



Maastricht



REGULATIONS

for the refresher course at expertise level TMS-VRS D (Radiation Protection Officer – Dispersible Radioactive Materials level D)

ARTICLE 1

This refresher course is organised by the Radiation Protection Unit (Dutch: 'Stralingsbeschermingseenheid' or SBE) Randwyck for employees who have a diploma of the course 'Radiation Protection Officer – Dispersible Radioactive Materials level D' (Dutch: 'Toezichthoudend Medewerker Stralingsbescherming – Verspreidbare Radioactieve Stoffen niveau D' or TMS-VRS D), or its predecessor 'Radiation protection level 5B', and autonomously work with dispersible radioactive sources (Dutch: 'verspreidbare radioactieve stoffen' or VRS), or autonomously work in areas or rooms where VRS are handled.

ARTICLE 2

Participation in the refresher course is obligatory for employees who, at the time of the start of the refresher course, autonomously work with VRS, who autonomously work in areas or rooms where VRS are handled, or who have either worked with VRS in the past year or plan to do so in the following year.

ARTICLE 3

The contents of the program, the obligatory activities of the program, and the time frame in which the refresher course is offered and must be participated in, are assessed and formalised by the General Coordinating Expert (Dutch: 'Algemeen Coördinerend Deskundige' or ACD) Randwyck, in the capacity of Supervising Officer of radiation protection courses, in collaboration with the Exam Committee 'Radiation protection courses Randwyck', and put down in writing. These requirements and conditions are publicised on the website of the SBE.

ARTICLE 4

In case a practical assignment is offered in the refresher course, employees who, at the start of the program, participated in a relevant, regular radiation protection course less than three years ago are excused from participating in this assignment. In case the expertise level of the followed course is questionable, the ACD will assess whether the followed course justifies dispensation from the practical assignment.

ARTICLE 5

Participants are welcome to take part in more activities than obligatory, provided this fits within the planned capacity of the program. This is to the judgement of the coordinator refresher course TMS-VRS D of the SBE, if needed in consultation with the ACD and/or Exam Committee.

ARTICLE 6

Employees who are not obliged to participate in the refresher course based on the criteria in *Article 2* of these regulations, but have a diploma as mentioned in *Article 1* of these regulations, may participate in this program on a voluntary basis, under the condition that it is possible considering the available resources and planned capacity. This is to the judgement of the coordinator refresher course TMS-VRS D of the SBE, if needed in consultation with the ACD and/or Exam Committee.

ARTICLE 7

Employees who are obliged to participate in accordance with *Articles 1* and *2*, but whose employment contracts will be ended before the refresher course can be concluded, must still meet the requirements in reason with the duration of their employment. This is to the judgement of the ACD and the Exam Committee. At the end of their employment, they may request a certificate that holds a detailed list of the activities they have participated in.

ARTICLE 8

Participants and their supervisors are informed about the details of the refresher course concerning the planned activities, the obligatory parts and minimum requirements for participation in writing, at least two months prior to the start of the program.

ARTICLE 9

The SBE applies a registration system for participation based on registration, which is managed by the coordinator refresher course TMS-VRS D.

ARTICLE 10

Participation in (complete) course activities is registered on the spot by or on behalf of the coordinator refresher course TMS-VRS D, which is used to check if the stated requirements have been met. These registrations are subsequently digitally stored.

ARTICLE 11

In case of sickness or absence for whatever reason, the course activity concerned will not be registered as completed, and an alternative course activity will have to be attended.

ARTICLE 12

Only if the participation requirements are met within a certain time frame, as established and communicated to the participants beforehand, an employee keeps the right to autonomously work with VRS, or work in areas in which VRS are being handled. At the request of the employee, the SBE provides a certificate of participation.

ARTICLE 13

Fulfilment of the participation requirements, as stated in *Article 12* of these regulations, gives no dispensation for participation in the refresher course in the future.



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ARTICLE 14

An employee, who, in accordance with *Article 1* and *2* of these regulations, is obligated to participate in the refresher course, but does not meet the participation requirements, is deprived of the right to autonomously work with VRS, or work in areas in which VRS are being handled.

ARTICLE 15

Employees who have not met the minimum participation requirements for the refresher course, can only reacquire the right to autonomously work with VRS, or work in areas in which VRS are being handled, by successfully passing an exam at level TMS-VRS D, to demonstrate that their knowledge level meets the requirements stated in the license. Furthermore, the obligation to participate in the refresher course and fulfill the participation requirements remains unaffected.

ARTICLE 16

In case employees are not able to fulfill the participation requirements, they are required to communicate this in writing to the ACD. The latter will determine, in consultation with the chairman of the Exam Committee, if the provided argumentation is deemed to be justified, and either dispensation may be granted, or an alternative assignment needs to be carried out.

ARTICLE 17

These regulations shall enter into force on June 20, 2019, after adoption by the Supervising Officer of the SBE as well as the Exam Committee, and is valid as long as no change occurs. A revision of this document takes place every 3 years.

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