

## LEVEL ONE DISTANCE LEARNING

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“The successful delivery of AtoN services depends upon competent and experienced personnel to implement and maintain such aids”. The acquisition of demonstrated competency as a “Level 1” AtoN manager is achieved through passing the three examinations covering the 5 modules of the Level 1 AtoN manager course based on IALA model course E141/1.

The Academy instigated its first “distance learning” course for modules 1 and 2 (IALA; International Organisations; UNCLOS; Nautical Knowledge and an introduction to AtoN) in January 2017. Eight participants from 5 countries passed the examination in March 2017. The second blended distance learning for participants will commence at the end of June 2017.

Module 3 (The Management of AtoN) is not suitable for distance learning. The Academy and other Accredited Training Organisations will deliver one-week module 3 courses annually. Success on these courses will enable participants who have successfully completed modules 1 and 2; 4 and 5 to qualify as fully-certified AtoN managers in accordance with Recommendation E-141.

The registration fee for modules 1 and 2 will be **€1,000**. The same fee will apply to modules 4 and 5. The registration fee for the one-week module 3 will be **€650**.

A maximum of 10 participants will be accepted for the distance learning course commencing on 26 June 2017. It comprises 3 videos and 5 lessons delivered using 15 MS Office PowerPoint presentations. A **minimum time of 38 hours** is recommended for this self-study programme. The examination for modules 1 and 2 will be conducted on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017. The distance learning course for Modules 4 and 5 will start in January 2018 and the one-week module 3 course will be held in IALA Headquarters in April 2018. Subsequent courses will be advertised on the IALA website so that successful participants can achieve full certification within one year.

An application form can be downloaded here: <http://www.iala-aism.org/content/uploads/2017/04/Registration-Form-DL-Mod-1-2-April-2017.pdf> Applicants who demonstrate a basic knowledge of AtoN management on a pre-qualification test will commence their study on **26 June 2017**. All IALA member States are encouraged to support potential managers to participate in this programme.

Feedback from the first participant to gain a Level 1 AtoN manager certificate through the distance learning programme:

*I have just completed the WWA Level 1 AtoN manager course by distance learning and have found it very enriching. The course content has really widened my appreciation and understanding of the whole arena of AtoN planning and provision and has given me a much greater understanding of the work of my colleagues and how it fits together to provide a first class AtoN service. The main challenge for me was allocating time for study whilst balancing work and family time as the lesson modules were sent to me so a disciplined approach is required in order to complete the course successfully. The course covers a very broad range of topics across all areas of AtoN provision and this has been very rewarding for me and I would recommend it to all AtoN managers.*

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