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This is the first newsletter for 2024. I hope you had a great Christmas and New Year and that you are suitably rested for the start of 2024.

We have not had a newsletter since July last year and that is mainly because there has been very little to feedback to you.

However, we now have some information to give you, so read on and find out what has been happening with IDEST Limited over the past few months.

2023 Round-Up

As you may know, I keep an Access database of all the students that you train. It records their personal details, the centre details, the courses attended, with dates and URNs, plus details of when their cards and certificates are sent out to you.

At the end of the year, I can 'query' the database to find out certain details. Here are some facts about our courses for 2023.

- TIC1 – 28
- TIC2 – 25
- CCC – 17
- OCC – 7
- RSC – 4
- IMCA – 10

This is a total of **91 students** trained across the suite of courses we offer. That is an amazing number when you consider that the average to date was 62 students a year. So well done to you all. Let's hope 2024 is equally good, if not better.

We introduced the Regulator Servicing Course in June, to give us a total of seven courses altogether. This has RSC has proved very popular, with lots of enquiries.

With ASSET closing down a while back, we are the sole organisation able to provide training in these specialised areas. The quality and standard of training being entirely down to you.

As a result of ASSET going, and our attempts of gaining Ofqual recognition failing at the first hurdle, we are now issuing IDEST Limited 'Qualifications' rather than course attendance certificates. We are effectively acting as the 'governing body' for this area of work.

Because of your sterling efforts and the income that this has raised, it has been decided to keep the cost of the application forms the same for 2024 at £40 each. I am sure this will please you all and help increase the profit margins.

Application Form Returns

In July I sent out a Trainer that included some guidelines for reducing your workload and speeding up the way I can process the Application Form Returns.

It was suggested that only ONE application form needs to be returned with the student's personal details but the URNs for the other courses attended can be written on this form alongside the appropriate courses and ticks placed in the boxes.

This means less scanning and time wasting for you and less filing for me. Please give it a try this year, if you have not already taken up the option.

If this Application Form can be scanned and sent to me as a PDF, rather than an image, it would speed up the system even more.

2024 Registration

The invoices for renewing your registration, as an IDEST Limited Training Centre, were sent out in December.

Again, we have kept the price the same for another year to encourage you all to remain with us and promote the organisation.

An early payment would be much appreciated and save me time sending out reminders at the end of January.

We are hoping to gain another two Training Centres this year, which will bring our total to 10 world-wide.

Course titles confusion

Finally, a moot point, but one that may have caused the issue of incorrect applications forms. It is the use of the proper terminology for the course titles. Luckily, I know what most centres are after but it is so much easier when we all use the same terms.

So here are the official abbreviations for the course titles:

- Technician Inspection Course Part 1 – **TIC1**
- Technician Inspection Course Part 2 – **TIC2**
- Composite Cylinder Course – **CCC**
- Oxygen Cleaning Course – **OCC**
- Regulator Servicing Course – **RSC**
- IMCA Technician Inspection Courses – **IMCA TIC**

Requests that I get:

Can I have 2 of TIC1 & TIC2, I need certificates for the course for cleaning bottles, to mention just two.

IDEST Ltd Training Centres update

This is the current list of Training Centres:

- **Bristol Channel Diving Services, Cardiff. TC001**
- **M60 Scuba, Stockport. TC003**
- **Sunderland Scuba Centre, Sunderland. TC004**
- **C & R Testing, Sowerby Bridge. TC007**
- **D V Diving, Northern Ireland. TC009**
- **J M Scuba Services, Leicester. TC010**
- **Moray Firth Dive Centre, Moray. TC011**
- **Discover Diving IOM. TC012**

Training Centres leaving since the last issue of TRAINER

- **Innovative Technology Asia Co Ltd, Thailand. TC014**
 - **AMIT Marine Services, Dubai. TC015**
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