

# **CONSULTATION STATEMENT: C02-23 - General Directions for Navigation in the Port of London Thames Continuing Professional Development (CPD)**

This consultation ran from 24/02/2023 to 05/04/2023. The below statement has been provided to summarise the Port of London Authority's initial response.

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Some common themes were raised by respondents in their feedback to the consultation and these have been summarised below. This feedback is currently still under review by the PLA and on completion of the review a more detailed summary of feedback and responses will be published.

## **Response to feedback directly relating to the GD wording:**

- Clarity required on the definition of an intra-port vessel:

The PLA is reviewing the definition of an intra-port vessel to give clarity on when a vessel meets the definition.

- Clarity on where the GD will apply and consideration for excluding the estuary:

The PLA is reviewing the lower limits of the area within which the GD will apply.

## **Response to feedback not directly related to the GD wording:**

- Concerns about the points system and the ability of some masters to gain the required number of points within the given time
- Not enough flexibility in the courses offered for points (see note below)
- Concern that the introduction of the programme will lead to Masters leaving the profession, resulting in shortages of personnel and loss of experience
- Lack of consultation, particularly with smaller operators
- CPD programme should be restricted to the mandatory elements only
- Request for the risk assessment to justify the need for CPD to be made public

These points are being addressed by several means, including further meetings with operators and more detailed FAQs on the CPD website.

The courses and allocated points are not a fixed list and participants are not required to undertake all the listed courses. Training courses, skills and experience can be submitted to the CPD Governance Committee, which is responsible for considering proposals to add training activities to the Programme, decide whether they fall into Mandatory, Accredited Training or Skills & Experience and the points to be allocated.

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