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**The Ukrainian DPOs Certification extension**

The Training Centres and Ukrainian DPOs are kindly informed that The Nautical Institute recognises the war in Ukraine is likely to have a significant impact on the ability of DPOs to process their documentation for DPO certificate revalidation.

DPOs of Ukrainian nationality or DPOs who are ordinarily resident in Ukraine are hereby granted an immediate extension to the period of validity of their DPO Certificate.

**Applicability**

The extension of DPO Certificate validity applies to eligible DPOs whose certificates expire during 2022.

**Period of Extension**

The extension will be for a period of 12 months from the due expiry date.

DPOs are advised that when their certificates are revalidated it will be for a period of 5 years from the original expiry date.

**Current Applications**

Ukrainian DPOs who have already applied and sent their original documents to the NI HQ are advised that courier services are not currently available to Ukraine.

Documents held by the NI will be retained in the office for safekeeping.

Applicants are invited to consider providing an alternative delivery address where possible.

Qasim Masood  
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