PCN24/PSL57C

Post-experience application: application for certification where experience is gained following examination

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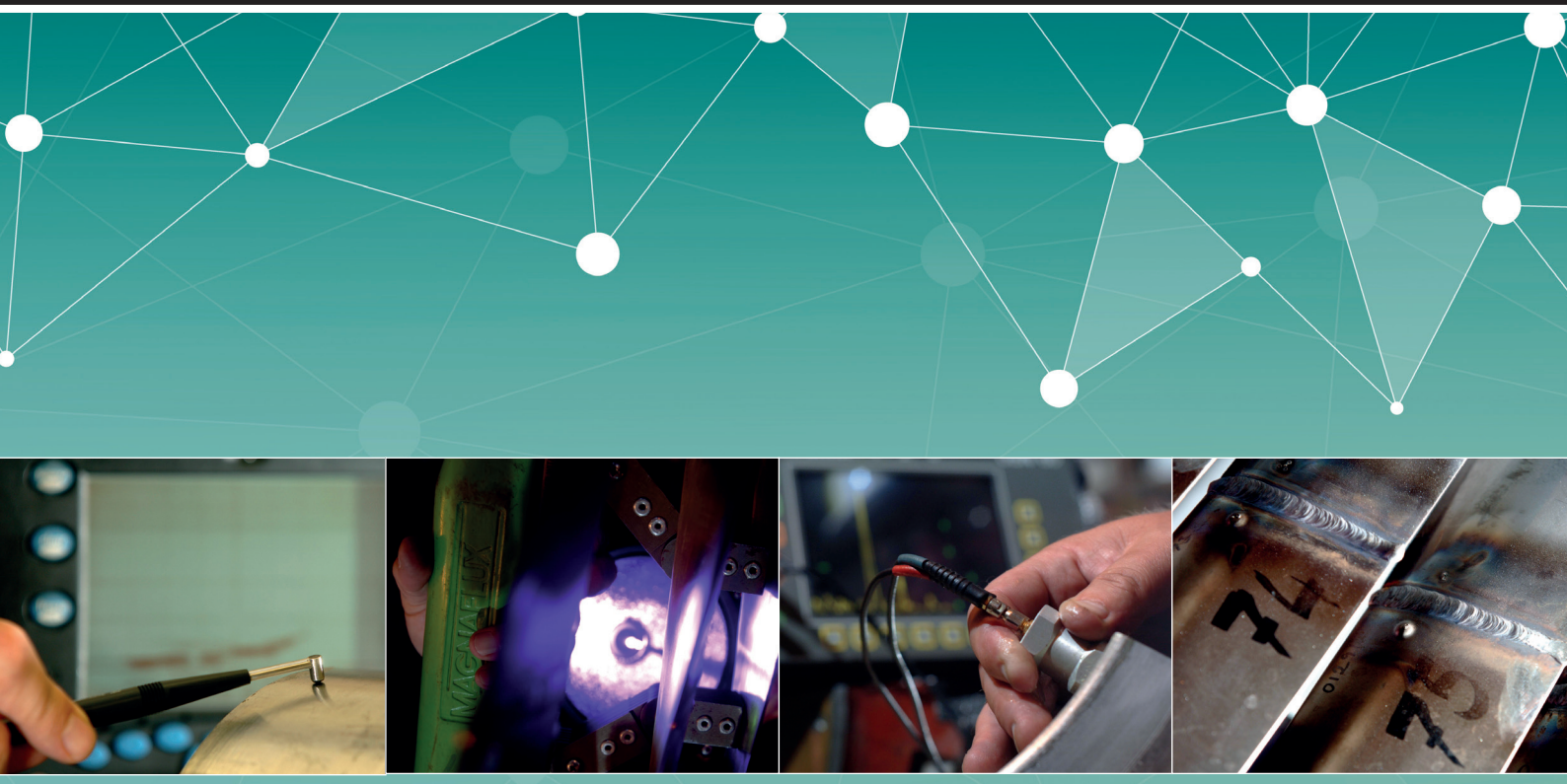

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This application shall be submitted with PCN24/PSL30.

All applications should be emailed with the appropriate payment information to: pcn.applications@bindt.org

☐	Your application is complete and correct, with all the required authorised signatures
☐	Applications must be submitted within two years of the examination date *(Applications received after this will not be accepted and the candidate shall follow the procedure for initial candidate)*
☐	Evidence of acceptable visual acuity
☐	Evidence to demonstrate that you have achieved the minimum number of experience days
☐	Valid payment details have been provided

Important information before submitting the application

By completing the PCN24/PSL57C and PCN24/PSL30 forms, the candidate confirms that they understand the consequences of failing to meet the requirements and is aware that no complaint or appeal in this event will be accepted by PCN. In the event that a false statement is made by the candidate or the candidate's employer concerning the precertification experience, certification awarded as a result shall be classified null and void and appropriate additional measures will be implemented through use of PCN24/CP27 (Code of Ethics for PCN certificate holders).

The Supervisors' certificate(s) must be verified as the same level, sector and method and must be valid at the time the experience was gained.

This may include certification schemes other than ISO 9712, such as EN 4179 and SNT-TC-1A, providing that this certification has been gained using external training/examination support provided by a BINDT-approved organisation. The organisation must be a BINDT-approved organisation or an organisation holding Approved Training Organisation (ATO), Authorised Qualifying Body (AQB) and/or Outside Agency status. Please contact pcn.enquiries@bindt.org if clarification on this is required.

One application form is to be submitted in respect of each certificate applied for; applications and supporting information must be legibly completed. Applications must be submitted within two years of the examination date.

Processing times

The processing time of your application may be significantly delayed where PCN requires you to supply additional information. Where additional information and/or outstanding payment is requested by PCN, a maximum time limit of 12 weeks will be allocated for the submission of all outstanding information requested.

After this 12-week period, the applicant shall apply to an examination centre *and follow the procedure for initial candidates.*

An administration charge will be retained for all unsuccessful/cancelled applications (refer to PCN24/PSL35).

Verification of information

BINDT CONDUCTS A HIGH PERCENTAGE OF VERIFICATION ON INFORMATION SUBMITTED IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATIONS. EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT APPLICATIONS SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE AT REQUEST BY BINDT.

In the event that a breach in the Code of Ethics (PCN24/CP27) is detected, the PCN24/CP21 procedure will be followed and at least a 12-month suspension will be applied.

For example:

Breach detected – falsifying signatures

- A two-year suspension will be imposed, during which candidates will be barred from taking any other PCN certification examination(s) within the suspension period.

- Practical industrial experience hours accrued within the two-year suspension period will not be accepted.
- Candidates will be required to attempt an initial examination upon expiration of the two-year suspension.
- The accrual of practical industrial experience may recommence after the suspension has expired.
- Removal of other certifications.

NOTE: *All persons who knowingly provide false attestation signatures on a PCN application (this may include the candidate or the candidate's supervisor/verifier) will be subject to a penalty.*

Penalties may include the removal of certification for all persons providing false signatures and/or false attestation, for a minimum period of 12 months.

If in doubt about the validity of the information you are providing, seek the advice of BINDT Certification Records Office staff (pcn.enquiries@bindt.org).

Where an application is randomly selected for verification as part of PCN's internal audit structure for evidencing PCN Scheme compliance with ISO 17024, additional evidence to support the certificate holder's initial application shall be requested by a BINDT Quality Officer or the Technical Department.

Where the requested evidence cannot be supplied, the application may be cancelled and an administration fee charged.

1. Scope

This document forms a part of the PCN general requirements (PCN24/GEN) for the certification of personnel engaged in non-destructive testing (NDT) and should be read in conjunction with the current issue of PCN24/GEN, which is available to download free of charge on the BINDT website at: www.bindt.org/certification

It is the responsibility of the certificate holder to initiate the procedure required within the allowable timeframes and to ensure that they abide by the correct issue status of PCN24/PSL45 for the use and misuse of PCN certificates prior to making an application.

2. Terms and definitions

For a comprehensive list of terms and definitions, refer to PCN24/GEN.

3. Required experience (Levels 1 and 2 ONLY)

Table 1. The minimum industrial experience requirements

	Experience in days[a]		
NDT method	Level 1	Level 2	
		With Level 1	Direct access
ET, RT, UT, ACFM, PAUT, TOFD	45	135	180
MT, PT, VT	15	45	60
RI (when in isolation)	N/A	N/A	90
PCN limited (UT) certification	N/A	N/A	90

[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 accumulated hours by seven.

3.1 Possible experience hour reductions

3.1.1 The possible reductions in duration of experience are as described hereafter, provided that when several reductions are applicable, the total reduction does not exceed 50% of the experience duration. Any reduction requires acceptance by BINDT.

3.1.2 When considering a possible reduction in the duration of experience, BINDT takes into consideration the following elements:

(a) The quality of experience can be variable and skills may be assimilated more quickly in an environment where the experience is concentrated and has a high degree of relevance to the certification sought.

(b) Experience in one sector of an NDT method for which certification is already held may be complementary to the experience in a different sector of the same NDT method.

(c) The level and quality of education possessed by the candidate should also be considered. This is particularly the case for the Level 3 candidate, but it can also be applicable for other levels.

3.1.3 A certified Level 1, 2 or 3 adding an additional method may be permitted a reduction of required experience of 25% for that additional method.

3.1.4 A certified Level 1, 2 or 3 individual changing sector or adding another sector or technique for the same NDT method shall be required to gain additional experience of at least 25% of the experience required in Table 3 of PCN24/GEN and this shall never be less than 15 days in duration.

3.1.5 When the scope of certification sought is limited in application (*ie* thickness measurement or automated testing), the experience duration may be reduced by up to 50%, but shall not be less than 15 days.

3.1.6 Up to 50% of the industrial experience time may be achieved by a structured experience programme (SEP). One day of attendance at the SEP may be equivalent to a maximum of five days of industrial experience. The SEP shall include all typical tasks of the level, method and sector concerned. The additional intent is to gain specific product and technique knowledge. The SEP shall be approved in advance by the Certification Body. The SEP shall be approved in advance by BINDT, the process is detailed in PCN24/CP28.

The following must be submitted with this application:

- Documented proof, authenticated by an employer or responsible agency (PCN may contact the employer/agency for verification purposes before an application for industrial experience for certification can be accepted) (**PCN24/PSL30).**
- A list of all employers during the period in which experience was gained.
- Verifiable evidence of satisfying experience criteria by completing this form PCN24/PSL57C.

4. Applicant's statement confirming eligibility for certification

I have read and understand the PCN general requirements detailed in the latest edition of PCN24/GEN for the certification of personnel engaged in NDT, particularly the criteria for eligibility, and hereby confirm that I satisfy those criteria covering vision, training and experience applicable to the level and NDT method for which I am seeking certification. In the event that I should be awarded PCN certification, I agree to comply with the PCN Code of Ethics (published as PCN24/CP27).

I understand that, in the event of a false statement being discovered, any certification awarded as a result of such a declaration will be null and void.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)

BINDT will store and use the information given on this form only for the purpose for which it has been provided. Your personal details and any other data you provide to BINDT will not be passed on to a third party without your permission.

BINDT would like to contact you from time to time to let you know about its other services that may be of interest, such as special offers, discounts, events and new products. If you are happy to be contacted by BINDT, please indicate by ticking the box below:

I am happy for BINDT to contact me with information that may be of interest ☐

You can subscribe or unsubscribe at any time, simply let us know by emailing: alicia.carroll@bindt.org

5. Application form – Information to be provided by the applicant

Application reviews include verification checks

This application form asks for specific details on experience and must be signed to the effect that these details are correct (if you are uncertain of the requirements, consult pcn.enquiries@bindt.org before proceeding).

Applicant details	
Surname:	
First name:	
Date of birth:	
Gender (optional):	
Street address:	
Town/city:	
Postcode/zip code:	
County/region:	
Country:	
Telephone number: *(include area code/international area code)*	
Personal email address: *(for the purpose of issuing of e-certificates)*	
Employer information	
Employer name:	
Street address:	
Town/city:	
County/region:	
Postcode/zip code:	
Country:	
Applicant's job description:	

Name of current supervisor:	
Email for supervisor:	
Telephone number for supervisor: *(include area code/international area code)*	
Name of referee, where applicant is self-employed:	
Employer/referee email address:	
Employer/referee telephone number: *(include area code/international area code)*	

Tick the following boxes to indicate that you understand the requirements of this document	**Applicant**	**Employer**
Application within two years of the examination date:	☐	☐
Evidence of a satisfactory near-vision acuity examination taken within the preceding 12 months and satisfactory colour vision and/or greyscale perception examination taken within the preceding 60 months, in accordance with BS EN ISO 9712:2022 clause 7.4 and PCN24/PSL44:	☐	☐
Date of near-vision test:		
Date of colour-vision test and/or greyscale test:		
Evidence to demonstrate that the applicant has achieved the minimum number of experience days: ***Note:*** *PCN24/GEN, PCN24/PSL30*	☐	☐

PCN examination details

Name of AQB	Date of examination	Examination result reference

Record of pre- or post-certification employment

Employing organisation	Date from	Date to	Telephone number and email address

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

Applicant's declaration			
I declare that the information given in this application and within all supporting documentation is, to the best of my knowledge, correct. I agree to comply with the PCN Code of Ethics (published as PCN24/CP27).			
Signature:		Date:	
Employer's authentication			
It is the employer's responsibility to document the validity of the personal information provided to PCN. This information shall include the declaration of education, training, industrial NDT experience and visual acuity needed to determine the certification eligibility of the candidate. If the candidate is unemployed or self-employed then the declaration of education, training, industrial NDT experience and visual acuity shall be attested to by at least one independent party acceptable to the Certification Body. *For details of ALL employer responsibilities attributed, please see the current issue of ISO 9712.* I confirm that the information given in this application and in the supporting documentation is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate and correct. Industrial NDT experience gained by the applicant while employed by this company has been to a satisfactory standard. (This must be signed by the employer, or referee if self-employed, regardless of their position within company.) I agree to comply with the PCN Code of Ethics (published as PCN24/CP27).			
I, the employer/referee, certify that the candidate named above does meet the industrial NDT experience requirements of the latest edition of ISO 9712 and PCN24/GEN.			
Name:			
Position:			
Email address for verification:			
Signature:		Date:	

ANNEX A – PAYMENT

Tick if VAT registered ☐ **Please provide VAT number**	

Payment type, if not paying by card (please tick and complete as appropriate):

Bank transfer (BACS) ☐	**Purchase order number**	

PAYMENT WILL BE TAKEN IMMEDIATELY UPON SUBMISSION IN ORDER TO START PROCESSING THE APPLICATION.

IN THE EVENT THAT PAYMENT IS DECLINED OR NO PAYMENT DETAILS ARE SUBMITTED, PROCESSING WILL BE DELAYED UNTIL THIS IS RECEIVED.

THERE WILL BE AN ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGE FOR REJECTED/CANCELLED APPLICATIONS. PLEASE REFER TO PCN24/PSL35.

Credit/debit card (provide details below).

Please tick the appropriate boxes:		
☐ Visa	☐ Mastercard	☐ Amex
☐ Corporate/company card	☐ Personal card	
Name as shown on card:		
Card number:		
Security code *(last 3 digits on the security strip on reverse of card):*		
Card valid from:		
Card expiry:		
Billing address *(address the invoice will be sent to; if corporate card, then address of company and name of whom the invoice should be sent to):*		

6. Change control record

PCN24/PSL57C – Document issue and review status		
Document issue for review	**Changes/amendments**	**Current document status**
Issue 01	Updated in line with PCN24 Scheme revision. Replaces issue 14.	April 2025.
Issue 02	Removal of previous clause 3.1.2 (b).	January 2026.
Issue 03	Date cells added to signature fields on page 9.	November 2026.