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**IMPLEMENTATION DATE: 1 JANUARY 2022**

**BESPOKE PCN TRAINING AND EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR HOLDERS OF NDT CERTIFICATION WHICH HAS NOT BEEN ISSUED BY A BINDT RECOGNISED CERTIFICATION BODY.**

**1. DOCUMENT SCOPE.**

The scope of this document is to provide guidance to aspirant PCN candidates who currently hold NDT/NDE certification which has **NOT** been issued by a BINDT recognised certification body to allow some, or all the previous training elements to be recognised in preparation for PCN certification examination(s).

This shall be accomplished by the aspirant PCN candidate completing a bespoke training package at BINDT Approved Training Organization (ATO) (where required). The bespoke training package designed to ensure that the candidate meets PCN's minimum requirements for training where GAP analysis by the ATO highlights any shortcoming.

The ATO shall also be a BINDT Authorised Qualifying Body (AQB).

This bespoke training acceptance mechanism shall be specific to those candidates whose current certification does **NOT** currently meet the requirements of the latest edition of ISO 9712, or where the issuing organisation is NOT currently a "Recognised Certification Body" in its own right.

**2. DEFINITIONS.**

- 2.1 A '**Non-Qualifying Certificate**' is any other NDT/NDE certificate which has **NOT** been issued by a BINDT Recognised Certification Body who cannot demonstrate compliance with the latest edition of ISO 9712. However, the certificate might cover the same Product or Industry Sector, NDT Method and be at the same or higher level as the PCN Certification sought.
- 2.2 A '**Recognised Certification Body**' is a body 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.
  - 2.2.1 To this effect BINDT wishes to develop a mechanism for the recognition of certification training that does not conform to the requirements contained at 2.2.
  - 2.2.2 Where conditions allow this shall be achieved by provision for the following:
    - 2.2.2.1 After documented GAP Analysis carried out by a BINDT ATO, and where all other provisions for such things as industrial experience can be shown to have been met, the ATO may accept the candidate for additional "formal recognised top up training" to meet the

minimum syllabus training requirements contained within ISO 9712 in preparation for PCN certification examinations.

2.2.2.2 The ATO shall develop a documented process to fulfil the requirements of 2.2.2.1.

2.2.2.3 Meeting the requirement at 2.2.1.1 shall ensure that the aspirant PCN candidate has attained the knowledge and skill levels required for success in a PCN examination and recognised where possible previous training received in recognition of a “non-qualifying certificate”.

### **3 EXAMINATION EXEMPTIONS.**

3.1 There are no PCN examination exemptions for the transition of NDT/NDE certification for holders of certification issued by a NON recognised certification body, with exception of the following:

3.1.1 Holders of level 2 certification gained and issued in accordance with EN4179 may be exempt the General examination paper when applying for initial level 2 PCN/AERO examination in the same method and sector in which the EN4179 certification was awarded. The granting of such exemptions is at the discretion of BINDT and requires the submission of a duly completed application form given in Appendix 1.

3.1.2 For consideration of an exemption the following conditions must be met:

- The EN4179 certification shall be current or have expired within the preceding 6 months of application for PCN/AERO examination
- The EN4179 certification must have been issued by an “Outside or Inside Agency” approved by BINDT and the UK NANDTB.
- Evidence of EN4179 initial examination must be provided and retained in any subsequent PCN/AERO examination records for audit purposes. The application form and evidence of any BINDT/PCN approval for exemption shall also be retained in any subsequent PCN/AERO examination records.

### **4 ASPIRANT LEVEL 3 CANDIDATES:**

4.1 Aspirant PCN Level 3 candidates who DO NOT hold level 2 ISO 9712 compliant certification in the same sector and method, shall also be required to complete, and be successful in the PCN Level 2 practical examination for the method and industrial sector for which certification is sought.

### **5 INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE:**

5.1 For all Levels of PCN certification sought the aspirant PCN candidate shall demonstrate that they have the required levels of industrial experience as defined within the latest edition of PCN GEN and ISO 9712 for the certification sought.

5.2 Evidence of industrial experience held shall be supplied to the ATO/AQB for review on form PSL/30 for further consideration prior to the ATO designing the bespoke additional transitional training package required for the PCN certification sought.

### **6 BESPOKE TRAINING:**

6.1 The ATO shall carry out the required GAP analysis for any “non-qualifying certification” held to ensure the training delivered for the “non-qualifying certification” aligns with the current PCN training syllabus requirements.

6.2 Verification of current “non-qualifying certification” will be confirmed to the candidate by the ATO.

6.3 From the GAP analysis actioned, the ATO shall develop a bespoke course of NDT training which shall be agreed by both the candidate, ATO and BINDT prior to the commencement of any additional approved pre PCN examination training package.

6.4 Details of bespoke training recommended by the ATO will be emailed to [technical@bindt.org](mailto:technical@bindt.org) for authorisation prior to implementation.

6.5 Where BINDT accepts the ATO’s additional bespoke training recommendations, a member of BINDT’s technical and certification team will confirm matters in a response to the ATO.

- 6.6 The ATO will then confirm to the candidate in writing, setting out the additional training elements and associated costs in support of the additional bespoke PCN training required prior to the commencement of training.

## **7 CERTIFICATE RENEWAL:**

- 7.1 For those candidates who go on to achieve success in a PCN examination and who subsequently wish to renew their PCN certification when necessary, then the normal rules for certificate renewal detailed within the latest edition of PCN GEN shall apply thereafter.

**APPENDIX 1: APPLICATION FORM**

**PSL/49 A.** This form SHALL be completed by the candidate and sent to the examination centre (AQB) for consideration. Copies of “non-qualifying certification” shall also be included. After the AQB has conducted a GAP analysis in accordance with the requirements herein the AQB shall respond to the aspirant PCN candidate and BINDT with their conclusions including additional any training recommendations for consideration, if applicable. BINDT will respond to the AQB with a decision to proceed or not. Any supplementary Training shall be documented and recorded for BINDT oversight, as required. Any recommended training shall be conducted through a BINDT Approved Training Organisation (ATO).

<b>PERSONAL DETAILS:</b>	PCN NO. (IF EXISTING PCN HOLDER):			
FAMILY NAME:				
GIVEN NAME(S):				
E-MAIL:				
FULL POSTAL ADDRESS:				
TELEPHONE:				
<b>PCN CERTIFICATION SOUGHT</b>				
PRODUCT OR INDUSTRY SECTOR:	NDT METHOD:	LEVEL:	SCOPE OF PCN CERTIFICATION SOUGHT:	
<b>DETAILS OF EXEMPTION SOUGHT</b>				
<b><u>NON-QUALIFYING CERTIFICATES HELD BY THE CANDIDATE: CANDIDATE SHALL SUPPLY COPIES TO THE AQB FOR REVIEW.</u></b>				
CERTIFICATE No.	SECTOR, NDT METHOD & LEVEL	EXPIRY DATE	ISSUING CERTIFICATION BODY (FOR VERIFICATION PURPOSES)	
AQB REVIEW: All relevant information provided: YES                      NO				
Exemption considered: YES                      NO				
AQB Name:	Application reviewed by:	Name:	Signature:	
<b>BESPOKE TRAINING RECOMMENDATIONS</b>				
AQB RECOMMENDATIONS AUTHORISED BY:	NAME:		DATE:	
BESPOKE TRAINING RECOMMENDATIONS – AQB SHALL PROVIDE DETAILS FOR CONSIDERATION BY PCN:				

**NOTE:** 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.

EXEMPTION AUTHORISED BY BINDT TECHNICAL PERSONNEL:

YES              NO

NAME:

DATE: