



COVID Policy Change: Emergency Response Training Expiration Extension

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UH Divers,

The UH Diving Control Board met Tuesday, July 21 2020, and considered the exposure risks associated with the hands-on component of required DFA-Pro certification training. The following was approved unanimously:

"Due to COVID19 exposure risk to both trainees and trainers at the present time, the practical component of DFA-Pro retraining is deferred until further notice. For the purposes of UH Scientific Diver authorization, expiring DFA-Pro certifications are extended to a three-year period from the date of prior certification. Completion of DFA-Pro e-Learning and Final Knowledge Assessment is required at the standard expiration of 2 years. This does not result in DAN DFA-Pro recertification, but will be recognized by the DCB for continued Active status and Lead Diver authorization on UH projects for one additional year after the listed certification date. Divers whose certificates have expired beyond this window may dive under UH auspices in Restricted status on a case-by-case basis with the approval of the DCB. Requirements for extramural diving under reciprocity agreements is subject to the approval of the hosting institution."

If your DFA-Pro certificate has recently reached or is approaching its official expiration date, Please contact uhdsp to enroll in the DAN DFA-Pro eLearning, after which we will provide you with a link to complete the final knowledge assessment. Note to reiterate: this policy only applies to DFA-Pro certifications obtained within the past three years, does not result in a new DAN certification, and only affects authorization to dive as a UH diver under UH auspices. This extension will likely not be recognized by external entities with differing requirements.

This policy will remain in effect until further notice from the DCB. If you have further questions, feel free to contact me, Liv Wheeler or your local Unit Diving Coordinator.

Aloha, Dave

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