QUALIFICATION, PRE-REQUISITES AND THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS FOR COMPETENCE CERTIFICATION SCHEMES

Certification process:

The process described below applies primarily to UKAS Accredited Assessments and Certification but may also be applied to Assessments and the achievement of non UKAS Accredited Certification.

A list of Assessment Centres is available on the Blue Flame Certification Ltd Website www.blueflamecertification.com enabling a candidate to locate a Centre for each of the Sectors as described below which is convenient to their area.

Candidates wishing to undertake Assessment and achieve UKAS Accredited Certification should:

- Apply to the Assessment Centre that is able to provide the Assessments required
- The Assessment Centre will require evidence of eligibility as well as photographic and identification documentation
- All Fee details required to be paid for Assessment and Certification will be provided by the Assessment Centre
- Assessment will require candidates to undertake 'Open Book' Theory Examinations and Practical Workshop tasks
- Assessment Centres will supply completed candidate paperwork to Blue Flame Certification for the Certification decision
- Successful candidates will be issued with a Certificate of Assessment and results will be transmitted to the appropriate Registrar eg: Gas Safe, OFTEC, NAPIT, RGII etc.
- Standards of Service are described within the respective Sector Scheme Rules.

Note:

- Candidates with special needs should identify such requirements on application to Assessment Centres and appropriate measures will be undertaken to accommodate these.
- The Certification status of individuals holding Blue Flame Certification will be made publicly available on request.

Pre-Requisites required by candidates applying for Assessment:

Sector: ACS GAS

Core Domestic Natural Gas and Appliances (CCN1)

Code CCN1 (plus appliance codes)

Background CCN1 (or a suitable changeover) is required for an operative wishing to work on domestic gas installations and appliances. In addition, the operative must also hold the relevant appliance element appropriate to the work they wish to undertake.

Pre-requisites For initial CCN1 assessment candidates must meet the entry requirements as described in EU Skills Guidance Note 8 for category 1, 2, and 3 entrants or the ACS Operational Document for the Nationally Accredited Scheme for Individual Gas Fitting Operatives (available on the EUSkills Website).

For re-assessment, candidates must have held the element previously - if this has expired within 12 months of the assessment date the initial assessment must be undertaken.

Core Commercial Heating Natural Gas and Appliances

Code COCN1 (plus appliance and pipework codes)

Background COCN1 (or a suitable changeover) is required for any operative wishing to work on non-domestic gas installations and commercial heating and hot water appliances. In addition, the operative must hold the relevant appliance element to the work they wish to undertake.

Pre-requisites For the initial COCN1assessment candidates must meet the entry requirements as described in EU Skills Guidance Note 8 for category 1, 2, and 3 entrants or the ACS Operational Document for the Nationally Accredited Scheme for Individual Gas Fitting Operatives (available on the EUSkills Website).

For re-assessment, candidates must have held the element previously - if this has expired within 12 months of the assessment date the initial assessment must be undertaken.

Core Commercial Catering Natural Gas and Appliances

Code CCCN1 (plus appliance and pipework codes)

Background CCCN1 (or a suitable changeover) is required for any operative wishing to work on non-domestic catering gas installations and appliances. In addition, the operative must hold the relevant appliance element to the work they wish to undertake

Pre-requisites For the initial assessment candidates must meet the entry requirements as described in EU Skills Guidance Note 8 for category 1, 2, and 3 entrants or the ACS Operational Document for the Nationally Accredited Scheme for Individual Gas Fitting Operatives (available on the EUSkills Website).

For re-assessment, candidates must have held the CCCN1 previously - if this has expired within 12 months of the assessment date the initial assessment must be undertaken.

Core Commercial Laundry Natural Gas and Appliances

Code CCLNG1 (plus appliance and pipework codes)

Background CCLNG1 (or a suitable changeover) is required for any operative wishing to work on non-domestic laundry gas installations and appliances. In addition, the operative must hold the relevant appliance element to the work they wish to undertake.

Pre-requisites For the initial assessment candidates must meet the entry requirements as described in EU Skills Guidance Note 8 for category 1, 2, and 3 entrants or the ACS

Operational Document for the Nationally Accredited Scheme for Individual Gas Fitting Operatives (available on the EUSkills Website).

For re-assessment, candidates must have held the element previously - if this has expired within 12 months of the assessment date the initial assessment must be undertaken.

Core domestic and non-domestic emergency service (CESP1) and gas metering work (CMA1)

Code CESP1 or CMA1 plus associated pipework or meter elements

Background CESP1 and CMA1 (or a suitable changeover) is required for any operative wishing to either carry out emergency service gas work or gas metering work. In addition, the operative must hold the relevant pipework or meter element for the work they wish to undertake.

Pre-requisites For the initial assessment candidates must meet the entry requirements as described in EU Skills Guidance Note 8 for category 1, 2, and 3 entrants or the ACS Operational Document for the Nationally Accredited Scheme for Individual Gas Fitting Operatives (available on the EUSkills Website).

For re-assessment, candidates must have held the element previously - if this has expired within 12 months of the assessment date the initial assessment must be undertaken.

Core LPG and Appliances

Code CCLP1 or CONGLP1 plus associated dwelling type (plus appliance codes)

Background CCLP1 (or a suitable changeover) is required for any operative wishing to work on Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG) installations and appliances. In addition, candidates must hold the relevant appliance element for the work they wish to undertake.

Pre-requisites For the initial assessment candidates must meet the entry requirements as described in EU Skills Guidance Note 8 for category 1, 2, and 3 entrants or the ACS Operational Document for the Nationally Accredited Scheme for Individual Gas Fitting Operatives (available on the EUSkills Website).

For re-assessment, candidates must have held the element previously - if this has expired within 12 months of the assessment date the initial assessment must be undertaken.

Sector: OFTEC OIL

Oil Firing work should only be undertaken by a Technician who has passed an appropriate assessment. Assessment will ensure that an appropriate standard has been met.

Code OFT 10-101 Single stage Pressure jet Servicing and Commissioning

Background The commissioning, servicing and maintenance of new and existing oil fuelled single stage (with variants) pressure jet fired fixed combustion appliances installed in

domestic and/or light commercial applications with a single-stage burner consisting of single or modular boiler installations in accordance with manufacturer's instructions, industry codes of practice, relevant British and European Standards and National and European legislative requirements.

Code OFT 10-105E Installation of Oil and Bio-Liquid fuelled fixed combustion appliances and systems

Background The installation of new and replacement oil and bio-liquid fuelled foxes combustion appliance and associated (wet) systems. The appropriate application of energy saving measures and devices and advice.

The appropriate sizing, application, design, assembly, commissioning and de-commissioning of single appliance systems. The appropriate assembly, commissioning and de-commissioning of pre-designed multiple appliance systems. All works to be carried out in accordance with manufacturer's instructions, industry codes of practice, relevant British and European Standards and National European legislative requirements.

Code OFT 10-102(W&D) Servicing and Commissioning of oil and bio-liquid fuelled Vaporising burner fired domestic fixed combustion appliances<45KW

Background The commissioning, servicing and maintenance of new and existing oil fuelled vaporising sleeve and pot fired combustion appliances installed in domestic applications with a maximum rated output not exceeding 45Kw,in accordance with manufacturer's instructions, industry codes of practice, relevant British and European Standards and National and European legislative requirements.

Code OFT 10-600a Installation of oil fuel storage and supply systems connected to fixed combustion appliances.

Background The installation of new and replacement oil fuel storage and supply systems connected to fixed combustion appliances.

The appropriate sizing, application, design, assembly, commission and de-commissioning of single tank and appliance supply systems. The appropriate assembly, commissioning and de-commissioning of pre-designed multiple tank and multiple appliance supply systems. All works to be carried out in accordance with manufacturer's instructions, industry codes of practice, relevant British and European Standards and National and European legislative requirements.

Code OFT 10-201 Servicing and Commissioning of oil and bio-liquid fuelled multi stage pressure jet burner forced commercial combustion appliances<2MW

Background

The commissioning, servicing and maintenance of new and existing oil fuelled multi-stage pressure jet fired fixed combustion appliances installed in commercial applications with a maximum rated output not exceeding 2MW with a multi stage burner consisting of single or modular appliance installations in accordance with manufacturer's instructions, industry codes of practice, relevant British and European Standards, National and European legislative requirements.

Pre-requisites for all OFT Oil Assessments

Category 1 Applicants in this category are regarded as experienced oil technicians; they will need to provide an original certificate as evidence to the Assessment Centre prior to taking OFTEC assessments. Candidates holding OFT10-101 and/or OFT10-102 may take OFT10-105E and/or OFT10-600a assessment without training (and are therefore Category 1). Candidates holding OFT10-105E and/or OFT10-600a must undertake training before taking OFT10-101 and/or OFT10-102 (and are therefore Category 2).

Category 2 Applicants in this category are regarded as holding a nationally recognised qualification in a trade associated with oil work, candidates must provide relevant qualifications to support entry (See work qualification tables – OFTEC document **R576**),

OR

Have relevant skills and experience gained from working in a related trade such as Plumbing / Heating / Ventilation / Refrigeration / Air-Conditioning / Gas Fitting or servicing. . Applicants must provide evidence of this related experience to the Assessment Centre. The evidence must consist of, as a minimum, the following:

- Name and address of the business(s) providing the related experience. (Checklist search)
- The types of related work undertaken

Category 3 Applicants in this category are regarded as new to the oil industry, and do not hold any national qualifications in a related field nor have any related work experience. Application conditions for this category require that the Category 3 applicant may either:

• Obtain employment with an OFTEC registered business which is willing to provide auditable extended oil training programme incorporating both On and Off the Job components with organisational support prior to the applicant taking OFTEC assessment. Evidence of the contents of the programme detailing the Off the Job training and On the Job experience must be presented to the Assessment Centre as above

OR

• Undertake a training programme such as the OFT50 which is planned, managed and organised by a training provider,

Sector: NAPIT Electrical Document P Building Regulations

Code FS1 & JS1 Full Scope Electrical Inspection, Testing, Verification and Certification for All Electrical Installations against BS 7671:2008 (Amendment No. 3 2015) Requirements for Electrical Installation, IEE Wiring Regulations Seventeenth Edition

Background

The Scheme has been devised to cover two distinct scopes of individual activity within the Electrical Industry;

♣ Electrical Operatives (Electricians) FS1 & JS1

Pre-requisites for all NAPIT Electrical Document P assessments

Theory assessment part of the examinations must be successfully completed as a prerequisite to practical performance unless a candidate can demonstrate to the assessment centre that they satisfy one of the following conditions:

- ➤ Having completed preparatory training specifically associated with the assessment
- > Holding a suitable electrical qualification as determined by the assessment centre
- ➤ Being currently registered as an approved Electrical Installer or having been previously registered within the past 24 months
- Undergoing assessment to renew existing ISO 17024 Certification

Further information and appliance specific details can be obtained from the NAPIT Website www.napit.org.uk

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