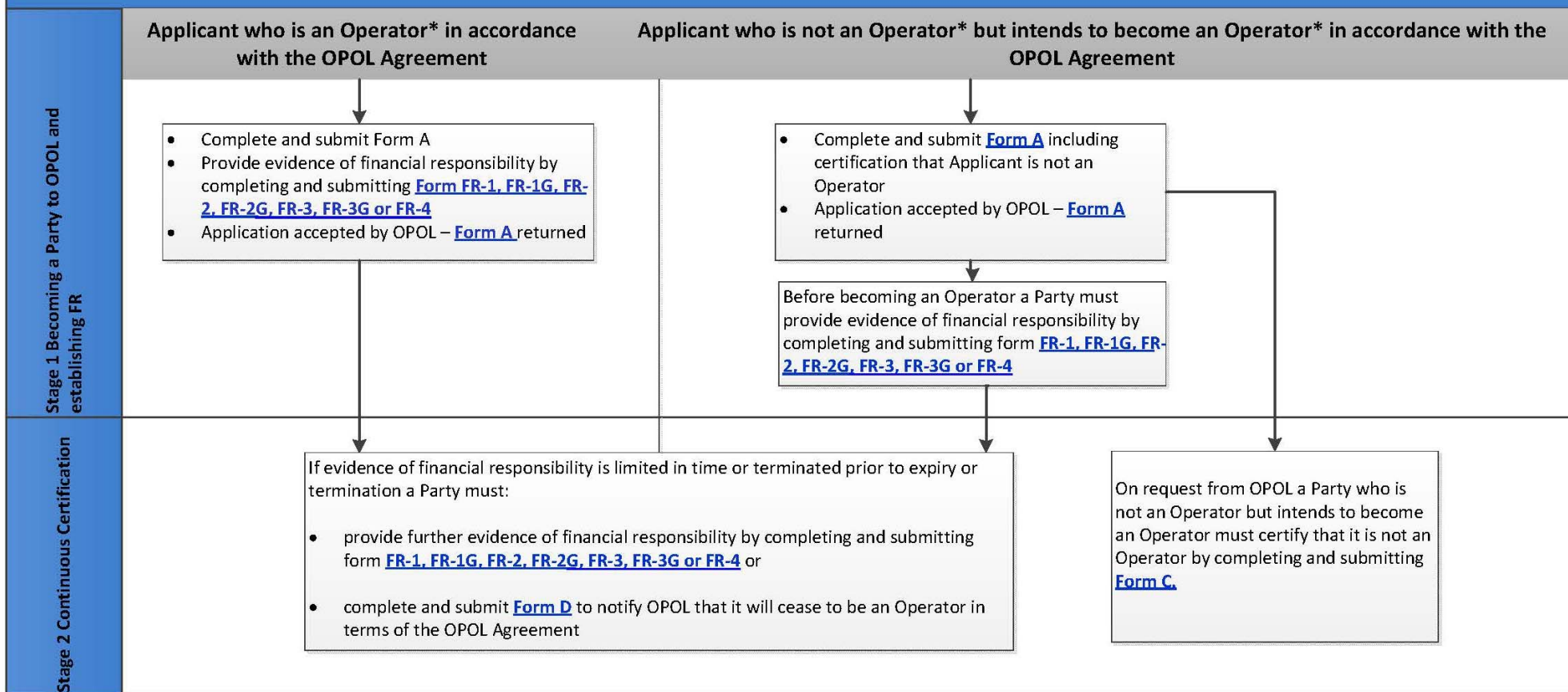


## OPOL Continuous Certification Programme



### CCP Notes

- The Flow Chart provides guidance on OPOL's Continuous Certification Programme including the process for a company to (1) become a Party to the OPOL Agreement and a member of The Offshore Pollution Liability Association Limited, (2) establish financial responsibility under the Agreement and (3) provide a certificate of its status at all times while it is a Party to the Agreement.
- The OPOL Agreement and Rules distinguish between a company which is the Operator of an Offshore Facility and one which intends to become the Operator.
- Operator\*** means a Person (including a company) which by agreement with other Persons has been authorized to, and does, manage, conduct and control the operation of an Offshore Facility, subject to the terms and conditions of that agreement, or which manages, conducts and controls the operation of an Offshore Facility in which only it has an interest. In other words to be an Operator as defined in the OPOL Agreement the Person must actively manage, conduct and control the operation of an Offshore Facility. A Person shall not cease to be an Operator if it has sub-contracted or outsourced all or part of the operation of an Offshore Facility.
- The OPOL Rules require each Party to the Agreement which is an Operator as described in Note 3 to provide evidence of financial responsibility to meet its obligations to Claimants under Clause IV of the Agreement to pay the cost of Remedial Measures and compensation for Pollution Damage if a Discharge of Oil occurs from one or more Offshore Facilities to which the Agreement is applicable.
- A Party which does manage, control and conduct the operation of an Offshore Facility must at all times provide evidence of its financial responsibility to meet its obligations to make payment under Clause IV of the Agreement.
- A Party which does not manage, control and conduct the operation of an Offshore Facility but intends to become an Operator must at all times provide a certificate that it is not an Operator.
- Full details of the OPOL Agreement, Rules and Forms are available at [www.opol.org.uk](http://www.opol.org.uk)