom training

- Training time should be ten hours (as defined in the CEPT regulations) with up to three hours guided self-learning allowed. The centre advises the students what to pre-study, using G31 as a course book. Please note: this is up to three hours and **not must be** three hours, so may only be two hours self-learning and eight hours in classroom.
- Examination and training must be separated .i.e. a different examiner to instructor.
- An SRC assessor may instruct, or examine candidates, but must **not** teach SRC and examine SRC for the same candidate.
- The course pack price is £10 which includes G31 and the exam application form.
- Training centres will continue to set the course fees, administer course bookings and fees, and facilitate student exams.

Exam process

- We are not able to issue an 'Authority to Operate' to anybody under the age of 16 years old, therefore under 16's are not eligible to take the exam. There is no reason why they cannot undertake the training though.
- **ONLY ORIGINAL** application forms will be accepted. Forms are to be distributed with the course packs, although a supply of spares will be available for assessors.
- Someone is eligible to take the exam if:
 - a) they have attended a classroom based training course and have evidence that they have completed the course i.e. exam application form signed by the instructor
 - b) they have a course completion unique number from an RYA Interactive course
 - c) they hold a restricted VHF certificate however we would recommend re-training/refresher training prior to taking the exam. The restricted VHF certificate number should be recorded on the exam application form for cross-referencing at RYA House.
- A list of examiners, per area will be available to all SRC centres. Centres will then coordinate exams locally with SRC assessors.

RYA Interactive (online) course

- This is a non-compulsory online option available to all SRC centres. Centres may apply now for recognition and their branded site on Interactive will be created. But final recognition approval will only be given when instructors have completed and familiarised themselves with the online course. Full pilot available from late November 2013.
- The online course also uses G31 as the course book with a course pack.
- Training centres will set course fees, although an enrolment fee of £10.50 plus VAT will be levied by the RYA for each online student registered on the course.
- Training centres arrange and facilitate the exams for students, which must take place face-to-face using training radios.
- Successful completion of the online course generates a unique ID number which enables verification and eligibility to take the exam.
- Assessors that provide remote coaching for interactive courses may examine candidates from the interactive course.