

General Information

The Breathing Apparatus Instructor Course is designed to provide students with the functional requirements to devise and deliver training on the technical and operational aspects of and; in the use of BA on the MOD Estate.

The course consists of 2 parts:

- a. Part 1 – Pre Course Study
- b. Part 2 – Formal Training

Part 1 – Pre Course Study

Prior to the course all nominated students are required to be competent Breathing Apparatus wearers. Therefore it is expected that you will be fully conversant with the procedures laid out in Operational Directive 23/2006 – Breathing Apparatus Operational Procedures.

Some of the guidance contained in Op Dir 23/06 will be discussed during the course, however, to measure the underpinning knowledge expected from a student attending the BAI course, a formal short answer examination paper will be conducted on the first Monday of week one, with a pass mark of 80%. It is recommended therefore that the pre-course study pack be studied in detail prior to attendance on the course.

Study Procedure

The package is designed for you to attain the underpinning knowledge in breathing apparatus command and control procedures essential to becoming an effective breathing apparatus instructor. Whichever study method suits your needs, It is recommended that you spend no more than 40 minutes working then take a 15 minute break. All the knowledge required to successfully complete the theoretical examination is contained within the pre course booklet.

Part 2 – Formal Training

Part 2 of the course consists of 10 days training (spread over 2 consecutive weeks) which currently covers:

- a. Health & Safety
- b. Compartment Fire Behavior Training
- c. Scenario Based Training Event Preparation, Delivery and Assessment
- d. BA operations
- e. Risk Management

The BA Instructor course is both physically and mentally demanding and requires students to be prepared to the highest standards. Students who are found to be ill prepared or lack the physical capability of performing to the required standard will be withdrawn from training and returned to their Station.

Assessment Strategy

In addition to the written examination, you will be continuously assessed throughout the course by your instructor, culminating in your final Brief Monitor Debrief assessment, which will cover the following elements:

- a. Exercise Planning
- b. Risk Assessment
- c. Health and Safety
- d. Exercise Briefing
- e. Presentation
- f. Monitoring
- g. Debriefing

Further information about the course can be sought from Training Ops at DFTDC

Eligibility

Personnel to be trained **must** :

- a. Be a DFRMO Fire & Rescue Service Crew Manager, **or**,
- b. DFRMO Fire & Rescue Service firefighter who can justify a need, and receives the approval of the BTM, **or**,
- c. Non DFRMO Fire Service & Rescue Service personnel (subject to spare capacity, payment and prior approval of BTM) **and**;
- d. Have a minimum of 4 years operational experience **and**
- e. Have received instructional techniques training **and**
- f. Be of the highest physical fitness and health standards.

Fire Station Managers are responsible for confirming that students nominated for the BAI course meet the above criteria.

Course Programme

A copy of the Course Programme is provided on this site.

Further Information

In addition to this document you should refer to:

- a. DFTDC Information – General Information, Location Map and Contacts
- b. General Information – Generic Course Information and PPE Requirements
- c. Forms – DFRS Forms 210, 211, 221 and 222