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This is the first of the newsletters issued by **IDEST Limited**. Its purpose will continue to be to inform and update you on what is happening with the training aspects within the IDEST organisation structure.

Courses have picked up and registration cards are now part of the course materials. We are making process with City & Guilds in getting our courses accredited, so all looking very hopeful. Unfortunately, Tony Marshall has resigned as Chairman.

Change has come

As we advised you in the August issue of TRAINER, the administration of training within the IDEST structure has taken place. IDEST Limited has been established and has taken over the administration of training.

IDEST Limited or **Independent Diving Equipment Services and Training Limited** is registered with Companies House, UK Learning Providers and a separate business bank account has been set up with Lloyds Bank.

The new bank account details will appear on all invoices and must be used for all BACS payments for goods.

Mike Clack has worked very hard to design an acceptable logo and this has been finally been agreed with the four directors.

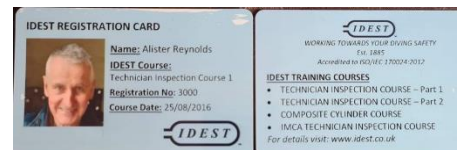
This new logo illustrates the link with IDEST through the cylinder shape, it houses the name of the company, what our purpose is, *Technician Training*, and has the mortar board to emphasise the training role.



This logo will only appear on the administration paperwork, such as invoices and communications. The certificates will have the original IDEST logo on them as well as this new logo. The training materials are still the intellectual property of IDEST but IDEST Ltd is providing the training.

Registration cards

Registration cards have been issued for all students since the beginning of August. They are proving very popular with the students and a few have sent back supportive comments.



The service I am using is very professional, return cards very quickly and ensure that details are correct before printing.

I feel this is something we should have been issuing many years ago.

IMCA events

During July and now in August, we have run two IMCA events for a company in Aberdeen. With a total of six students, the courses have proved very successful and been received with great enthusiasm.

My thanks to Ken Scott of Moray Firth Dive Centre for running these events on my behalf. I was unable to run these events as I had a hip replacement operation at the end of July and am still recovering from the surgery.

City & Guilds accreditation

After attempting to register our training courses with Ofqual but not succeeding, we approached City & Guilds.

I received a phone call from a local C & G representative, who talked me through the advantages of having courses accredited and the process that we need to follow.

They will help us get the courses approved, ensuring that we complete the process correctly. There is a cost! This could be a stumbling block since we are not a large organisation and funds are a little on the low side at the moment. We would have to increase the costs to you quite considerably and at the moment that is not an option.

Once approved, the courses will only be 'accredited' by City & Guilds. We will be able to use the C & G logo on all our paperwork, including the certificates, but we will not be able to issue qualifications.

We need to be approved and registered with Ofqual in order to issue qualifications, so back to stage one again,

Tony Marshall resigns

It is with regret that I have to announce that Tony Marshall has resigned from the role of IDEST Chairman. He has also given up the administration role having taken it over from Pat Oates in June.

He will be sorely missed as will his knowledge, expertise and contacts within the industry. We wish him well for the future.

Neil Minto is taking over the role of interim Chairman until another Chairman can be appointed by the Scheme Committee.

Alistair Reynolds has similarly taken over the administration role until a new member of staff can be found. Please do not use the email address admin@idest.co.uk until further notice. All admin enquiries and queries must be sent to Alistair at alistair.reynolds@uwclub.net.

We thank you for your patience, support and understanding at this uncertain time.