

Training during COVID-19 lockdown (until April 30, 2021)**Update per March 2, 2021**

Dear all,

Since December 15, 2020 a Corona-lockdown is in effect in the Netherlands. In response to the Dutch Corona-lockdown we would like to inform all those involved in offshore training with the following:

First:

From March 2, 2021 the organizing of *'training courses for the purpose of practical certification and examination of training and courses that are required for the exercise of a profession or business, for example focused on skills and occupational safety'*, has been excluded by the central government from the general prohibition on opening of public places (Regulation Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport of February 23, 2021, amendment of the Temporary Regulation on measures covid-19).

This means that the training institutes recognized by NOGEP will once again be able to provide NOGEP training courses from March 2, 2021 without having to rely on the status of the oil and gas industry as a "vital sector". Obviously, the training institutes must take the necessary measures to prevent corona contamination, such as keeping their distance and the use of face masks..

Second:

NOGEP has already temporarily expanded its standard dispensation regulations for the period from December 15, 2020 to April 30, 2021. This regulation will remain in effect so that staff can still be able to make up for training courses that have expired in the lockdown period before March 2.

Therefore: Those individuals whose dispensation period expires, or whose basic- or refresher certificate expires between December 15, 2020 and April 30, 2021 will have automatic dispensation until April 30, 2021, with no additional administration needed. The validity of the expired certificates will be extended until the end of April so that there is time after the lockdown to follow a refresher course. The validity of the refresher certificate that is obtained before April 30 starts on the expiry date of the previous certificate (see also explanation at the bottom of this letter)

This regulation is based in the assumption that the lockdown will become less strict before April 30, such that training will become possible before this date. Should the lockdown be extended, this regulation will be revised to match the new situation.

We hope to have informed you sufficiently.

Sincerely,

NOGEP

Explanation for the NOGEP dispensation rules between December 15, 2020 and April 30, 2021.

All NOGEP training certificates and all dispensations that expire between December 15, 2020 and April 30, 2021 may be considered as 'valid until April 30, 2021'. No additional administration is required for this. Whoever wishes to make use of the regular dispensation rules can do so by making a dispensation request in the regular manner (see example 2a below)

For example:

1. A Basic certificate that expires on December 30, 2020 is automatically valid until April 30, 2021. So a refresher training can be done until April 30 without further administration
2. A Refresher certificate that expires on March 8, 2021 is automatically valid until April 30, 2021. So a refresher training can be done without a dispensation request until April 30. No further administration is required.
 - a. Within the regular dispensation framework, this person could receive dispensation until June 8, 2021 (3 months after expiry of the original certificate). If this regular dispensation is

desired it must be requested in the normal manner, so through a training provider or via dispensation@nogepa.nl

3. A dispensation that expires on February 26, 2021 is automatically valid until April 30, 2021. This situation may arise when a regular dispensation is requested for a refresher certificate that expires for example on November 26, 2020. The regular dispensation lasts for 3 months, so February 26 in this case, but dispensation will be extended until April 30.

In all cases the validity of the new certificate will be based upon the previous certificate, no on the training date. So for a qualification with a 2 year validity this would be true for the examples given above:

Example	Expiry date current certificate	Trained on	Expiry date new certificate
1	Dec. 30, 2020	March 10, 2021	Dec. 30, 2022
2	March 8, 2021	April 12, 2021	March 8, 2023
2a	March 8, 2021	June 5, 2021	March 8, 2023
3	Nov. 26 2020	April 16, 2021	Nov. 26, 2022