

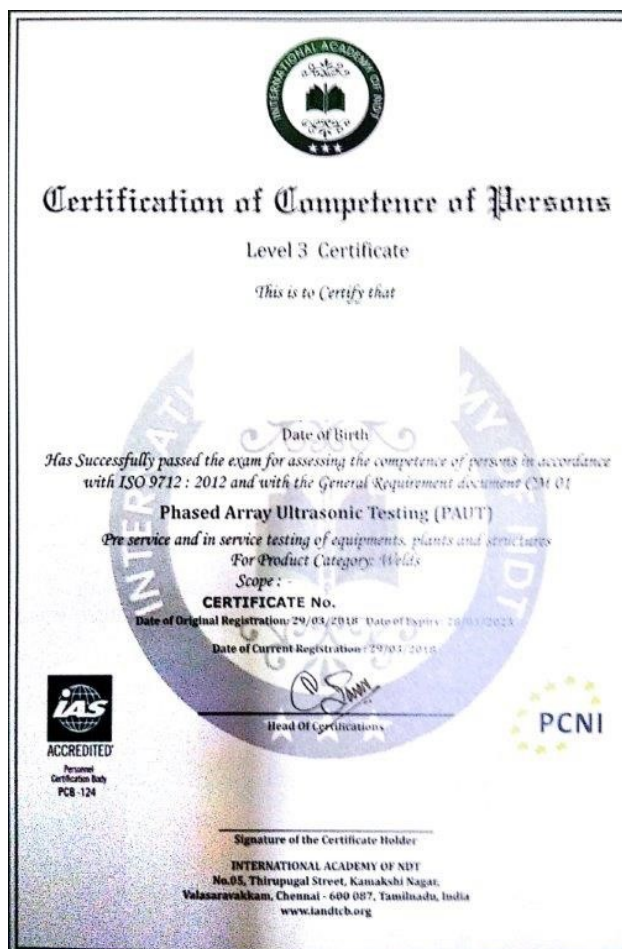
Alert: PCN Tradename and Trademark Clarification

This alert will be of interest to anyone that is responsible for acquisition or provision of NDT services.

For many years, BINDT has provided the certification of personnel using the 'PCN' tradename and the trademark below, both of which are recognised globally.



It has recently come to BINDT's attention that another certification body, the International Academy of NDT, is using a rather similar trademark – see the sample certificate reproduced below.



The reader's attention is drawn to the 'PCNI' trademark in the lower right hand side quadrant which resembles BINDT's PCN trademark. Clearly, there are certificates of proficiency in NDT that are in circulation that bear a trademark that resembles that used by BINDT.

Therefore, BINDT would like to alert stakeholders of the possibility of confusion where holders of 'PCNI' certification may inadvertently be mistaken for holders of PCN certification.

BINDT would like to clarify that there is no formal link between PCN certification and PCNI certification.

The only link between the schemes is the fact that Mr Guruswamy Venkataraman, named on the Scope of Accreditation for the International Academy of NDT¹, was banned from working with BINDT or another BINDT approved organisation permanently² following the discovery of a fraud within an organisation called NDT International.

Further public domain information about this fraud was provided in an article published in the December 2017 edition of BINDT's periodical *NDT News*. This can be downloaded [here](#).

¹ See the website of International Accreditation Service at:
<https://www.iasonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/PCB-124-Scope.pdf>

² See BINDT's website at: <http://www.bindt.org/Certification/pcn-news>