



Department of Transport's Maritime & Coastguard Agency Approves MAST Training Courses

Maritime Asset Security and Training (MAST) announces that the Maritime & Coastguard Agency (MCA) has approved its three new training courses

LONDON, UK, October 11, 2013 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Maritime](#) Asset [Security](#) and [Training](#) (MAST) Ltd, the maritime security and training specialist, announces today that the Department for Transport's Maritime & Coastguard Agency (MCA) has approved MAST's three new training courses; Ship Security Officer's course (SSO), Proficiency in Security Awareness (PSA) and Proficiency in designated security duties (PDSD).

The approval means that MAST can now act as a MCA certified training provider in these disciplines. The PDSD became mandatory in January 2013 and the PSA becomes mandatory in January 2014.

MAST has invested heavily in the development and delivery of specialist training courses for maritime security operatives, and as part of this drive has recently opened a new firing range on Gozo.

MAST has also just obtained City & Guilds accreditation for its Level 3 Maritime Security Operatives course.

MAST also has approval from Enhanced Learning Credits Administration System which means it is accredited to offer training programmes to UK armed forces' personnel enabling them to use MoD learning credits.

MAST can also offer bespoke courses as required and instruction can be given either on board or at the MAST Training Centre in Malta.

Phillip Cable, CEO of MAST stated, "Our training business is moving from strength to strength and we are extremely pleased that these core training courses have been approved by the MCA, giving us the most highly regarded certification in the UK for these disciplines.

"We have been seeing growing interest from maritime security companies and operatives, shipping groups and governments for the specialist security training that we are able to offer,

particularly as shipping companies, captains and insurers look to protect vessels from the threat of piracy and other maritime security threats.”

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About MAST

Maritime Asset Security and Training (MAST) Ltd is a market leading security organisation that provides specialist global security services for the maritime and oil and gas communities. Holding membership of leading professional bodies, MAST is also ISO 9001:2008 accredited for the provision of global maritime security services for the shipping and yachting industry and holds the ISO 14001:2004, the criteria for an environmental management system. MAST is accredited with the occupational health and safety management international standard, OHSAS 18001, for all of its global operations. The Company is one of the founding signatories of the International Code of Conduct and has been scrutinised and accepted by some of world's leading shipping companies, charterers and insurers and is approved to operate under the Panama Flag.

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