
RIGGER EXAMINER COURSE SYLLABUS

Aim

This is an examination period to qualify Advanced Riggers up to Rigger Examiner status

Duration

The course is held over a period of 13 days – 4 days attending an Advanced Packer course, 5 days attending a Method One Basic Rigger course and 4 days attending a Parachute Rigger course.

Course Instructors

- 2 Rigger Examiners per course from different establishments
- Maximum of 2 candidates per course

Qualifications to attend the Rigger Examiner course

- Must be a full BPA member
- Must have been an Advanced Rigger for at least 2 years
- Must have attended a “Methods of Instruction” lecture on a BPA Instructors’ Course or can demonstrate good instructional experience and background
- Recommended by a Rigger Examiner who has known the candidate for at least 6 months

NB. Candidates’ instructional ability will be thoroughly tested during this examination phase

Examination Syllabus

Advanced Packer course

- Instruct in at least 4 lessons
- Demonstrate a reserve repack to candidates
- Coach candidates as required
- Complete training records
- Recommend any changes in the course to the Examiners

From the Advanced Packing Course Syllabus, BPA Form 169:

N.B. 1 Advanced Riggers or Parachute Riggers are to run their first courses with a Rigger Examiner and must have completed a “Methods of Instruction” lecture on a BPA Instructors’ Course.

N.B. 2 On completion of the first course with a Rigger Examiner, the course report will include a recommendation or otherwise for the PR/AR to run future courses. This will be submitted to the Riggers Committee, for the BPA Office to record on the list of those qualified to run Advanced Packing Courses

Method One Basic Rigger course:

- Instruct in at least 4 lessons
- Be able to give all lectures from the Basic Rigger course syllabus
- Assist Examiners as necessary
- Coach Basic Riggers as required
- Recommend any changes in the course to the Examiners

Parachute Rigger course:

- Assist Examiners with the course planning and preparation
 - Check each candidates' course work
 - Check each candidates' submission of previous work
 - Mark all candidates' training records with the assistance of the Examiners
 - Complete a course report
 - Debrief candidates
 - Recommend any changes in the course to the Examiners
- Present 25 questions for the BPA Rigging Exam question pool
 - Present a paper on an advanced aspect of rigging work

Establishments

- Those wishing to run a Rigging Course must apply to the Rigger's Committee for permission, giving details of facilities etc.
- BPA form 237 lists the BPA Rigging Loft Minimum Criteria to be met

Records

All Rigger Examiners are required to submit course reports to the BPA Office and the Riggers' Committee for any Rigging Courses that they run. These will detail the type of course, candidates and examiners attending and candidates' performance.

Currency

- Rigger Examiners must have their BPA Membership card endorsed, to be renewed each year with membership
- The renewal form will have to be signed by an Rigger Examiner who must be satisfied that the RE is current and up to date with current practices, and have attended at least 1 rigging course within 2 years.
- Rigger Examiners who are unable to satisfy the course currency requirements may request an 'exemption' from the Riggers' Committee, by applying each year with an explanation.