

NUMBERING OF PCN CERTIFICATES

The PCN certificate number contains 12 or 13 characters made up as follows:

1. Alpha indicator/s to show Authorised Qualifying Body:

A	=	TWI Qualification Services
E	=	Lavender International NDT
F	=	IMechE Argyll Ruane
G	=	Singapore Welding Society
H	=	Minton Treharne & Davies (South West School of NDT)
J	=	BIT Inspection Technology
L	=	NDE Institute of Trinidad Ltd
N	=	Serco
P	=	Noble
Q	=	WENS Technical
R	=	Aerospace Inspection Training
S	=	Secretariat
U	=	TCS NDT
W	=	ATTAR
X	=	Array Training
Y	=	SGS NDT Training & Examination Centre
OA	=	African NDT Centre
OB	=	Royal Tech Training & Consultancy
OC	=	Smart Technocrats
OF	=	Trichy Institute for Welding
OH	=	A-Star, India
OI	=	Altair Engineering Inspections, Singapore

2. A four-digit numerical group to show:

T	=	Transitional certificate
0	=	Normal certificate

3. Two characters to show year of first issue e.g., 95

4. S = Certificate issued by PCN Secretariat (applies to all certificates issued since 1992)

5. For examinations taken after August 2015

A seven-digit numerical group comprised of the following:

6. Digit 1 = Sector:
- 1 = Aerospace (multi-sector)
 - 2 = Pre & in-service inspection
 - 3 = Railway maintenance
 - 4 = Castings
 - 5 = Forgings and wrought products
 - 6 = Weldments
 - 7 = Tubes and pipe
 - 8 = Radiation
 - 16 = In-Service Inspection
7. Digit 2 = Method:
- 20 = Eddy current
 - 21 = Magnetic Particle Testing
 - 22 = Liquid Penetrant Testing
 - 23 = Visual Testing
 - 24 = Ultrasonic Testing
 - 25 = Radiography
 - 26 = ACFM
 - 27 = TOFD
 - 28 = Phased Array
 - 29 = Computer Radiographic Testing
 - 30 = Digital Radiographic Testing
 - 31 = Guided Wave
 - 32 = Weld Inspection
 - 33 = Radiography (welds) Aero
 - 34 = Radiographic Interpreter
 - 35 = Computer Radiographic Interpreter
 - 36 = Digital Radiographic Interpreter
 - 37 = Phased Array Interpretation
 - 38 = Basic Radiation Safety
 - 39 = Radiation Protection
 - 40 = Railway Axles
 - 41 = Rail (NR/055)
 - 42 = Rail UT Welds
 - 48 = Thickness Measurement and Corrosion Monitoring
 - 49 = Advanced Radiation Safety
8. Digit 3 = Level:
- 1
 - 2
 - 3
9. Digits 4, 5, 6 & 7 = sequential numbering from 0001 reverting to start after 9999

Prior to new database numerical system, the codes that still apply to valid certificates are as follows;
A seven-digit numerical group comprised of the following:

1. Digit 1 = Sector:
 - 1 = Aerospace (multi-sector)
 - 2 = Castings
 - 3 = Welding
 - 4 = Wrought products and forgings
 - 5 = Pre & in-service inspection (multi-sector)
 - 6 = Railway (multi-sector)

2. Digit 2 = Method:
 - 1 = Electromagnetic Testing (sub-divided into ET [E1] and ACFM [E2])
 - 2 = Radiography
 - 3 = Ultrasonic
 - 4 = Magnetic Particle
 - 5 = Liquid Penetrant
 - 6 = Radiographic Interpretation
 - 7 = Leak Testing
 - 8 = Radiation Safety
 - 9 = Visual Testing
 - I = Inspection
 - 0 = CRT

3. Digit 3 = Level:
 - 1
 - 2
 - 3

4. Digits 4, 5, 6 & 7 = sequential numbering from 0001 reverting to start after 9999