

## WebNews February 2011 - Special Certification Scheme

Dear friends,

European Certification Scheme: the EBAss Board of Directors have been working closely with the European Committee for Hyperbaric Medicine (ECHM) and the European College of Baromedicine (ECB) in order to formulate an accepted procedure for the European Certification of Training Centres wishing to conduct preparation courses for hyperbaric personnel. EBAss works to finalise this scheme before the end of 2011.

Concerning the individual certification, if you are member of EBAss, please take care on the following points.

The normal way to gain certification would be for the applicant to complete a course at a certified training centre. Evidence of successful completion of the course together with the applicant's Curriculum Vitae should then be forwarded by email to [accreditation@ebassexam.eu](mailto:accreditation@ebassexam.eu); the applicant will then be invited to attempt the appropriate level of examination which will be conducted on-line.

However for experienced personnel who can provide evidence that they have worked at a Hyperbaric facility employed as hyperbaric chamber attendant or hyperbaric nurse for a period of at least 2 years together with a letter signed by the facility's Medical Director confirming their suitability. Should forward this evidence together with a Curriculum Vitae by email to [accreditation@ebassexam.eu](mailto:accreditation@ebassexam.eu) for approval by the accreditation committee; Once approval has been granted the candidate will be permitted to attempt the on-line examination for the appropriate grade without being required to go through the EBAss approved training scheme. **This experience route will be available for two years from January 2010; after January 2012 all personnel will be required to show evidence of completion of an EBAss approved training scheme.**

The other way to enter the scheme is via the Grandfather clause.

It is recognised that a number of personnel will already have a great deal of experience and qualifications and for these people there is a "Grandfathering" entry route.

Only existing members of EBAss will be eligible for grandfathering their qualifications to the new system. Persons wishing to apply for certification under the Grandfathering scheme must submit an up to date Curriculum Vitae together with all necessary supporting documentation to the EBAss Board of Directors via [accreditation@ebassexam.eu](mailto:accreditation@ebassexam.eu) where a decision will be made as to whether the individual will be accepted. The decision of the EBAss Board of Directors is final. **The Grandfathering scheme will be available for two years from January 2010; after January 2012 all personnel will be required to show evidence of completion of an EBAss approved training scheme.**

*So, if you are member and feel you have sufficient experience for you to "Grandfather" into the scheme, take your dispositions to be recognized before the fatal January 2012 deadline!*

For any question regarding the accreditation, please contact Mr Atkey, P President of the Committee Accreditation at [accreditation@ebassexam.eu](mailto:accreditation@ebassexam.eu).

