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PCN EXAMINATION EXEMPTIONS FOR HOLDERS OF QUALIFYING CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY RECOGNISED CERTIFICATION BODIES

Definitions

A 'Qualifying Certificate' is one that is issued by a Recognised Certification Body, and which demonstrates compliance with EN 473 or ISO 9712, covers the same Product or Industry Sector and NDT Method as the PCN Certification sought, and the NDT level is relevant in terms of exemptions applied for.

A 'Recognised Certification Body' is one which is registered under the EFNDT Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA), or which is accredited by a body in membership of the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) against the requirements of ISO/IEC 17024 to issue certification in compliance with the current editions of ISO 9712 or EN 473. BINDT may develop individual agreements with certification bodies that do not conform to this definition.

Exemptions allowed

1. BINDT will grant exemptions for the written general and specific parts of PCN Level 1 and Level 2 examinations for holders of valid Qualifying Certificates.
2. A holder of a valid Qualifying Certificate may recertify directly within the PCN scheme as if a PCN certificate was held.
3. BINDT will grant exemptions for the Level 3 basic examination parts A1 (Materials Technology) and B (general knowledge of four NDT methods at level 2) and the Level 3 main method examination part C1 (general knowledge of the NDT method) for holders of valid Qualifying Certificates.
4. A holder of a valid Qualifying Certificate may seek PCN level 3 certification without the need to complete a PCN Level 2 practical examination, but will not be eligible for direct issue of a PCN level 2 certificate as a result of success in the PCN level 3 examination concerned.

How to claim exemptions

Those claiming such exemptions should apply in the first instance, using the form at page 2, to the PCN Certification Records Office at the above address.

Verification of current certification status will be taken up with the certification body which issued the certificate for which exemptions are claimed.

Following verification, the application form will be annotated and returned to the applicant together with a letter confirming exemptions for use in support of a standard examination application to any authorised PCN Examination Centre.



The British Institute of Non-Destructive Testing is an accredited certification body offering personnel and quality management systems assessment and certification against criteria set out in international and European standards through the PCN Certification Scheme.



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The completed form must be sent to BINDT with traceable copies of the certification in respect of which an exemption is sought.

Personal Details		PCN No. (if existing PCN holder):		
FAMILY NAME				
GIVEN NAME(S)				
FULL POSTAL ADDRESS				
TELEPHONE			FAX:	
E-MAIL				
PCN Certification sought				
PRODUCT OR INDUSTRY SECTOR	NDT METHOD	LEVEL	SCOPE (CATEGORY) OF CERTIFICATION SOUGHT	
Details of <u>non</u>-PCN certificates held (in respect of which exemption is sought)				
CERTIFICATE No.	SECTOR, NDT METHOD & LEVEL	EXPIRY DATE	CERTIFICATION BODY (FOR VERIFICATION PURPOSES)	
FOR PCN INTERNAL USE				
REGISTER No		DATE		
EXAMINATION EXEMPTIONS GRANTED (TO BE COMPLETED BY PCN)				

SIGNED FOR PCN: _____ NAME: _____ DATE: _____
 (impressed by PCN cold seal)