PCN24/PSL57A

Application of PCN examination (initial, recertification, retest, sector supplementary and extension to certification)

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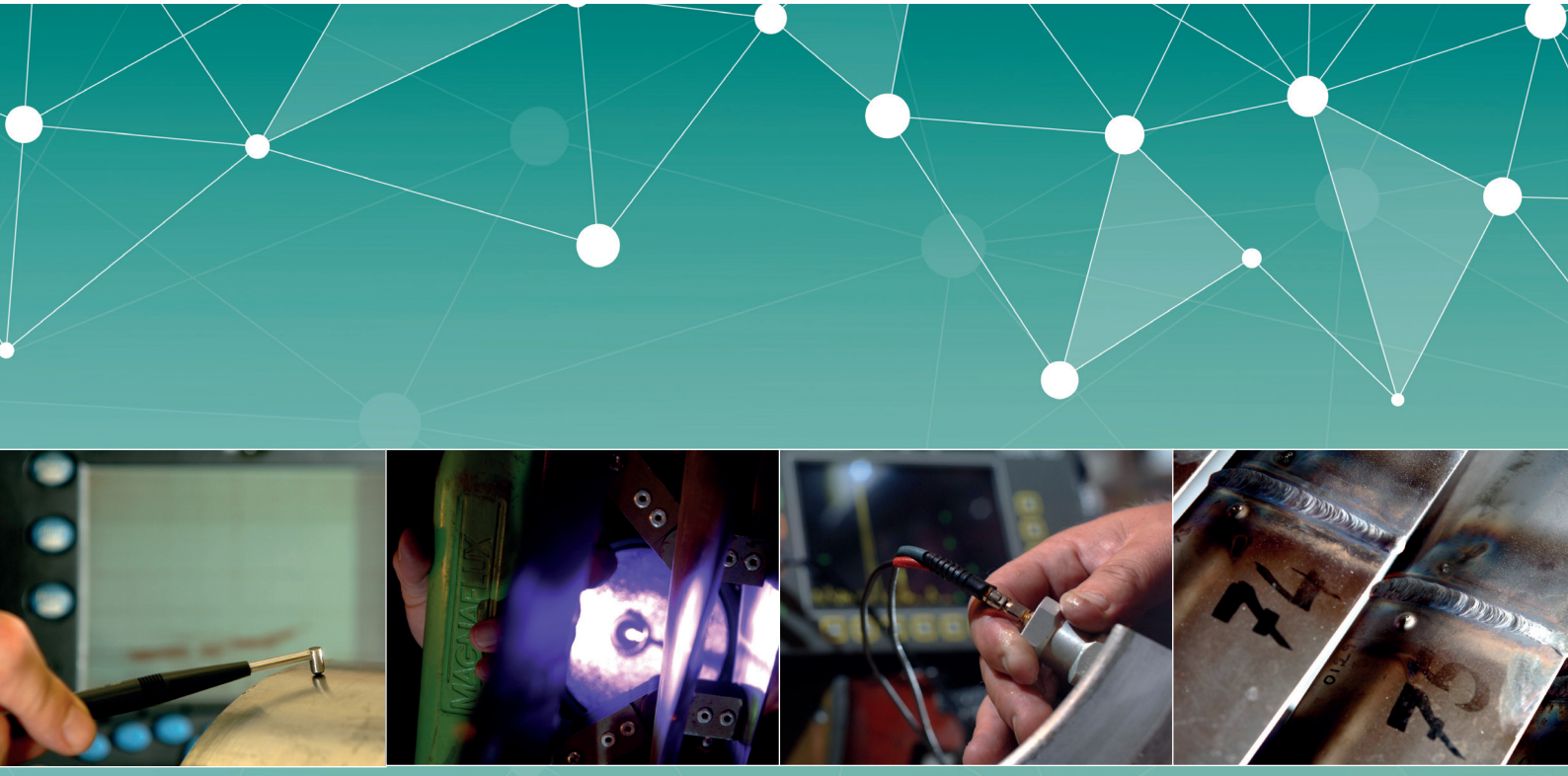

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION (please read carefully before completing application).

Completed applications must be submitted directly to the Authorised Qualifying Body (AQB) (www.bindt.org/downloads/PCN24-PSL04.pdf).

Recertification examinations must be taken no later than six weeks prior to the expiry date of the current certificate.

The recertified certificate will be issued from the previous expiry date and will expire five years, less a day, from the previous expiry date.

Applications for submission to PCN **within the six weeks prior to certificate expiry**	→	Apply to PCN for a **DEFERRED** approval using form PCN24/PSL28 (this approval must be available prior to PCN24/PSL57A being submitted).
Applications for submission to PCN **after the certificate expiry (up to 12 months)**	→	Apply to PCN for a **LATE** approval using form PCN24/PSL28 (this approval must be available prior to PCN24/PSL57A being submitted).

1. PCN24/CP27 – PCN Code of Ethics

It is a requirement of PCN applicants and certificate holders to acknowledge, by signature, that they have read, understood and acknowledge the Code of Ethics and that they shall abide by the code at all times whilst engaged in PCN-certified activities (www.bindt.org/admin/downloads/PCN24%20CP27.pdf). The applicant shall sign the code of ethics for each application.

2. General

This form shall be completed by all aspirant PCN examination candidates for the individual non-destructive testing (NDT) method, industry and/or product sector for which certification is sought.

Eligibility for certification is defined as fulfilling the following requirements:

(a) For all those initial PCN candidates, *ie* candidates who do not hold or have held PCN or other BS EN ISO 9712-related certification in NDT, evidence of successful completion of the BINDT online learning module for product technology;

(b) Evidence of satisfactory visual acuity and colour perception. PCN24/PSL44 includes optional forms for the recording of results appropriate to the vision tests administered which have been attested to by the employer;

(c) Evidence of successful completion of authorised training within the NDT method and at the appropriate level for the certification sought;

(d) Successful completion of the relevant NDT method examination at the appropriate level for which certification is sought;

(e) Demonstration of having met the requirements for practical industrial experience as required by the NDT method for certification sought;

(f) All evidence shall be verifiable; checks may be made by PCN where the existence of doubt exists or as part of other documented internal quality and control procedures; and

(g) Evidence of successful completion of authorised training within the NDT method and at the appropriate level for the certification sought.

Examination bookings shall not be considered confirmed until the completed application form and all additional supporting evidence has been received by the AQB and the AQB has replied in writing to confirm to the candidate that the booking has therefore been accepted.

Applications should ideally be completed electronically. Where handwritten applications have been submitted, the application shall be legible. Illegible applications shall be returned to the candidate prior to resubmission.

Applications, together with payment of the relevant fees, should be provided to the AQB in accordance with its payment process.

- One application form is to be submitted in respect of each examination applied for.
- Candidates not already holding electronic PCN certification will need to provide a digital photograph (in the format of a passport photo) on form PCN24/PSL33 on the day of the examination.

For those applications that are dependent upon the individual holding (or having held) appropriate certification, the application must be supported by acceptable evidence of such certification.

Where a photocopy is attached to the application as evidence, the candidate will be required to produce the original certificate on the day of the examination for verification as to the authenticity of the certificate by the AQB. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in a refusal to examine.

Where marks from earlier examinations are to be included, the candidate should supply the relevant examination results notice (or, where unavailable, verifiable information from which the date and scope of the examination and the PCN AQB where the examination took place can be ascertained). Failure to comply with this requirement may result in a refusal to examine.

Applications shall only be completed by the candidate seeking PCN certification.

If uncertain of the requirements for this application, please consult the AQB or PCN before proceeding.

E-certificates: to be eligible for e-certification, the PCN holder must ensure that PCN has an up-to-date electronic copy of their photo, a signature and valid PERSONAL email address (see PCN24/PSL33) with the examination results notice.

Part 1. Candidate's personal details (all fields are mandatory)			
PCN number (if held):			
Certificate number:		Expiry date:	
Family name:			
Given name(s):			
Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY):			
Gender (optional):			
Address: *(this will be used for your PCN records and issue of certification)*			
Town/city:			
Postcode/zip code:			
County/region:			
Country:			
Telephone number: *(include area code/international area code)*			
Personal email address: *(for the purpose of issuing e-certificates)*			
Business email address:			

Part 2. Current employment details	
Employer name:	
Address:	
Town/city:	
County/region:	
Postcode/zip code:	
Country:	
Applicant's job title:	
Name of current supervisor:	
Email for supervisor:	
Telephone number for supervisor: *(include area code/international area code)*	

Part 3. Pre-certification training

REFER TO PCN24/GEN FOR THE MINIMUM TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR PCN EXAMINATIONS.

WHERE APPLICABLE, YOU MUST ATTACH COPIES OF TRAINING CERTIFICATES.

NOTE: *Evidence of training is required for all initial applications or where additional training is required for supplementary or extension of certification scope.*

Name of training organisation and title/reference of relevant training course:		
Dates of course:	From	
	To	
Proof of training attached:	☐ Yes	☐ No
Proof of product technology training certificate: *(mandatory for new PCN candidates)*	☐ Yes	☐ No
Date of completion:		

Part 4. Pre-certification experience

REFER TO PCN24/GEN FOR THE MINIMUM EXPERIENCE REQUIRED FOR CERTIFICATION.

CANDIDATES FOR INITIAL, SECTOR SUPPLEMENTARY AND EXTENSION OF CERTIFICATION SCOPE SHALL COMPLETE AND ATTACH FORM PCN24/PSL30 TO THIS APPLICATION.

For certification at Levels 1 and/or 2: it is not a prerequisite that the practical industrial experience shall be accrued prior to the candidate attempting the relevant PCN examination. Candidates may accrue outstanding practical industrial experience and submit this directly to PCN (within two years of the examination date) as a post-experience candidate where it has not been possible to gather all required experience prior to examination using form PCN24/PSL57C. Where evidence is available at the time of examination, it is a mandatory requirement that this shall be provided directly to the AQB for review.

For certification at Level 3: it is a mandatory requirement that candidates shall have accrued all required practical industrial experience for certification prior to attempting PCN examinations.

If you are taking a recertification/retest examination, you do not need to provide proof of experience.

NDT method	Experience in days[a]					
	Level 1	Level 2		Level 3		
		With Level 1	Direct access	Higher education*, with Level 2	With Level 2	Direct access, with higher education*
ET, RT, UT, ACFM, PAUT, TOFD	45	135	180	270	450	540
MT, PT, VT	15	45	60	180	240	360
RI (when in isolation)	N/A	N/A	90	N/A	N/A	N/A
PCN limited (UT) certification	N/A	N/A	90	N/A	N/A	N/A

[a]One-day duration is at least seven hours, which can be achieved on a single day or by accumulating hours. The maximum allowable hours in any one day is 12 hours. Experience in days is achieved by dividing the total number of accumulated hours by seven.

**Higher education recognised by BINDT is restricted to a recognised degree in non-destructive testing.*

Part 5. Examination applied for (must be completed – check availability with the test centre before completing)	
Products or industry sector in which certification is sought (refer to relevant PCN24/GEN A.2): ● **Castings** (c) (ferrous and non-ferrous materials); ● **Forgings** (f) (all types of forging: ferrous and non-ferrous materials); ● **Welds** (w) (all types of weld, including soldering, for ferrous and non-ferrous materials); ● **Tubes and pipes** (t) (seamless, welded, ferrous and non-ferrous materials, including flat products for the manufacturing of welded pipes); and ● **Wrought products** (wp), except forgings (*ie* plates, bar, rods).	
Industrial sector (refer to relevant PCN24/GEN A.3): ● Manufacturing (m); ● Pre- and in-service testing, which includes manufacturing; ● Railway maintenance (r); and ● Aerospace (a).	

Examination type:	☐ Initial
	☐ Recertification (experience not required for recertification)
	☐ Retest
	☐ Sector supplementary
	☐ Extension of certification scope

NDT method	Select NDT method	Level		
		1	2	3
Alternating current field measurement	☐	☐	☐	☐
Eddy current testing	☐	☐	☐	☐
Magnetic testing	☐	☐	☐	☐
Penetrant testing	☐	☐	☐	☐
Phased array	☐	☐	☐	☐
Radiographic interpreter	☐		☐	
Radiographic testing	☐	☐	☐	☐
Time-of-flight diffraction	☐	☐	☐	☐
Visual testing	☐	☐	☐	☐
Ultrasonic testing	☐	☐	☐	☐
Ultrasonic testing (RUT) rail track and rail axle testing	☐	☐	☐	☐
Basic radiation safety (BRS)	☐	☐		
Advanced radiation safety (ARS)	☐		☐	
Other (please state):	☐			
State the scope of certification that you seek to attain (see relevant appendix to PCN24/GEN):				
Preferred examination date (DD/MM/YY) and venue:				

Sector/method applicable to Pressure Equipment Directive (PED) recognition and administration charge	
Pre and in-service Welds	Eddy current Magnetic particle testing Liquid penetrant testing Visual testing Ultrasonic testing Radiography TOFD Phased array Computed radiographic testing Radiographic interpreter Computed radiographic interpreter

Part 6. Candidate's statement confirming eligibility for examination

Applicant's declaration

I declare that the information given in this application and within all supporting documentation is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate and correct.

I agree to comply with the PCN Code of Ethics (published as PCN24/CP27).

Signature:		Date:	

Attach:

- ☐ Evidence of vision test (for example, PCN24/PSL44 may be used), unless vision test was arranged at the test centre
- ☐ Evidence of training (for initial certification)
- ☐ Evidence of experience form (PCN24/PSL30) (for initial and supplementary examinations)
- ☐ Evidence of product technology training (for aspirant PCN holders only)
- ☐ Correct examination fee

Part 7. Verification of candidate's statement by the sponsor, employer or, if the candidate is self-employed, a referee

I confirm that the information given in this application and in the supporting documentation is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate and correct. I agree to comply with the PCN Code of Ethics (published as PCN24/CP27).

Signature:		Date:	
Company:			
Email address:			

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)

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3. Change control record

PCN24/PSL57A – Document issue and review status		
Document issue for review	**Changes/amendments**	**Current document status**
Issue 01	Updated in line with PCN24 Scheme revision.	July 2025.
Issue 02	Additional field added to Part 5 for preferred examination date and venue.	November 2025.
Issue 03	Additional information for experience.	May 2026.
Issue 04	Date cells added to signature fields on page 7 and important information updated.	November 2026.