

NOTICE TO MARINERS No.16 of 2021

NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES TO LOCAL KNOWLEDGE ENDORSEMENT ASSESSMENTS

The Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) has requested that from the 1st January 2022 that the Port of London Authority (PLA) undertake both first-time assessments and revalidations of the Thames Local Knowledge Endorsement (LKE)

The PLA will be aligning our current charging structure for both PLA and MCA LKE assessments and the revised charges are set out below effective 01st January 2022.

	Assessors Involved	Current 2021 Charges	2022 Charges
MCA LKE First Assessment	PLA Harbour Master PLA River Pilot	MCA charge £189*	PLA £180 MCA will charge an admin fee*
MCA LKE Revalidation	PLA Harbour Master Thames Practitioner (CWL)	No PLA charge levied MCA will charge an admin fee*	PLA £100 MCA will charge an admin fee*
PLA LKE First Assessment	PLA Harbour Master	£100	£180
PLA LKE Revalidation	PLA Harbour Master	£100	£100

**please refer to the MCA website for current charges.*

In order to support the revised assessment process, the PLA will be conducting oral assessments either at PLA offices, an employer's premises or in exceptional circumstances via Microsoft Teams at least once a month or as requests demands, generally **every Wednesday**.

Those wishing to book an LKE assessment are to do so by contacting the PLA using the following details.

- Contact Telephone No: 01474 562205.
- Email Address: LKE@pla.co.uk

Employers wishing to book a larger number of assessments at their premises should advise the PLA when booking.

Those requiring a revalidation are encouraged to book well in advance of the expiry date of the LKE to ensure their BML or PLA LKE remains valid. Those who fail to successfully revalidate before their expiry date will not be allowed to operate in the Thames LKE area.

Further guidance can be sought from the MCA, Harbour Master or MIN 518.

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EXPIRY DATE: 31 December 2022
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