



Continual Professional  
Development (CPD) for  
DEFRA Water Safety and  
Rescue



Birmingham & Midland Marine Services Ltd are delighted to offer range of new certificated CPD sessions for the DEFRA Module 1 Annex 'H', Annex 'G' syllabus and Module 2 qualifications.

DEFRA 'Flood Rescue Concept of Operations' (Con-Ops) oriented CPD sessions are accredited by the Institute of Search and Technical Rescue.

For certificates valid for 3-years (Module 1 run to the Annex 'G' syllabus and Annex 'H' which it superseded, and Module 2) to remain valid under the DEFRA 'Flood Rescue Concept of Operations' guidance, 'Continual Professional Development' must be maintained.

During revalidation training sessions, we are finding that the issues caused by 'skills-fade' mean that we're effectively retraining from scratch; so BMMS Ltd now deliver formal CPD sessions which can be logged by the client in case of an audit.

This training will be for closed courses of six-to-eight people and take place at our stately home river venue in Staffordshire.

Subjects covered align with the December 2025 revised FRCO framework; pages 66, to 67 for Annex 'G', (including Annex 'H') and pages 45, to 47 for Module 2.

## **DEFRA Module 1 Annex 'H' & 'G' CPD (1/2-day)**

***A minimum requirement of two hours per calendar year, covering the learning outcomes below for the qualification to remain valid.***

### **Learning outcomes**

- Demonstrate water rescue scene management and dynamic assessment of risk:
  - Understand the limitations of the water rescue wading responder capability;
  - rescue team organisation;
  - communication systems: hand, audible and radio;
  - hazard recognition and preplanning;



- risk and incident zones;
- incident management structure;
- team roles and responsibilities.
  
- Identify and apply the role of the water & flood non-rescue support operations training module within the Incident Management Structure:
  - Incident management structure; team health, safety and welfare
  
- Apply a working knowledge of hydrology and associated hazards:
  - Recognition of water features and their impact
  
- Identify and use appropriate PPE:
  - Types of PPE; donning and doffing;
  - care maintenance and inspection;
  - record keeping. This can include life jacket or use of personal flotation device (PFD)
  
- Demonstrate self-rescue from water
  
- Understand relevant rescue techniques in the role as casualty:
  - Talk, receive reach pole, and throw line
  
- Demonstrate techniques for movement in shallow water:
  - Supported crossing (poles), 1-2-3 person teams; wedge and line astern
  
- Identify and explain the additional hazards and difficulties associated with working in darkness and reduced visibility, and application of suitable control measures:
  - Equipment issues; lighting; additional marking requirements; audible signals
  
- Flood:
  - Awareness of flooding and associated hazards; pollution; location and incident specific hazards; topography



## DEFRA Module 2 CPD. (1-day)

*A minimum of eight hours per year with a minimum of two sessions per year with a maximum gap of nine months between training sessions. Of the eight hours, at least two hours must be in water with features detailed in the training venue section of the Con-Ops.*

BMMS Ltd CPD training is a certificated and recorded activity-based training session and covers the following subjects outlined in the FRCO framework as a minimum:

- Donning, doffing, and care of water rescue PPE
- Water Rescue Incident Management
- Self-Rescue Techniques
- Throw Bag Skills
- Shallow Water Crossing Techniques
- Swift Water Hydrology

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## Booking:

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Requests for bookings or to discuss your requirements with a member of the team, please contact us on 01902 544329 or via email:

[office@midlandmarine.co.uk](mailto:office@midlandmarine.co.uk)

## Location:

Staffordshire



MCA approved training provider

## Cost:

DEFRA Module 1) Annex 'H' (for candidates having undertaken the previous version of the course) and Annex 'G' ½-day CPD session

Please contact the office by email: [office@midlandmarine.co.uk](mailto:office@midlandmarine.co.uk)

DEFRA Module 2) 1-day CPD session

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