



BULLETIN WCT-14-03

This bulletin is issued to all companies that are WellCAP-accredited or are now in the process of applying for accreditation.

Revised WellCAP® Training and Assessment Standard Released for Drilling Operations Personnel

The WellCAP® Well Control Training and Assessment Standard for Drilling Operations personnel has been revised in response to industry and regulatory deliberations aimed at improving the rigsite safety culture. Primarily, changes to the criteria for accreditation (the standard) are intended to enhance the trainee's knowledge and skills development and retention and to provide better targeted, role-specific training. The new standard clarifies, strengthens, and enhances course design, content delivery, and management processes.

New Requirements

The attached Chapter 2 of the *WCT-01 Handbook for Accreditation*, Third Edition, Revision 0 details the program changes, which range from establishment of a 5-tiered course structure to designation of qualified personnel for course delivery and overall management of the training program.

Scope of New Requirements

The new requirements impact all accredited WellCAP training providers who are approved to deliver well control training courses for Drilling Operations personnel. These training providers, whether delivering the Introductory, Fundamental, or Supervisor courses for conventional drilling, are expected to begin modifying their programs to align with these new requirements immediately.

Those delivering drilling-workover-completion combination courses must also comply with the new requirements. A Workover Supplement is being developed by IADC that must be added to the Drilling Operations courses to achieve the combination course. This supplement will be available by early 2015 and will be sent to all providers currently approved to deliver the Drilling-Workover combination course(s).

Training providers approved to deliver WellCAP courses for Well Servicing, Underbalanced Drilling, and Managed Pressure Drilling are not impacted by this change in the standard. These courses will undergo review beginning in 2015 and will be brought in line with the new delivery requirements as curriculum reviews are completed.

Effective Date

By **1 April 2015**, all currently accredited WellCAP training programs delivering conventional Drilling Operations courses must align their programs to the new requirements. While conformance with most of the new requirements will be required by **1 April 2015**, some requirements will be phased in over a period of months following the April effective date. This transitioning period is established to permit training provider and IADC staff alike to adjust current processes to the new requirements. A detailed transition plan showing the implementation dates for those "transitioned requirements" will be distributed to accredited training providers as soon as the plan is completed.

Delivery of existing WellCAP curricula for Drilling Operations will not be permitted after 1 April 2015. Delivery of well servicing, underbalanced drilling, and managed pressure drilling curricula will continue until those curricula have been aligned to the new five course level scheme and other new delivery requirements.

This bulletin also revises the training provider response deadline defined in Bulletin WCT-14-02 for realignment with new curricula. As stated in Bulletin WCT-14-02, issued in October, all accredited training providers delivering Drilling Operations well control courses must align their current curricula to the new WellCAP curricula by 1 February 2015 and must submit the evidence delineated in the bulletin. The new deadline for submitting curricula realignment evidence is now extended to **1 March 2015**.

Response to Program Change

In order to demonstrate conformance with the WellCAP program changes required in this bulletin, training providers delivering the WellCAP Drilling Operations courses are required to meet the following deadlines and deliverables:

- **1 March 2014**—Sign and return the attached **Program Change Acknowledgement Form** to WellCAP@iadc.org
- **1 March 2014**—Submit all required evidence of course conformance that was requested in Bulletin WCT-14-02.
- **1 April 2014**—Begin delivery of WellCAP Drilling Operations courses that conform with this new standard.
- **1 April 2014**—Be prepared to undergo an audit of their training program at any time upon request by IADC. IADC will perform random audits of currently accredited training providers following the 1 April 2015 launch date of the new requirements to ensure that training providers are conforming to the requirements. If an audit does not fall within the normal audit cycle of the training provider, IADC will perform the audit at no cost to the training provider.

Further details, including a detailed transition plan, will be forthcoming. For more information, please contact Brenda Kelly, Senior Director – Program Development, at brenda.kelly@iadc.org.

Attachments

1. WCT-01 Handbook of Accreditation, Section 2, Third Edition, Revision 0 dated 15 December 2014
2. Program Change Acknowledgement Form