

## CHAPTER 9

### TRAINING AND QUALIFICATIONS IN RADIATION PROTECTION

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#### INTRODUCTION

1 The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 (MHSWR 99) requires every employer to ensure that their employees are provided with adequate health and safety training on being first recruited and on being exposed to new risks – this training is to be repeated periodically where appropriate. The Ionising Radiations Regulations 1999 (IRR 99) require employers to ensure that employees engaged in work with ionising radiation are given appropriate training in the field of radiation protection.

2 The particular, appointments specified by IRR 99 are the Radiation Protection Adviser (RPA), Radiation Protection Supervisor (RPS) and Appointed Doctor. The requirement for these appointments and other radiation protection appointments required within MOD are detailed in Chapter 8, which also identifies the duties of Commanding Officers and Heads of Establishment to make sufficient appointments and to ensure that appointees and other personnel are adequately supervised and have been given information, instruction and training in the tasks they are to undertake.

#### PROVISION OF SUITABLE TRAINING

3 Commanding Officers and Heads of Establishment are to ensure that the training requirements, including refresher training, for all radiation protection appointments and employees engaged in work with ionising radiation are specified in local orders. It is also to be ensured that visitors who are provided access to ionising radiations are given suitable information, instruction and training.

4 The training specifications may draw directly from the requirements of this publication, from guidance issued by the regulators and from the advice of a suitable RPA. Training may often include generic training courses delivered by an MOD or external provider but it should also include elements specific to the task or job to be carried out and to the hazards and risks concerned.

#### TRAINING AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR SPECIFIC RADIATION PROTECTION POSTS AND APPOINTMENTS

5 Training and qualifications for specific posts and appointments is detailed in Volume 2, leaflet 15.

#### TRAINING RECORDS

6 A record is to be kept of the training undertaken for two years following termination of the appointment.

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