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APPLICATION OF: RECERTIFICATION, SUPPLEMENTARY examination OR RETEST of failed examination.  
COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE AQB (PSL4)  
DO NOT SEND TO BINDT

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**RECERTIFICATION EXAM:**

1. To ensure continuity, applications for recertification shall be submitted in a timely manner to ensure the examination is taken no later than 6 weeks prior to the expiry date. Recertified certificates will be issued from the previous expiry and expire 5 years minus a day from the original expiry date, unless a late or deferred application has been submitted.
2. Recertification exams can be sat and booked within the 6 weeks prior to the expiry date, however, the candidate shall apply for deferred approval using document PSL-28 and shall incur the financial penalty.
3. Applications for recertification by examination submitted after the certificate has expired may be considered by BINDT, up to a maximum of 10 months after the expiry date, however, the candidate shall apply for late approval using document PSL-28 and shall incur the financial penalty.
4. If the examination was sat after the expiry date without a deferred/late approval then the results notice shall be considered invalid.
5. Candidates who require deferred/late approval shall not attempt to book a recertification examination nor shall the AQB confirm an examination booking until the status of the deferred/late application is confirmed by BINDT i.e. approved or declined by BINDT. Requirements of PSL28 must be followed.

**SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMS:**

For all supplementary requirements and rules refer to PCN/GEN.

1. All initial supplementary exams must be sat no later than 6 months prior to the expiry date of the certificate being supplemented to ensure the results notice is received before the expiry date. Results notices received after the expiry date will not be accepted.

**Extensions to retest:** if an extension to retest is requested, the extension will be based on the latest retest date given on the result notice. REF form PSL-55



## PRESSURE EQUIPMENT DIRECTIVE 2014/68/EU

- As of 1st May 2021, examinations (initial, recertification and supplementary) and renewal applications for those sector/methods eligible for PED recognition (see below table 1) will include a charge of £45.00 plus VAT, this will be charged as a PCN PED administration fee.
- The AQB shall implement this charge in addition to the PCN administration fee for relevant examinations (see below table 1).
- PCN holders will receive automatic recognition to the Pressure Equipment Directive and be visible on the WQ-iC verification page. They will be issued with a certificate showing compliance with PED.
- Approval will continue until the certificate has expired.

**Table 1**

| Sectors                         | Methods   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| 2 Pre and in-service<br>6 Welds | 20 Eddy Current<br>21 Magnetic Particle Testing<br>22 Liquid Penetrant Testing<br>23 Visual testing<br>24 Ultrasonic Testing<br>25 Radiography<br>27 TOFD<br>28 Phased Array<br>29 Computer Radiographic Testing<br>34 Radiographic Interpreter<br>35 Computer Radiographic Interpreter |

### CP27 CODE OF ETHICS

It is a condition of PCN certification that certificate holders are expected, as a minimum to understand, acknowledge and abide by the CP27 code of ethics and the principles contained herein. It is a requirement that all PCN applicants and certificate holders acknowledge, by signature, that they have read, understood and acknowledge this code of ethics and agree to abide by them at all times whilst engaged in PCN certified NDT and/or CM activities. <https://www.bindt.org/downloads/CP27.pdf>

### GENERAL INFORMATION (please read carefully before completing application).

This form is to be used by candidates applying for recertification or supplementary examinations, or for retests of previously failed examinations. Form PSL/57A is to be used for candidates applying for initial examination in any PCN designated NDT method as applied in an industry or product sector.

All candidates for PCN recertification or supplementary examinations and certification are required to fulfill the conditions specified in the current edition of document CP16 (for levels 1 and 2) or CP17 (for level 3) as appropriate.

Eligibility is defined in terms of visual acuity and continuity in the application of the certification for which recertification or supplementary examinations are sought. Candidates will be required to supply verifiable evidence of satisfying all eligibility criteria and PCN publishes the following documents, all of which are available free of charge, for use in recording and providing such information in an acceptable format:

Candidates shall supply, to the AQB, verifiable evidence of satisfying all eligibility criteria i.e. valid visual acuity and experience prior to booking an examination, in the event that BINDT discovers that the required evidence of eligibility is not submitted, any examination results or certification awarded as a result will of the examination will be null and void.

**PSL/44** PCN Vision Requirements, including optional form for recording results of tests

**CP/16** Renewal of level 1 and level 2 certificates

**CP/17** Renewal/Recertification of level 3 certificates

Initial enquiries for examination appointments should be made to the PCN Test Centre by telephone. However, no examination appointment can be considered confirmed until a correctly completed application form and supporting information has been received. Applications should be legibly completed.

Once completed, this form and supporting information should be sent to the PCN Test Centre together with relevant payment information or examination fees. One application form is to be submitted in respect of each examination applied for.

Applications dependent upon the individual holding current valid PCN certification must be supported by acceptable evidence of such certification. If a photocopy is attached to this application as evidence, the candidate will be required to show the original on the day of the examination.

Where marks from earlier examinations are to be included in the average grade, the candidate should supply the relevant examination result notice (or, where unavailable, verifiable information from which the date and scope of the examination and the PCN Test Centre where the examination took place can be ascertained). Failure to comply with this requirement may result in a refusal to examine.

Please refer to the PCN/GEN document for clarification on requirements for **Retests, Supplementary exams** and **Distinction grading**.

#### **INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED BY APPLICANT**

This application form asks for specific details on continuity and must be signed to the effect that these details are correct. In the event of a false statement being discovered, any certification awarded as a result of the examination will be null and void. Please complete all of the following parts.

## **PCN INTRODUCES ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATES**

PCN is transitioning to e-certification, whereby certificates are to be issued electronically, so that PCN certificate holders can view and print their certificates from their laptop or mobile device.

To be eligible for e-certification, the PCN holder must ensure PCN has an up-to-date electronic copy of their photo (taken within the past 10 years), a signature and valid email address.

### **APPLICATION FORM**

#### **PART 1. CANDIDATE'S PERSONAL DETAILS – ALL PARTS ARE MANDATORY**

|   |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|
| Family name:  |  | Given names:   |  |
| Candidate's usual residence, including postcode/zip code (this address will be shown on the certificate):   |  | Address, including postcode/zip code, to which the PCN certificate, when issued, is to be sent (if hardcopy certificate issued). |  |
| Personal email address (for issue of e-certificate):  |  |  |  |
| <b>CANDIDATE'S SIGNATURE<br/>AUTHORISING CERTIFICATE TO BE<br/>SENT TO ABOVE ADDRESS:</b>   |  |  |  |
| Telephone number including area code/international dial code:   |  | PCN number:  |  |
| Gender (optional):  |  | Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy):  |  |
| It may be possible to make provision in PCN examinations for candidates with special requirements, please bring this fact to the attention of the examining body. |  |  |  |

#### **PART 2. CURRENT EMPLOYMENT DETAILS (to be completed by all applicants)**

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Employer's name and address (including telephone, email address and post code): |  |
| Candidate's position in the organisation:                                       | Employment status (employed or self employed): |

#### **PART 3. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY** (applicable only to recertification applicants - list all employers during previous 5 years, continuing on a separate sheet if necessary, or attach a completed record of employment using CP16 annex D1)

| Employing organisation | Period of employment (from – to) | Contact name and telephone number for verification purposes |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
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|------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Employing organisation | Period of employment<br>(from – to) | Contact name and telephone number<br>for verification purposes |
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|                        |                                     |  |

**PART 4. EXAMINATION APPLIED FOR** (to be completed by all applicants - check examination availability with the Test Centre before completing)

|   |   |      |      |  |    |    |    |
|---|---|------|------|--|----|----|----|
| Examination type (please state if <u>supplementary</u> , <u>recertification</u> or <u>retest</u> of a previously failed examination):   |   |      |      |  |    |    |    |
| Products or industry sector in which certification is sought (castings, welds, forgings/wrought products, pre & in-service inspection, railway or aerospace):   |   |      |      |  |    |    |    |
| NDT method (tick only ONE NDT method):  | ET  | MT   | PT   | RT   | RI | UT | VT |
|   | CRT   | TOFD | PAUT | Other please state:                                    |    |    |    |
| Level (tick one box).<br>N.B. RI is level 2 only  | 1   | 2    | 3    | If level 3 retest, state whether Basic or Main Method: |    |    |    |
| <b>Sector/methods applicable to PED recognition and administration charge</b>   |   |      |      |  |    |    |    |
| 2 Pre and in-service<br>6 Welds   | 20 Eddy Current<br>21 Magnetic Particle Testing<br>22 Liquid Penetrant Testing<br>23 Visual testing<br>24 Ultrasonic Testing<br>25 Radiography<br>27 TOFD<br>28 Phased Array<br>29 Computer Radiographic Testing<br>34 Radiographic Interpreter<br>35 Computer Radiographic Interpreter |      |      |  |    |    |    |
| State in the space below the categories of certification that you seek to attain (see relevant appendix to PCN/GEN). Note that there may be limitations upon the number of categories that may be attempted at any one sitting - consult PCN or the Test Centre for further advice. |   |      |      |  |    |    |    |
| For recertification or supplementary, provide applicable certificate number and expiry date:  |   |      |      |  |    |    |    |
| For retest, give applicable results notice number:  |   |      |      |  |    |    |    |
| Preferred examination date and venue:   |   |      |      |  |    |    |    |

**PART 5. PAYMENT** (to be completed by all applicants - applicable sections only)

|  |                               |                                     |                               |   |                              |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| Name and address for invoice (if different from candidate's), including telephone/fax number:  |                               |                                     |                               |   |                              |
| Some Test Centres provide accommodation or information on the availability of local accommodation. If you wish to receive assistance with accommodation, please tick here: |                               |                                     |                               |   |                              |
| Preferred method of payment (bank draft, BACS, cheque, credit card):   |                               |                                     |                               |   | Tick box if cheque enclosed: |
| Name of senior responsible official of the organisation paying examination fees (not the candidate - unless self employed):  |                               |                                     |                               |   |                              |
| Company order reference:   |                               |                                     |                               |   |                              |
| For credit card payment, tick the relevant box & provide issue and expiry dates:   | <input type="checkbox"/> Visa | <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard | <input type="checkbox"/> Amex | <input type="checkbox"/> Switch   | Issue & expiry dates:        |
| Name on card:  |                               |                                     |                               |   |                              |
| Card number:   |                               |                                     |                               | Security code (last 3 figures on the security strip on the reverse of the card) |                              |
| Signature of above named individual:   |                               |                                     |                               |   |                              |
| Address of credit card holder:   |                               |                                     |                               |   |                              |
| Debit the above credit/debit card for the amount shown in respect of exam fees (check with Test Centre to confirm that credit card payment is available)                   |                               |                                     |                               |   | £ :                          |

**PART 6. CANDIDATE’S STATEMENT CONFIRMING ELIGIBILITY FOR EXAMINATION**

CANDIDATE’S FULL NAME: .....

PCN NUMBER (if existing PCN certificate holder): .....

I have read and understand PCN General Requirements 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 PCN document **CP27**). I understand that, in the event of a false statement being discovered, any certification awarded as a result of the examination will be null and void. I accept responsibility for payment of examination fees in the event of non-payment by the sponsor. I understand that BINDT will hold and use personal data supplied by me for administration purposes. These purposes have been notified under the Data Protection Act 1998. The data may also be used to send separate unsolicited mailings\* containing details of events, new services, products etc...

SIGNATURE: ..... DATE: .....

**Attach**

- a. Vision test certificate (PCN PSL44 may be used) unless vision test arranged at Test Centre
- b. Correct examination fee (unless part 5 of this form is appropriately completed); details of fees are available from the test or examination centre.

**Bring**

- c. Your PCN record of certification
- d. Your own NDT instrument if desired (information on acceptable instruments is available from the Test Centre), together with a valid calibration certificate.

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**PART 7. VERIFICATION OF CANDIDATE’S STATEMENT BY THE SPONSOR, EMPLOYER OR, IF THE CANDIDATE IS SELF-EMPLOYED, A REFEREE.**

To the best of my belief, the candidate's statement given above is correct at the time of signing.

NAME: .....SIGNATURE: .....

COMPANY: .....EMAIL: .....

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**PART 8. FOR OPTIONAL USE BY THE TEST CENTRE**

EXAMINATION DATE: ..... EXAMINATION VENUE: .....

EXAMINER: ..... MODERATOR: .....

PAYMENT RECEIVED: ..... RESULT REFERENCE: .....

EXAMINATION FILE COMPLETE AND CLOSED (initials/date): .....

REMARKS (if any verification sought and obtained, record details below):

**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 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.*

## PSL-57B APPENDIX A - REQUIREMENTS FOR PSL-57B Supplementary and Recertification

### 1. Procedure for Recertification by Examination

A candidate who is unsuccessful in the recertification process will be considered an initial candidate for certification in that sector, method and level covered by the original certificate, candidates are advised to prepare thoroughly for recertification.

It may be considered advisable to undertake continuation training at a BINDT approved training organisation before attempting the recertification examination. Such training is to be recorded using Annex D2

- 1.1. Applications for recertification by examination submitted after the certificate has expired may be considered by BINDT, up to a maximum of 10 months after the expiry date of the certificate concerned. In this instance the candidate shall apply for late approval and shall incur the financial penalty.
  - a. Certificates on issue 01 (5 year revalidation) – Applications for recertification by examination exceeding the 10 month period will not be admitted and the candidate shall be permitted to attempt a recertification examination
  - b. Certificates on issue 02 (10 year revalidation) – Applications for recertification by examination exceeding the 10 month period will not be admitted and the candidate shall successfully pass an initial examination (general, specific, and practical) for level 1 and level 2 and a main method examination for level 3
- 1.2. Candidates shall not attempt to book a recertification examination nor shall the AQB confirm an examination booking until the status of the deferred/late application is confirmed i.e. approved or declined by BINDT. Requirements of PSL28 must be followed.
- 1.3. The certificate holder must submit documentary evidence of a satisfactory test of visual acuity (meeting the published requirements of PCN document PSL/44) conducted within the 12 months prior to recertification.
- 1.4. Applications for **\*\*supplementary examination** (which also serves as recertification) using form PSL57B must be submitted during the validity of the certificate and the supplementary exam shall be taken no later than 6 months prior to the date of certificate expiry. The PSL57B application must be completed and submitted by the applicant directly to the AQB, together with:

- Eye Test (Documentary evidence of a satisfactory test of visual acuity)
- A completed PSL/33 where the holder's PCN wallet card was issued more than ten years ago.

The current AQB recertification or supplementary examination fee (details of fees are provided directly by the AQB).

**\*\*Full requirements for supplementary examination – refer to PCN GEN Supplementary Examinations**

- 1.5. Whilst there is no mandatory requirement to submit surveillance records at recertification, it is strongly recommended that employers of NDT personnel implement a system of internal surveillance as described in Annex B. Where records of surveillance are available, they should be submitted with applications for recertification in order to demonstrate satisfactory work activity without significant interruption.
- 1.6. In the event that a PCN certificate has expired or there is not sufficient time remaining on the certificate, a supplementary examination shall not be permitted and the candidate shall re-gain the certificate via the recertification procedure prior to supplementing.
- 1.7. Late/deferred applications will incur an additional charge, listed within PCN document PSL35.
- 1.8. To recertify, the candidate must successfully complete a practical recertification examination. The recertification examination will include testing selected specimens appropriate to the scope of certification to be revalidated and, for Level 2, the production of a written NDT instruction suitable for use by Level 1 personnel.
- 1.9. If the individual fails to achieve a grade of at least 70% for each specimen attempted (weighted according to PCN document CP22), two retests of the whole recertification examination shall be allowed after at least 7 days and before 6 months



- 1.10. In the event of failure in a recertification examination, BINDT will immediately cancel the certificate concerned, issuing a new record of certification that no longer shows the competence concerned, and sending this with an explanatory letter to the certificate holder requesting the return of the superseded record of certification which is a mandatory requirement. The cancellation of the certificate will not affect the eligibility of the candidate to attempt the two permitted retests within the 6 month period allowed.
- 1.11. In the event of failure in the two allowable retests, the certificate shall not be revalidated and, to regain certification for that level, sector and method the candidate shall apply for new certification. In this case, no examination exemptions shall be awarded by virtue of any other valid certification held.
- 1.12. Holders of Level 1 or 2 certification who wish to add an additional category (where appropriate) at the same level, will be required to attempt a supplementary examination comprised of specific written and/or specific practical parts.
- 1.13. Appeals may be made against failure to recertify a PCN certificate. All appeals must be made in writing using the BINDT form CP21

### Important information for Radiography certification

- 1.14. In addition, holders of radiography certification at all levels will be required to be in possession of valid PCN basic radiation safety or radiation protection supervisor certification (or alternative national radiation safety certification where the certificate holder concerned is engaged in radiography exclusively outside of the United Kingdom) to maintain the validity of the radiography certificate.

### Summary of changes

| Issue    | Issue date | Summary of changes   |
|----------|------------|--|
| 15       | 01.07.2018 | GDPR included<br>Requirements for supplementary and recertification included<br>Contents section added |
| 15 rev 1 | 30.01.2019 | Clause 1.10 amended to state 2 permitted retests as per PCN GEN  |
| 16       | 01.04.2021 | Updated to include new PED requirements  |
| 17       | 01.01.2022 | Updated to incorporate e-certification eligibility   |

## CP27 ISSUE 2 DATED 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2021

### CODE OF ETHICS FOR PCN CERTIFICATE HOLDERS

Individuals certified within the PCN Scheme must recognise that personal integrity and professional competence are the fundamental principles on which their testing activities are founded. Consequently, it is required that all PCN certified NDT personnel subscribe to a “Code of Ethics” designed to protect the integrity of any NDT processes and inspections in which they may become involved.

The integrity of NDT and CM processes and the people performing those processes is a fundamental requirement in ensuring that the inspections performed remain at the highest possible level in terms of quality and reliability. Consequently, BINDT and industry at large expect all PCN certified NDT and CM personnel to conduct themselves in an ethical and morally acceptable manner at all times whilst performing their NDT/CM duties.

It is a condition of PCN certification that certificate holders are expected, as a minimum to understand, acknowledge and abide by this code of ethics and the principles contained herein. It is a requirement that all PCN applicants and certificate holders acknowledge, by signature below, that they have read, understood and acknowledge this code of ethics and hereby agree to abide by them at all times whilst engaged in PCN certified NDT and/or CM activities.

I, the undersigned, undertake to:

1. comply with this code of ethics;
2. apply themselves correctly and to maintain high levels of integrity, honesty, skill and proficiency in the conducting of NDT
3. undertake only those non-destructive testing assignments for which they are competent by virtue of their training, qualification and experience. i.e. to only perform inspections commensurate with their level of certification in the applicable test disciplines.
4. perform all inspections to the best of one’s ability at all times and to resist any outside pressures that they consider may have the potential to affect the integrity, honesty, quality or outcome of any testing performed. Any such undue pressures should be reported to the employing management/supervision and BINDT.
5. only sign documents for work of which they have personal professional knowledge and/or direct supervisory control;
6. engage, or advise the engagement of, such specialists as are required to enable assignments to be properly completed;
7. conduct themselves in a responsible manner and utilize fair and equitable business practices in dealing with colleagues, clients and associates;
8. at all times, be aware of and uphold the provisions/ requirements of codes, regulations and standards under which they are working;
9. immediately report to their supervisor/employer any perceived violation(s) of codes, regulations or standards. In the event that their supervisor/employer provides no satisfactory explanation or takes no corrective action, the certified individual shall report the situation direct to the British Institute of NDT;
10. perform their professional duties with proper regard for the physical environment and the safety, health and well-being of the public;
11. protect to the fullest extent possible, consistent with the well being of the public and the provisions of this code of ethics, any information given to them in confidence by an employer, colleague or member of the public;

12. avoid conflicts of interest with the employer or client, but when unavoidable, forthwith disclose the circumstances to the employer or client;
13. strive to maintain their proficiency by updating their technical knowledge as required to properly practice NDT in the certified methods and levels.
14. indicate to the employer or client any adverse consequences which may result from an overruling of their technical judgment by a non-technical authority;
15. not falsify nor permit misrepresentation of their own or their associate's academic or professional qualifications, training, experience or work responsibilities;
16. refrain from making unjustified statements or from performing unethical acts which would discredit the PCN scheme;
17. immediately report to the British Institute of NDT any perceived or known fraudulent use of PCN certification, including the use of forged or false PCN certification.
18. immediately report to the British Institute of NDT any perceived violation(s) of this code of ethics;
19. immediately report to the British Institute of NDT any attempt to pressure or force an individual certified under the PCN Scheme to violate this code of ethics;
20. inform their employer in the event that their PCN certificate is suspended, cancelled or withdrawn.

Failure to comply with the above code of ethics will be dealt with under arrangements for handling complaints and appeals (PCN document CP21 refers).

**REMINDER:** PCN certificate holders are reminded that they should be aware of the consequences that may arise from any failure to comply with this code of ethics including the consequences of in-service failures and any ongoing effect on the health and safety of persons, plant, equipment and the environment.

*I acknowledge I have read and understand the PCN "Code of Ethics" and hereby give my commitment to abide by those principles in the performance of my NDT duties whilst certified by PCN.*

**Name (Print):**

**Signed:**

**Date:**