## AMENDMENTS

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Any amendments made to this standard by OPITO will be recorded above.
### Helideck Operations Initial Training Standard

**What is this new Standard?**
This new Standard has been introduced to combine the existing OPITO Helideck Assistant (HDA) Initial and Helicopter Landing Officer (HLO) Initial training Standards into one combined Helideck Operations Initial Training Standard.

**What are the prerequisites?**
The pre-requisites can be found in Section A2 of the Standard which is available on the OPITO website.

**Who is this Standard aimed at?**
The Standard is aimed at personnel who are to be appointed to the role of an Offshore Helicopter Landing Officer (HLO) and/or Offshore Helideck Assistant (HDA) prior to undertaking Helideck active duties.

**Why has this new standard been introduced?**
The new Standard has been introduced to align with recommendations made in the OGUK Guidelines for the Management of Aviation Operations.

**When will the new Standard come into effect?**
The new Standard will come into effect on Monday the 1st of January 2018.

**Where can I find the new Standard?**
The Standard can be accessed through the Standards library on the OPITO website or by using the attached link [https://www.opito.com/standard/helideck-operations-initial-training-standard](https://www.opito.com/standard/helideck-operations-initial-training-standard).

### Helideck Emergency Response Team Member (HERTM)

**Who is this Standard aimed at?**
The Standard is aimed at personnel who are to be appointed to the role of the Helideck Emergency Response Team Member (HERTM).

**What are the prerequisites if I am a new entrant to the Industry?**
The pre-requisites can be found in Section A2 of the Standard which is available on the OPITO website.

**What are the prerequisites if I already hold a valid HERTM or HERTM Further certificate?**
If you already hold a valid HERTM or HERTM Further then you will only be required to revalidate via the HERTM Further prior to the expiry of your existing HERTM certificate.

**What are the prerequisites if I already hold a valid HDA Initial or valid HLO Initial certificate?**
If you already hold a valid HDA Initial or HLO Initial then you will not be required to complete the Helideck Operations Initial Training Standard prior to attending the training and these Standards will be accepted as valid pre-requisites.

**When will the new Standard come into effect?**
The new Standard will come into effect on Monday the 1st of January 2018.

**Where can I find the new Standard?**
The Standard can be accessed through the Standards library on the OPITO website or by using the attached link [https://www.opito.com/standard/helideck-emergency-response-team-member-hertm-training](https://www.opito.com/standard/helideck-emergency-response-team-member-hertm-training).
**Helideck Emergency Response Team Leader (HERTL)**

**Who is this Standard aimed at?**
The Standard is aimed at personnel who are to be appointed to the role of the Helideck Emergency Response Team Leader (HERTL)

**What are the prerequisites if I am a new entrant to the industry?**
The pre-requisites can be found in Section A2 of the Standard which is available on the OPITO website

**What are the prerequisites if I already hold a valid HERTL or HERTL Further certificate?**
If you already hold a valid HERTL or HERTL Further then you will only be required to revalidate via the HERTL Further prior to the expiry of your existing HERTL certificate

**What are the prerequisites if I already hold a valid HDA Initial or valid HLO Initial certificate?**
A valid Radio Operators Certificate of Competence (UKCS Operations only), a valid OPITO Helideck Emergency Response Team Member Certificate or a valid Further Helideck Emergency Response Team Member Certificate

**What are the prerequisites if I already hold valid HERTM Further, DGBA Awareness and CAA Radio training certificates?**
If you already hold valid HERTM Further, DGBA Awareness and CAA Radio training certificates then there is no requirement to complete the Helideck Operations Initial Training (HOIT) in order to access the HERTL training programme

**When will the new Standard come into effect?**
The new Standard will come into effect on Monday the 1st of January 2018

**Where can I find the new Standard?**
The Standard can be accessed through the Standards library on the OPITO website or by using the attached link [https://www.opito.com/standard/helideck-emergency-response-team-leader-hertl-training](https://www.opito.com/standard/helideck-emergency-response-team-leader-hertl-training).

**Workplace Competence Assessment Standards**

**What are these new Standards?**
These standards have been developed in order to provide a consistent industry-agreed approach to workplace competence assessment of individual undertaking Helideck roles

**Who are these Standards aimed at?**
These Standards are aimed at personnel who are required to be assessed against helideck and emergency response role requirements during offshore drills and scenarios and part of their daily tasks.

**Why have these Standards been produced?**
These Standards have been produced to formally assess an employee’s competence in the workplace at a defined Standard, subsequently allowing for standardisation of assessments of safety critical roles. They will also provider Duty holders with a means of demonstrating compliance with regulatory requirements, whilst providing the ability to review and manage workplace competence levels of personnel performing these roles in one central database (Vantage Central Register).

**What are the prerequisites and why?**
There are no formal prerequisites for these standards; however, candidates are expected to have completed training in the chosen role followed by supervised workplace training in the role prior to being formally assessed.
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