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PCN EXAMINATION EXEMPTIONS FOR HOLDERS OF QUALIFYING CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY RECOGNISED CERTIFICATION BODIES

Definitions

A 'Qualifying Certificate' is one that is issued by a Recognised Certification Body, and which demonstrates compliance with EN ISO 9712, covers the same Product or Industry Sector and NDT Method as the PCN Certification sought, and the NDT level is relevant in terms of exemptions applied for.

A 'Recognised Certification Body' is one 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 EN ISO 9712. BINDT may develop individual agreements with certification bodies that do not conform to this definition.

Exemptions allowed

1. BINDT will grant exemptions for the written general and specific parts of PCN Level 1 and Level 2 examinations for holders of valid Qualifying Certificates, providing the sectors match; if not general theory only will be granted.
2. A holder of a valid Qualifying Certificate may recertify directly within the PCN scheme as if a PCN certificate was held.
3. BINDT will grant exemptions for the Level 3 basic examination parts A (Materials Technology) and C (general knowledge of four NDT methods at level 2) and the Level 3 main method examination part D (general knowledge of the NDT method) for holders of valid Qualifying Certificates.
4. Level 3 candidates who do not hold a level 2 ISO:9712 certificate in the same sector and method, will be required to successfully complete the PCN level 2 practical exam
5. There are no exemptions for PAUT or TOFD

How to claim exemptions

Those claiming such exemptions should apply in the first instance, using the form at page 2, to the PCN Certification Records Office at the above address.

Verification of current certification status will be taken up with the certification body which issued the certificate for which exemptions are claimed.

Following verification, the application form will be annotated and returned to the applicant together with a letter confirming exemptions for use in support of a standard examination application to any authorised PCN Examination Centre.

Please note that certification on which the exemptions were issued must be valid at the time of examination.

PSL/49 – The completed form must be sent to BINDT with traceable copies of the certification in respect of which an exemption is sought.

Personal Details	PCN No. (if existing PCN holder):		
FAMILY NAME			
GIVEN NAME(S)			
FULL POSTAL ADDRESS			
TELEPHONE		FAX:	
E-MAIL			
PCN Certification sought			
PRODUCT OR INDUSTRY SECTOR	NDT METHOD	LEVEL	SCOPE (CATEGORY) OF CERTIFICATION SOUGHT
Details of <u>non</u>-PCN certificates held (in respect of which exemption is sought)			
CERTIFICATE No.	SECTOR, NDT METHOD & LEVEL	EXPIRY DATE	CERTIFICATION BODY (FOR VERIFICATION PURPOSES)
FOR PCN INTERNAL USE			
REGISTER No			DATE
EXAMINATION EXEMPTIONS GRANTED (TO BE COMPLETED 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.

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 and 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.

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SIGNED FOR PCN: _____ INITIALS: _____ DATE: _____

(Impressed by PCN cold seal)