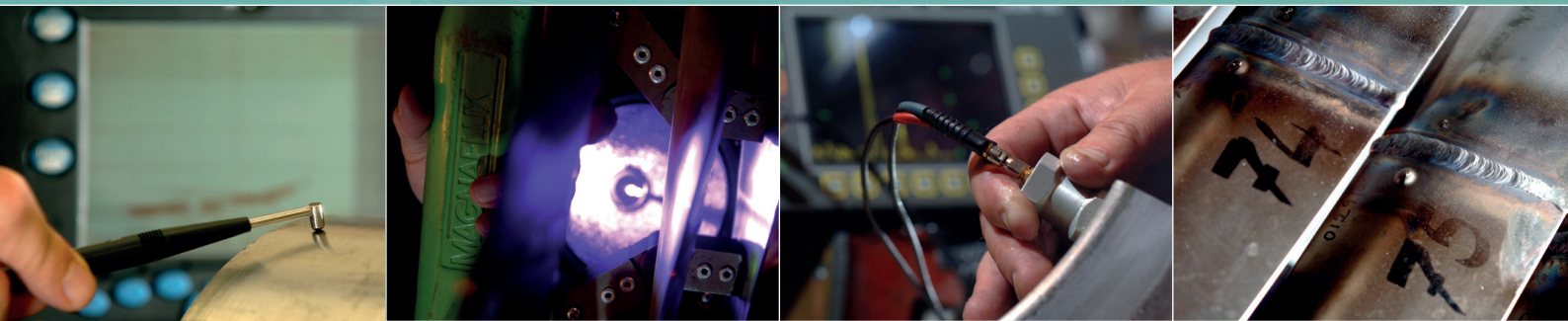


PCN Level 1 and Level 2 recertification upon receipt of evidence of success in examinations conducted by Recognised Certification Bodies

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1. It is recognised that many holders of PCN certification are resident or domiciled in countries that are geographically far remote from the nearest BINDT Authorised Qualifying Body (AQB). The cost of travelling to a country where PCN examinations are readily available may in such circumstances be prohibitive and/or it may be impractical for other reasons. In such circumstances, individuals often gain certification from indigenous Certification Bodies and, although they may wish to maintain PCN certification, they frequently (and reluctantly) allow their PCN certification to lapse.
2. The procedure detailed in this document will enable BINDT to offer a mechanism for such individuals to maintain their PCN certification.
3. Henceforth, BINDT will consider applications for PCN recertification on the basis of an initial or recertification examination conducted (within five years prior to the date of receipt of the completed application by BINDT) by a BINDT Recognised Certification Body (RCB) whose certification scheme is compliant with EN ISO 9712 and with which BINDT has a specific written agreement for this purpose. The register of Certification Bodies with which BINDT has established agreements for this purpose is listed in Annex C.
4. The agreement with the RCB concerned will enable BINDT to be provided with evidence of success in a practical examination (details of test specimens and examination results must be included) that has a scope that is equal to or exceeds the scope of the PCN recertification examination for the certification concerned.
5. This service is available only for existing PCN certificate holders resident or domiciled in countries outside of the United Kingdom and whose circumstances make attendance for recertification examination at a BINDT AQB impractical.
6. All requirements specified in the current edition of PCN/GEN for continuity in the application of the certificated non-destructive testing (NDT) method without significant interruption and satisfactory vision must be met in full before PCN recertification by this method will be considered.
7. The BINDT charge for recertification by this method will equate to the current renewal fee, per certificate, detailed in PCN24/PSL35.
8. Following PCN recertification by this method, the next revalidation of the PCN certificate concerned (five years later) must be by recertification through examination at a BINDT AQB.

Process

All forms are designed for electronic completion.

Applicant:

- Complete all sections of the form in Annex A.
- Complete Part 1 of the form in Annex B.
- Send the forms to the Recognised Certification Body for verification purposes.

RCB:

- Complete Part 2 of the form in Annex B.
- Send the completed document to the BINDT Certification Services Department (CSD) by email.

BINDT:

- Review application and, if appropriate, recertify.
- Remit payment to the RCB for data provision at the rate defined in the agreement.

ANNEX A – APPLICATION FOR PCN RECERTIFICATION BY HOLDERS OF CERTIFICATION AWARDED BY A RECOGNISED CERTIFICATION BODY

Part 1. Personal details			
PCN number:			
Family name:			
Given name(s):			
Full postal address:			
Telephone number:			
Email address:			
Part 2. Recertification applied for (please provide PCN certificate numbers)			
Part 3. Details of RCB certificates held (issued by a Certification Body listed in Annex C)			
Certificate number	NDT method and sector	Expiry date	Recognised Certification Body
Part 4. Credit card payment			
Please tick the appropriate box and provide expiry date:			
☐ Visa	☐ Mastercard	Expiry date:	
Name as shown on card:			
Card number:			
Address of credit card holder: (If different from applicant's address given in Part 1)			
Please debit the above credit/debit card for the total amount shown (right) in respect of recertification fees payable to BINDT: (Refer to PCN document PCN24/PSL35 for renewal fee per certificate)		£ Renewal fee × number of recertifications	
By checking the following box, I hereby authorise BINDT to debit my credit card account for the amount shown (above right):		Date:	
By checking the following box, I hereby authorise the RCB to provide BINDT with examination data relevant to this application:		Date:	

If in doubt about how to complete the application, please call +44 (0)1604 438300 or email pcn@bindt.org for advice.

ANNEX B – FORM FOR USE BY THE CERTIFICATION BODY IN PROVIDING EXAMINATION RESULTS TO PCN

This form is for use by a BINDT RCB in providing assessment information related to an individual certified to EN ISO 9712 standard who is applying for BINDT Pressure Equipment Directive (PED) approvals under the agreement between the RCB and BINDT.

The RCB will provide such information only with the consent of the applicant. BINDT undertakes to hold confidential to the RCB and BINDT any information provided by the applicant or by the RCB.

When completed, please forward this electronic file by email to: pcn@bindt.org

Part 1. For completion by the applicant for PCN recertification				
Recognised Certification Body:				
RCB registration or ID number:				
Family name of PCN applicant:				
Forenames of PCN applicant:				
PCN number of applicant:				
NDT method:				
Industry or product sector:				
NDT level:				
PCN certificate number for recertification:				
Related RCB certificate number:				
Related RCB certificate expiry date:				
Part 2. For completion by the RCB				
RCB initial or recertification examination date (as applicable):				
Number and type of specimens set in the RCB examination:				
Overall specific practical grade attained in the RCB examination:	%	%	%	%
RCB remarks:				
Name of authorised representative of RCB verifying information provided:			Date:	
Part 3. For completion by BINDT				
BINDT remarks:				

Please send completed forms to: BINDT CSD, Midsummer House, Riverside Way, Bedford Road, Northampton NN1 5NX, United Kingdom, or email: pcn@bindt.org

ANNEX C – REGISTER OF BINDT RECOGNISED CERTIFICATION BODIES

The Certification Bodies listed below are those that BINDT has established an agreement with whereby, upon request, BINDT is provided with details of a successful qualifying examination that is relevant in terms of NDT level, NDT method and industry or product sector, to the scope of the PCN recertification applied for.

Name and address of RCB (including email address for applicant to transmit forms to):	Scope of Certification Scheme compliance operated by RCB (ISO/IEC 17024, ISO 9712, etc):	Date of agreement:
Australian Institute for NDT PO Box 962, Balgowlah, Australia NSW 2093 Tel: +61 2 9949 8572 Email: certification@aindt.com.au	ISO/IEC 17024, ISO 9712	
Natural Resources Canada CANMET Materials Technology Laboratory, 568 Booth street, Ottawa, Ontario KA1 0G1, Canada Tel: +1 613 943 0583 Email: rvmurphy@nrcan.gc.ca	ISO/IEC 17024, ISO 9712	

ANNEX D – SPECIMEN AGREEMENT WITH RECOGNISED CERTIFICATION BODY TO PROVIDE EXAMINATION DATA TO BINDT

1. This agreement is made between the Recognised Certification Body (henceforth referred to as the RCB) whose certificates comply with the requirements of either EN ISO 9712 on the one part; and
2. The British Institute of Non-destructive Testing (henceforth referred to as BINDT) on the other part
3. For the purpose of providing examination data upon which BINDT may base a decision to recertify a PCN certificate.
4. The RCB agrees that, upon receipt of a correctly completed application indicating the consent of the certificate holder concerned, it will provide relevant practical examination data on the form in Part 2 of Annex B of PCN24/PSL62.
5. BINDT agrees to hold any and all data provided as confidential to BINDT and the RCB in the strictest confidence and security.
6. The RCB will submit to BINDT on a periodic basis (period stated herein) a *pro-forma* invoice for an agreed amount (stated herein) per certificate for the examination data provided. Invoices may be submitted covering periods agreed between BINDT and the RCB.
7. This agreement remains in force until cancelled by BINDT or the RCB with three months' notice in writing; the commencement of the three months is to be effective from the date of posting by registered post.

Signed for BINDT:

Name: _____

Position: _____

Date: _____

Signed for the RCB:

Name: _____

Position: _____

Date: _____

Change control record

PCN24/PSL62 – Document issue and review status		
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