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Well and Installation Operator Service (WIOS)

External User Guidance

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1. Introduction

1. The Well and Installation Operator Service (WIOS) records appointments of well and installation operators appointed in accordance with the Offshore Safety Directive 2015 (OSD) regulations.
2. The OSD regulations specify the NSTA as the “licensing authority” and the Offshore Major Accident Regulator (OMAR) as the “competent authority”.
3. The NSTA consults OMAR with respect to nominations to appoint a well and / or installation operator in accordance with the OSD regulations. The consultation process can take up to 3 months.
4. This document provides an overview of WIOS’ features, how to view current OSD operators’ appointments and nominate new OSD operators. For more further information please visit the NSTA’s website. If you require assistance with a nomination, contact approvals@nstauthority.co.uk.
5. From 6 November 2024, licensees must nominate well and / or installation operators via WIOS. Nominations submitted via an OSD-F1 form emailed to approvals@nstauthority.co.uk will no longer be accepted.

2. Viewing well/installation OSD operator appointments in WIOS by operator or installation

1. WIOS contains records of OSD well and installation appointments in place since the introduction of the OSD on 19 July 2015. For more information on the OSD regulations please visit [Offshore Safety Directive](#).
 - To view current appointments, log into WIOS and click on the Appointments tab.

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Well and installation operator appointments

[View appointments by operator](#)
Includes appointments for wells, installations and forward area approvals to cover future wells drilled

[View appointments for installations](#)
Includes all installations that may require an installation operator appointment even where one is not in place

[View appointments for wells](#)
Includes all wells that may require a well operator appointment even where one is not in place

[View appointments for forward area approvals](#)
Includes all subareas on extant licences showing if they have an appointment to cover future wells drilled within the subarea

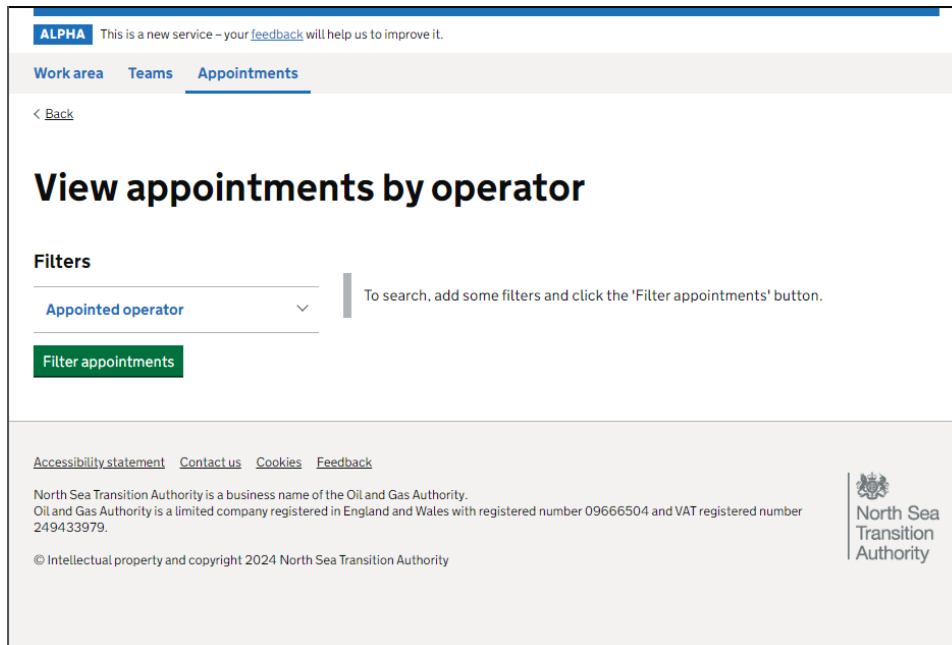
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- The identity of an authorised well operator can be viewed by searching for the appointment by:
 - Operator;

- Well; or
 - Forward Area Approval.
2. The identity of an authorised installation operator can be viewed by searching for the appointment under “View appointment for installations”.
 3. To view an appointment by Operator. Click the first heading, “View appointments by operator”.



- Click on the drop-down menu, “Appointed operator”. Enter the first 3 characters of the operator’s name into the search bar and select the operator.
- WIOS will display all appointments associated with the selected operator.
- In this example we will search for BP EXPLORATION OPERATING COMPANY LIMITED
 - Type BP, space, E into the search bar, scroll down to BP EXPLORATION OPERATING COMPANY LIMITED
 - Click “Filter appointment”

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View appointments by operator

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- BP EXPLORATION OPERATING COMPANY LIMITED (00305943)
- BP EXPLORATION ORINOCO LIMITED (00598148)

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- WIOS will display all OSD well and / or installation operator appointments registered against BP EXPLORATION OPERATING COMPANY LIMITED

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View appointments by operator

Filters

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Filter appointments

419 appointments

Andrew Platform	Appointed operator	Appointment date	Type of appointment
	BP EXPLORATION OPERATING COMPANY LIMITED	19 July 2015	Deemed appointment
Bruce D Platform	Appointed operator	Appointment date	Type of appointment
	BP EXPLORATION OPERATING COMPANY LIMITED	19 July 2015	Deemed appointment
Clair Phase 1 Platform	Appointed operator	Appointment date	Type of appointment
	BP EXPLORATION OPERATING COMPANY LIMITED	19 July 2015	Deemed appointment
Clair Ridge Platform	Appointed operator	Appointment date	Type of appointment
	BP EXPLORATION OPERATING COMPANY LIMITED	19 July 2015	Deemed appointment
Clair Ridge QU Platform	Appointed operator	Appointment date	Type of appointment
	BP EXPLORATION OPERATING COMPANY	19 July 2015	Deemed appointment

- To view appointment details: click on a wellbore or installation.

- We can for instance, click on Clair Phase 1 Platform to view appointment details. In this example, BP EXPLORATION OPERATING COMPANY LIMITED has been the OSD appointed installation operator since the introduction of the Offshore Safety Directive on 19 July 2015.

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Clair Phase 1 Platform

[Add appointment](#)

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From 19 July 2015	To Present	Created by Deemed appointment
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Phases

- Development - Design
- Development - Construction
- Development - Installation
- Development - Commissioning
- Development - Production
- Decommissioning

Deemed appointment document

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4. We could also search for the installation operator by entering the installation name. To do this:
- Return to the appointments screen by clicking on the Appointments tab.
 - Click view appointments for installations.

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View appointments for installations

Filters

Installation ▾

To search, add some filters and click the 'Filter appointments' button.

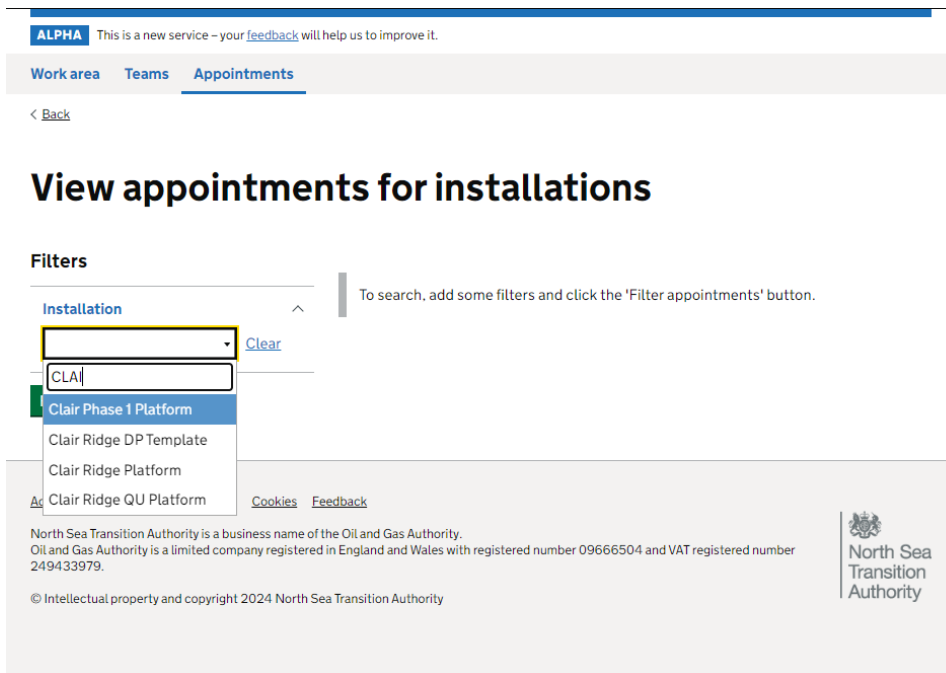
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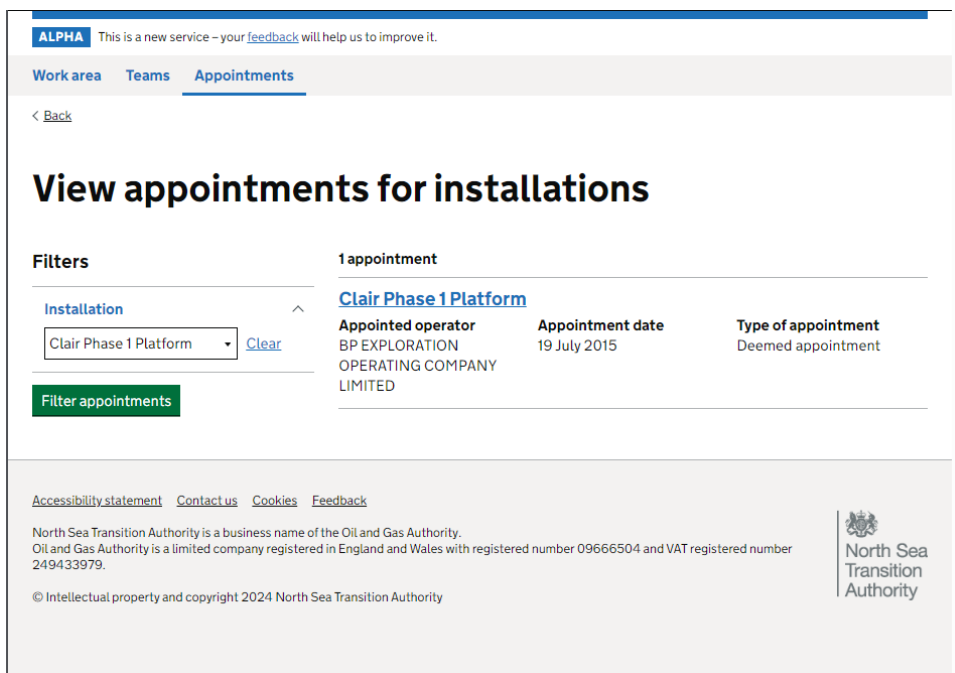
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- Click on the drop-down menu and begin by typing the first 3 characters, in this case “CLAI”, then scroll down to Clair Phase 1.

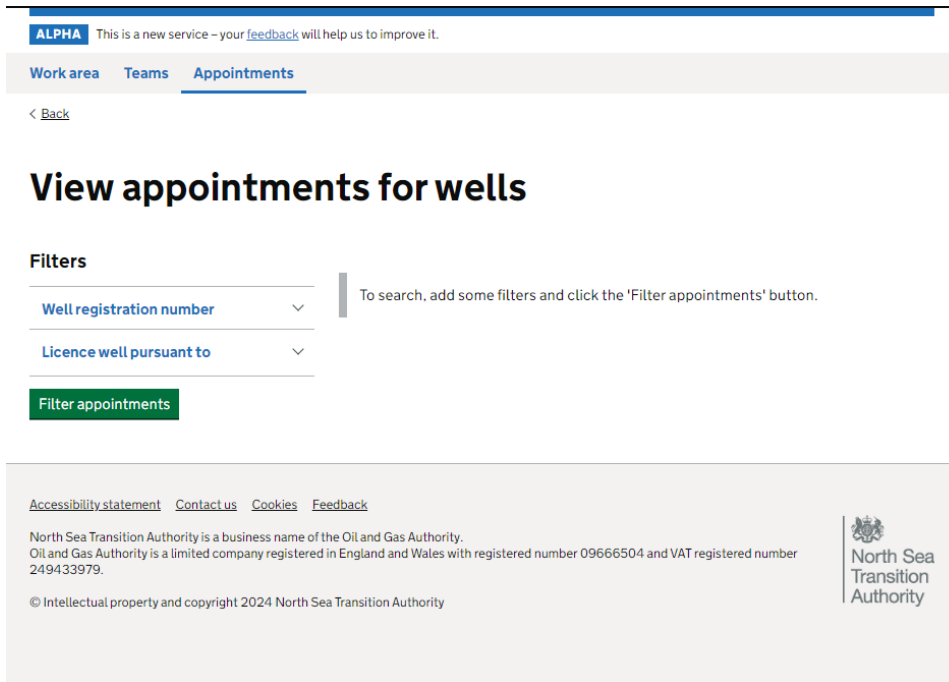


- Click on the name, then click on filter appointments.
- To view additional information about the appointment, click on “Clair Ridge Platform”.

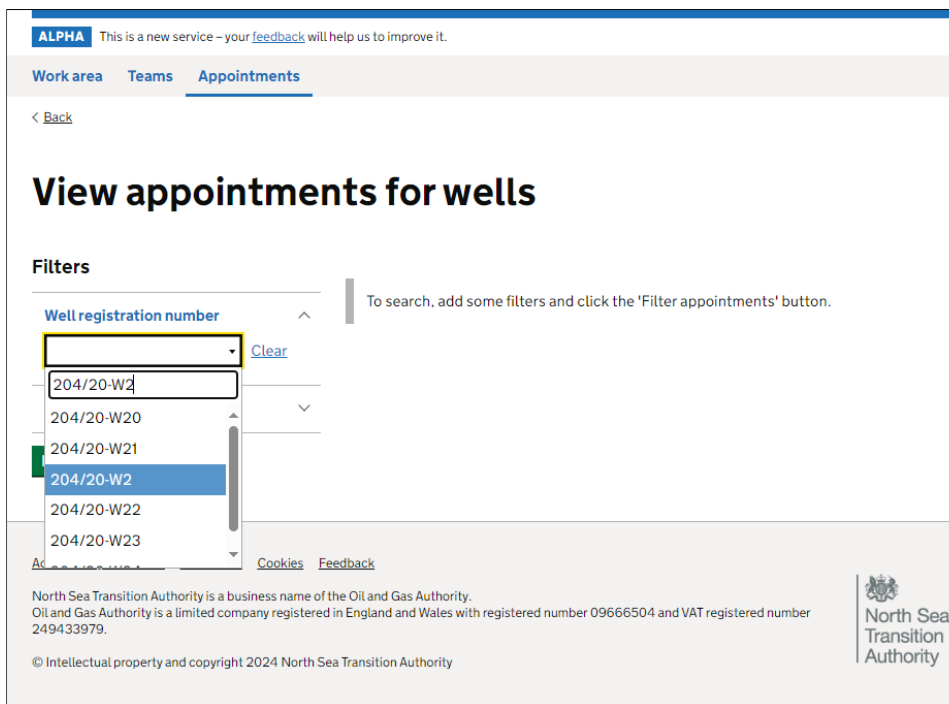


3. How to view OSD well operator appointments – Search by well or licence number

1. To view the current OSD appointment for a given wellbore, first click on the Appointments tab. For this example, we will search for the OSD well operator of wellbore **204/20-W2**. To do so, first click on the “View appointments for wells” tab.
2. WIOS will open a new window, offering the user the option to search an appointment according to well registration number or licence number i.e. the licence pursuant to which the wellbore was drilled.



- We can search by well registration number by simply clicking on the drop-down menu, entering the well registration number, in this case " **204/20-W2**", scroll down and click on the wellbore in question.



- Click "Filter appointment".

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View appointments for wells

Filters 1 appointment

Well registration number ^
 [Clear](#)

Licence well pursuant to v

[Filter appointments](#)


204/20-W2

Appointed operator	Appointment date	Type of appointment
BP EXPLORATION OPERATING COMPANY LIMITED	16 March 2023	Offline nomination

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- For more information, click on the well registration number shown in bold blue font at the top of the screen. WIOS will display the following screen.

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204/20-W2

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BP EXPLORATION OPERATING COMPANY LIMITED

From 16 March 2023	To Present	Created by OSD0310
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Phases
Development
Decommissioning

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SHELL U.K. LIMITED

From 19 July 2015	To 16 March 2023	Created by Deemed appointment
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Phases
Exploration & Appraisal
Development
Decommissioning

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3. Users can also search for a well operator appointment by specifying the licence, pursuant to which, the wellbore was drilled.

- First, click on the Appointments tab to return to the appointments main screen.
- Then click “View appointments for wells”

In this example, we know the wellbore **204/20-W2** was drilled pursuant to licence **P559**.

- Click on the drop-down menu below “Licence well pursuant to”
- Enter the licence number. Make sure to include the production licence prefix “P” and do not leave a space between the P and the digits.
- Click “filter appointments”

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View appointments for wells

Filters

To search, add some filters and click the 'Filter appointments' button.

Well registration number [Clear](#)

Licence well pursuant to [Clear](#)

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- WIOS will display all wellbores associated with the licence, in this case, **P599**. WIOS shows “no wellbore appointment” against wellbores that were fully abandoned (i.e. AB3) prior to introduction of the Offshore Safety Directive.
- Scroll down and click on the wellbore in question, in this example: **204/20-W2**.

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[204/20-C22](#)

Appointed operator	Appointment date	Type of appointment
BP EXPLORATION OPERATING COMPANY LIMITED	16 March 2023	Offline nomination

[204/20-W1Z](#)

Appointed operator	Appointment date	Type of appointment
BP EXPLORATION OPERATING COMPANY LIMITED	16 March 2023	Offline nomination

[204/20-W1](#)

Appointed operator	Appointment date	Type of appointment
BP EXPLORATION OPERATING COMPANY LIMITED	16 March 2023	Offline nomination

[204/20-W2](#)

Appointed operator	Appointment date	Type of appointment
BP EXPLORATION OPERATING COMPANY LIMITED	16 March 2023	Offline nomination

[204/20-W4](#)

Appointed operator	Appointment date	Type of appointment
BP EXPLORATION OPERATING COMPANY LIMITED	16 March 2023	Offline nomination

[204/20-W5](#)

Appointed operator	Appointment date	Type of appointment
BP EXPLORATION OPERATING COMPANY LIMITED	16 March 2023	Offline nomination

[204/20-W7](#)

4. To view appointment details, click on the wellbore registration number. WIOS will display information about the appointment. In this case we can see that the BP replaced Shell as the well operator on 16 March 2023.

204/20-W2

Add appointment

BP EXPLORATION OPERATING COMPANY LIMITED

From	To	Created by
16 March 2023	Present	OSD0310

Phases
Development
Decommissioning

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SHELL U.K. LIMITED

From	To	Created by
19 July 2015	16 March 2023	Deemed appointment

Phases
Exploration & Appraisal
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- To return to the appointments main screen, click on the Appointment tab at the top of the page.

4. How to view Forward Area Approval appointments

1. When issuing a letter of non-objection, the NSTA may grant the appointed well operator Forward Area Approval. Forward Area Approval (FAA) applies well operatorship in a given subarea for future wellbores drilled in that subarea.
2. To check the FAA for a subarea:
 - Click on the Appointments tab, then click “View appointments for forward area approvals”,
 - Enter the subarea reference. In this case we will search for FAA in place for licence **P165**, subarea **206/8a**.
 - Click on the drop-down menu below “Licence block subarea”;
 - Enter the licence number first, **P165**, add a space and then enter the subarea number, in this case **206**.

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View appointments for forward area approvals

Filters

Licence block subarea ^

Clear

P165 206/8a ALL

To search, add some filters and click the 'Filter appointments' button.

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- Then click on the subarea and then click filter appointments. WIOS will show that BP EXPLORATION OPERATING COMPANY LIMITED has FAA approval in place for future drilling in subarea 206/8a.

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View appointments for forward area approvals

Filters

Licence block subarea [Clear](#)

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1 appointment


[P165 206/8a ALL](#)

Appointed operator	Appointment date	Type of appointment
BP EXPLORATION OPERATING COMPANY LIMITED	5 December 2018	Offline nomination

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3. In this example, given BP hold FAA for 206/8a, BP would not need to submit a new OSD well operator nomination to drill drilling a new well in subarea 206/8a.

5. How to nominate an OSD well and or installation operator in WIOS

1. As of 6 November 2024, licensees must nominate OSD well and / or installation operator via WIOS. To do so, first click on Work Area and then click, “Create Nomination”.

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Work area

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12 results

[Draft nomination](#)
Created on 11 October 2024 13:59

Status	Applicant reference	Nomination for	Planned appointment date
Draft	Not provided	Not provided	Not provided
Applicant	Nominee		
BP EXPLORATION OPERATING COMPANY LIMITED	Not provided		

[Draft nomination](#)
Created on 4 September 2024 16:58

Status	Applicant reference	Nomination for	Planned appointment date
Draft	Not provided	Wells and installations	1 May 2025
Applicant	Nominee		
BP EXPLORATION OPERATING COMPANY LIMITED	BP EXPLORATION OPERATING COMPANY LIMITED		

[Draft nomination](#)
Created on 4 September 2024 11:51

Status	Applicant reference	Nomination for	Planned appointment date
Draft	TEST CASE 0409	Wells and installations	8 September 2024
Applicant	Nominee		
BP EXPLORATION OPERATING COMPANY LIMITED	BP EXPLORATION OPERATING COMPANY LIMITED		

- Prior to proceeding, the NSTA recommends applicants review the guidance on its website [Offshore Safety Directive](#). To advance the nomination, click “Start now”.

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Submit a nomination for a well or installation operator

Use this service to submit a nomination for a well or installation operator.

The appointment cannot take effect until the licensing authority has confirmed they have no objection or 3 months have elapsed and the licensing authority has not objected to the appointment.


Guidance can be found on the [NSTA website](#).

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- WIOS will ask the applicant to provide the identity of the company submitting the application. Applicants can add a reference number / description. If the company is not listed please contact approvals@nstauthority.co.uk.
- A reference to the associated licence(s) and nomination type is recommended.

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Applicant details

What organisation is making this nomination?

[Clear](#)

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Applicant reference (optional)

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- On completion of “Applicant details”, WIOS returns the applicant to the Task list.

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WIOS operator nomination

Delete nomination

- Applicant**

[Applicant details](#) **COMPLETED**
- Nomination details**

[Nominee details](#) **NOT COMPLETED**

[Related information](#) **NOT COMPLETED**
- Operatorship**

[Wells](#) **NOT COMPLETED**

[Installations](#) **NOT COMPLETED**
- Review and submit**

[Review and submit](#)

- To proceed, click on “Nominee details” (below heading 2 in the Task list). First, type the name of the proposed operator into the drop-down menu. Begin typing to pull up companies. Scroll down and click on the nominee in question.

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Nominee details

Who is the proposed well or installation operator?

[Clear](#)

[BP EXPLORATION OPERATING COMPANY LIMITED \(00305943\)](#) [see list](#)

Why do you want to appoint this operator?
Specify the particular offshore oil and gas operations, activities, duties and responsibilities the proposed operator is being nominated for

TEST

On what date is the appointment planned to take effect?
If you are not sure of the planned date, provide an estimated date. The date should not be less than 3 months in the future. Where in exceptional circumstances a date earlier than this is proposed, you will need to provide a robust justification later in this process and prior to submission.

Day Month Year

Provide the Appendix C and any associated documents

Drag and drop a file here, or [choose a file](#)

- In the cell below the proposed operator drop down menu, set out why the licensee wishes to appoint the operator. The applicant should describe the particular offshore operations, activities, duties and responsibilities that the proposed operator would undertake.
- Then, enter the date on which the appointment is planned to take effect and upload the Appendix C. OMAR’s Appendix C guidance can be viewed via [Appendix C - Safety and Environmental Issues Licensing and Operatorship Guidance - Sept 22](#).

- The application can only progress if the licensee ticks the 3 licensee declarations. The declarations are identical to those presented in the OSD-F1 form.

On what date is the appointment planned to take effect?
 If you are not sure of the planned date, provide an estimated date. The date should not be less than 3 months in the future. Where in exceptional circumstances a date earlier than this is proposed, you will need to provide a robust justification later in this process and prior to submission.

Day: Month: Year:

Provide the Appendix C and any associated documents

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Licensee declarations

The licensee(s) will provide the proposed operator with the necessary authority to deliver their safety and environmental duties and responsibilities

The licensee(s) will take all reasonable steps to ensure that the appointed operator meets those requirements, by implementing arrangements for the monitoring, audit and review of the proposed operator's performance


The proposed operator has the capacity to meet the requirements relevant to those duties and responsibilities

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- Once the applicant is content with Nominee details, click “Save and continue” to return to the task list.

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WIOS operator nomination

[Delete nomination](#)

1. Applicant

[Applicant details](#) **COMPLETED**

2. Nomination details

[Nominee details](#) **COMPLETED**

[Related information](#) **NOT COMPLETED**

3. Operatorship

[Wells](#) **NOT COMPLETED**

[Installations](#) **NOT COMPLETED**

4. Review and submit

[Review and submit](#)

3. To proceed, click “Related information”. If the applicant answers “no” to any of the 3 questions, WIOS will request details of the field, PEARS application or WONS application associated with the nomination. On completion, click “Save and continue” to return to the task list.

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Related information

Is the proposed nomination related to any fields?

Yes

No

Are there any PEARS applications that relate to this nomination?

Yes

No

Are there any WONS applications that relate to this nomination?

Yes


No

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4. The applicant can now proceed to provide well and / or installation details. For illustrative purposes, we will nominate a well and installation operator.

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1. Applicant

[Applicant details](#) **COMPLETED**

2. Nomination details

[Nominee details](#) **COMPLETED**

[Related information](#) **COMPLETED**

3. Operatorship

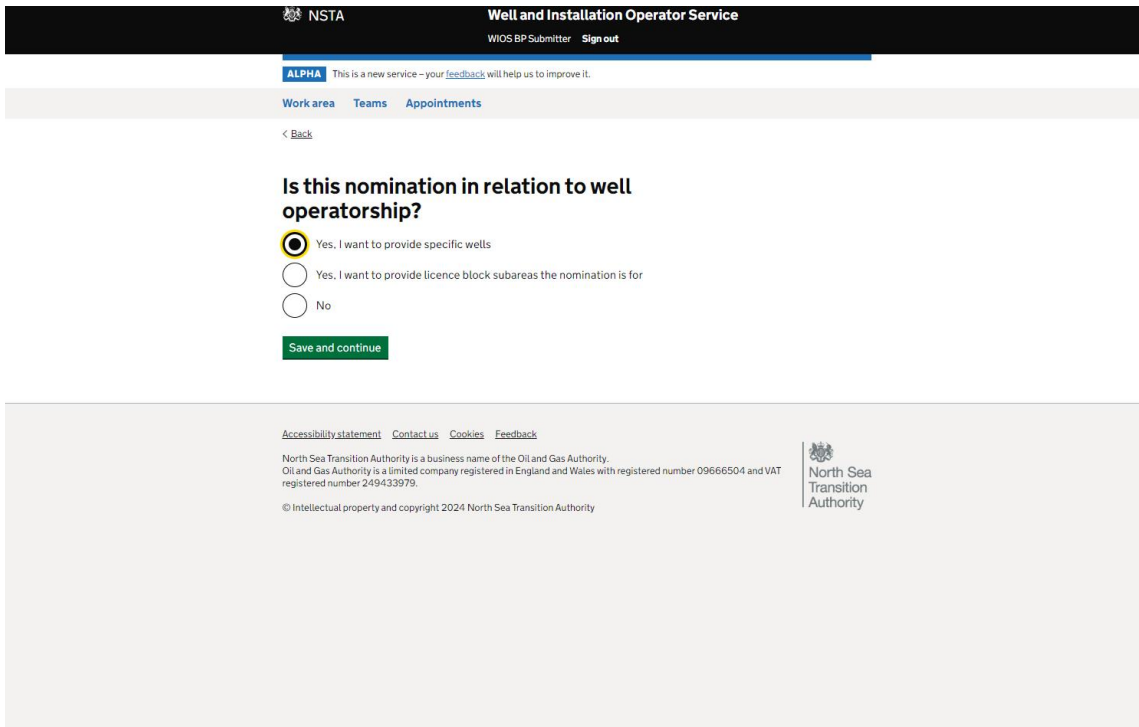
[Wells](#) **NOT COMPLETED**

[Installations](#) **NOT COMPLETED**

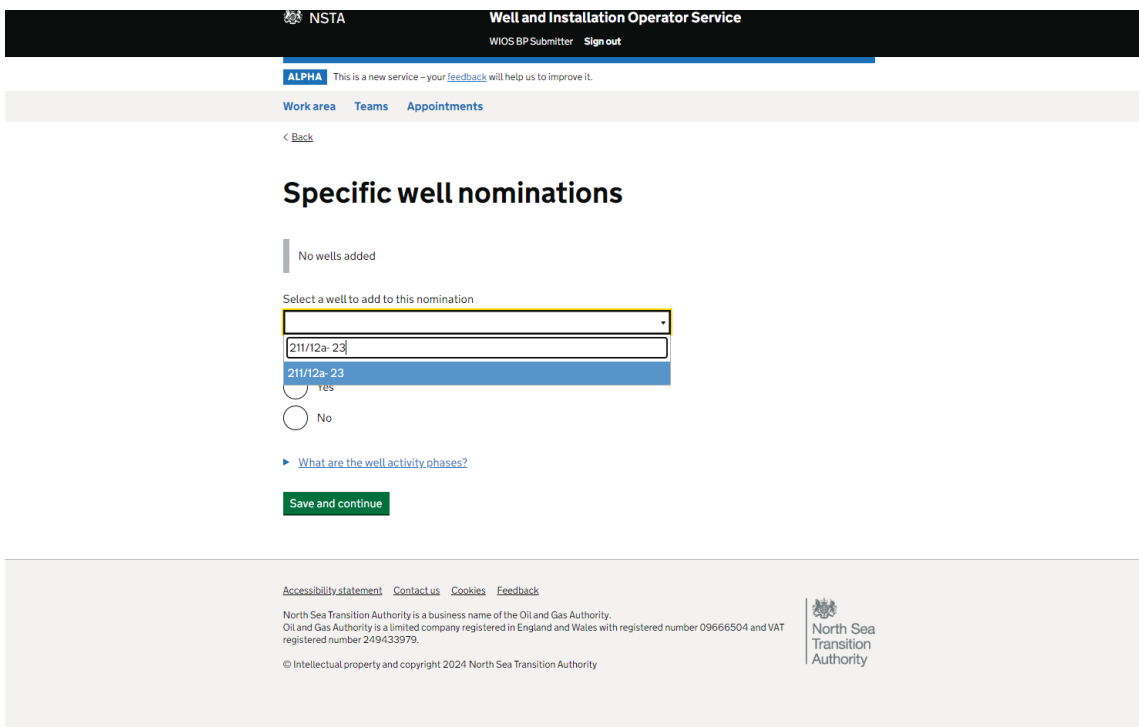
4. Review and submit

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- To begin the process of nominating an OSD well operator, click on “Wells” below “3.Operatorship”. WIOS will ask if the applicant if they wish to provide specific wells or a licence subarea.
- If you intend to nominate an operator for several wells, it may be more efficient to provide the subarea. When you opt to specify the subarea, WIOS will ask if the nomination applies to all wells in the subarea. Selecting “no” gives the applicant the opportunity to deselect wells.



- In this example, we have opted to provide a specific well reference. Well registration numbers are space sensitive. If you are unable to find the well, try adding a space between the suffix and the hyphen.



- WIOS then asks the applicant to specify the phases applicable to the nominated OSD well operator. If the applicant selects “No” to the ‘all phases’ question, the applicable phases can be selected from a drop-down list.
- The NSTA recommends that where possible, licensees nominate operators for all phases. This reduces the likelihood of misalignment of operator phases and WONS intent / mechanical status (which could lead to consent blocking).

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Specific well nominations

Well	Actions
211/12a-23	Remove

Select a well to add to this nomination

Is this nomination for all well activity phases?

Yes

No

Which well activity phases is this nomination for?

Exploration & Appraisal

Development

Decommissioning

[What are the well activity phases?](#)

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- Note, if the applicant wishes to nominate a well operator with Forward Area Approval (FAA - i.e. well operatorship for future wells drilled in the relevant licenced subarea), the applicant must specify a subarea and then select the relevant wells. WIOS will not offer FAA to an applicant that has nominated operatorship for specific wells.
- Applicants can now review data entered. If content, click “Save and continue” to return to the task list.

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Well nominations

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Well nomination type

Is this nomination in relation to well operatorship? Yes, I want to provide specific wells

[Change](#)

Specific well nominations

Is this nomination for all well activity phases? Yes

[Change](#)

Wells this nomination is for

Wellbore	Mechanical status	WONS licences
211/12a-23	Completed (Shut in)	Origin and total depth licence: P193

[The licences shown are not the licences I expect](#)

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- 5. If the applicant intends to nominate a well and installation operator, click on “Installations” in the task list.

The screenshot shows the WIOS operator nomination dashboard. At the top, there is a header with the NSTA logo and the text 'Well and Installation Operator Service'. Below the header, there is a navigation bar with 'Work area', 'Teams', and 'Appointments'. The main content area is titled 'WIOS operator nomination' and contains a progress indicator with four steps: 1. Applicant, 2. Nomination details, 3. Operatorship, and 4. Review and submit. Each step has a sub-link and a status: 'Applicant details' is 'COMPLETED', 'Nominee details' is 'COMPLETED', 'Related information' is 'COMPLETED', 'Wells' is 'COMPLETED', and 'Installations' is 'NOT COMPLETED'. There is also a 'Delete nomination' button at the top left of the main content area.

- Click “Yes” to proceed to the installation window.

The screenshot shows a confirmation window titled 'Is this nomination in relation to installation operatorship?'. It features two radio buttons: 'Yes' and 'No'. Below the radio buttons is a green 'Save and continue' button. At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with links for 'Accessibility statement', 'Contact us', 'Cookies', and 'Feedback'. The footer also contains the North Sea Transition Authority logo and text: 'North Sea Transition Authority is a business name of the Oil and Gas Authority. Oil and Gas Authority is a limited company registered in England and Wales with registered number 09666504 and VAT registered number 249433979. © Intellectual property and copyright 2024 North Sea Transition Authority'.

- Applicants can provide installation details including licences associated and operator phases.

Installation nominations

Installation	Actions
Andrew Platform	Remove

Select an installation to add to this nomination

[▶ The installation I want to include on this nomination is not listed](#)

Licences relevant to this nomination

Licence	Actions
P193	Remove

Select a licence relevant to the installations on this nomination
You must select at least one licence

Is this nomination for all installation activity phases?

Yes

No

[▶ What are the installation activity phases?](#)

[Save and continue](#)

- Click “Save and continue” to review installation details.
- If the applicant is content with the data entered, click “Save and continue” to return to the task list.

NSTA
Well and Installation Operator Service

[WIOS BP Submitter](#) [Sign out](#)

ALPHA This is a new service – your [feedback](#) will help us to improve it.

Work area
Teams
Appointments

[Work area](#) > [Task list](#) > Installation nominations

Installation nominations

Nomination for installations

[Change](#)

Is this nomination in relation to installation operatorship? Yes

Installation nominations

[Change](#)

Installations	Andrew Platform
Is this nomination for all installation activity phases?	Yes
Licences relevant to this nomination	P193

[Save and continue](#)

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- The applicant should now carefully review details of the nomination by clicking on “Review and submit” under heading 4 of the task list.

NSTA Well and Installation Operator Service
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Work area Teams Appointments

Work area > Task list

WIOS operator nomination

Delete nomination

- Applicant**

[Applicant details](#) **COMPLETED**
- Nomination details**

[Nominee details](#) **COMPLETED**

[Related information](#) **COMPLETED**
- Operatorship**

[Wells](#) **COMPLETED**

[Installations](#) **COMPLETED**
- Review and submit**

[Review and submit](#)

- When all the tasks listed in the Task list are complete, click “Review and submit”.
- Review all details of the nomination carefully. Errors or inconsistencies in the application, could delay the processing of the nomination.
- Prior to submission of the nomination, the licensee is asked to confirm it has authority to act on behalf of the co-licensees (where applicable).
- If the applicant is content with the details of the nomination, click submit.

Related to any WIONS applications: NO

Wells

In relation to well operatorship: Yes, I want to provide specific wells

Is this nomination for all well activity phases?: Yes

Wells this nomination is for

Wellbore	Mechanical status	WONS licences
211/12a- 23	Completed (Shut in)	Origin and total depth licence: P193

[The licences shown are not the licences I expect](#)

Installations

In relation to installation operatorship: Yes

Nominated installations: Andrew Platform

Is this nomination for all installation activity phases?: Yes

Licences relevant to this nomination: P193

I hereby confirm that BP EXPLORATION OPERATING COMPANY LIMITED (00305943) has the authority for and on behalf of all the relevant licensees to nominate the well and installation operator for the selected wells and installations

[Submit](#) [Back to task list](#)

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- WIOS will display a notification of the nomination’s submission, accompanied by a WIOS reference number.

- On receipt of the application, the NSTA will review and revert if any additional information is required.
- The application will then be forwarded on to the Competent Authority, Offshore Major Accident Regulator (OMAR), for consultation. The consultation process can take up to 3 months.

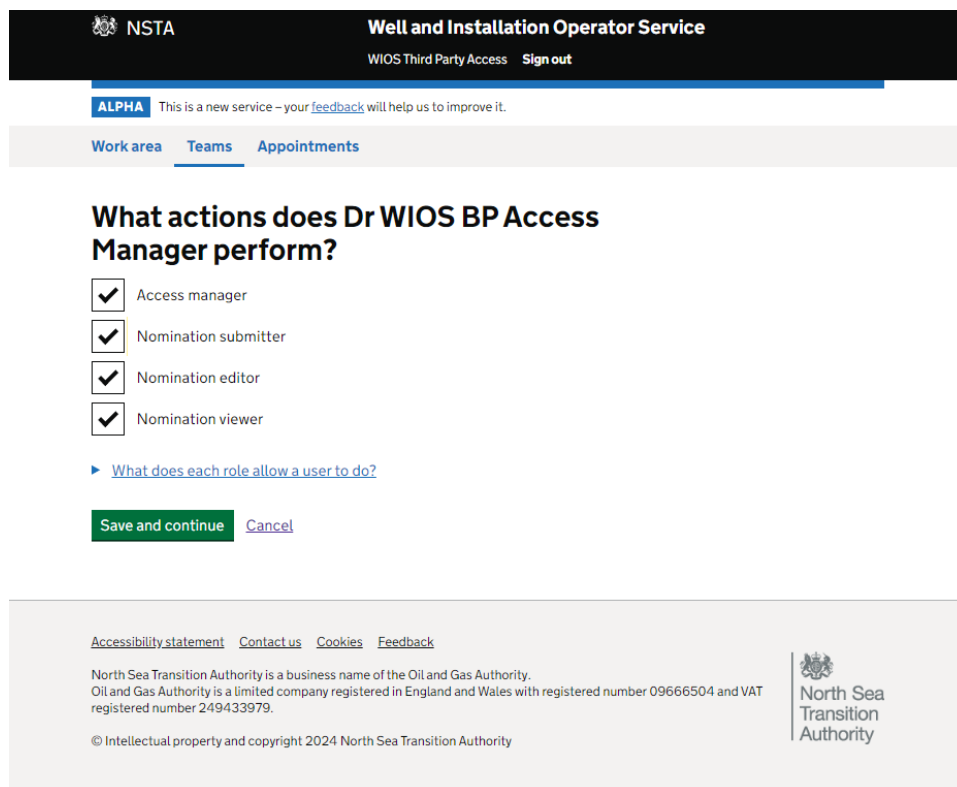
The screenshot shows the NSTA Well and Installation Operator Service interface. At the top, there is a header with the NSTA logo and the service name. Below the header, a navigation bar includes 'Work area', 'Teams', and 'Appointments'. A green box prominently displays 'Nomination submitted' and 'Your reference number WIO/2024/19'. Below this, a section titled 'What happens next' provides details about the nomination process, including a link to provide feedback and a 'Back to work area' button. The footer contains accessibility information, contact details, and the NSTA logo.

6. How to grant access rights to team members

1. To grant access rights to colleagues in your team, licensees must first nominate an “access manager”. If you’ve yet to do so, please provide the email address of the nominated access manager for your organisation to approvals@nstauthority.co.uk. Individuals must have an Energy Portal account registered before they can gain access manager rights. If you require an Energy Portal account, please follow the instructions on the Energy Portal log in page [NSTA - Log In](#).
- Once you have received access manager rights, you can grant a colleague access rights. First click on the “Teams” tab.

The screenshot shows the NSTA Well and Installation Operator Service interface for granting access rights. The header and navigation bar are consistent with the previous screenshot. The main content area is titled 'Select a team' and features three input fields for 'Consultees', 'Licensing authority', and 'Organisations'. The footer contains the same accessibility and contact information as the previous screenshot.

- To add or modify user access of a licensee, click “Organisations” and then select the relevant licensee from the list. Please contact approvals@nstauthority.co.uk if your organisation is not on the list.
- In this case we’ll select BP Operating Company Limited. WIOS will then display the user accounts registered for BP Exploration. In this screen you can add a new user or modify the access rights of an existing user. In this example we will grant additional access rights to Dr WIOS BP Editor. To do so, click the edit button to the right of the name.
- Then tick the actions you wish to assign to Dr WIOS BP Editor. Then click “Save and continue” to register the updated access rights.



7. The WIOS / WONS Integration

1. As of 6 November 2024, the WONS and WIOS services are integrated, enabling communication between the two Energy Portal services.
2. When an application is initiated in WONS, WONS will check for a valid well operator appointment in WIOS for the wellbores specified in the WONS application.
3. An OSD well operator appointment is valid if the phases (i.e. exploration, development and / or decommissioning) specified in WIOS, align with the work for which a WONS consent is sought. For more information on appointment phase, please refer to OMAR’s appendix C guidance [[Appendix C - Safety and Environmental Issues Licensing and Operatorship Guidance - Sept 22](#) – Section 2.1]
4. If WIOS confirms there is a valid appointed OSD well operator in place, WONS will ask the applicant to confirm whether it intends to use the OSD appointed well operator registered in the WIOS SoR.
 - a. If the WONS applicant accepts the appointment in-place: the application can proceed, and consent issued in the usual manner.
 - b. If the WONS applicant declines the appointment in-place: WONS asks the applicant to submit an OSD well operator nomination via WIOS. Whilst the application can progress in WONS, issuance of consent will be blocked until a valid OSD well operator is registered in WIOS.
5. For further information regarding the integration of WONS/WIOS and the consent blocking mechanism, please refer to WONS user guidance.