

This newsletter is aimed at all personnel registered on the MCERTS Personnel Competency Certification scheme. It is intended to keep you up-to-date with scheme developments, summarise exam results, provide guidance on some technical aspects and help with future examinations. If you have any comments, suggestions or topics you would like to see included in future editions, please let us know. Send your comments to mcerts@csagroup.org

****Examination Syllabus****

A new version of the MCERTS examination syllabus (Version 9) was published in January 2015 and can be downloaded from www.mcerts.net or the direct link [here](#).

The update was to include:
CEN/TS 13649:2014.

PLEASE NOTE: This affects emissions monitoring personnel taking Technical Endorsement 3.

****CSA Group contact details****

Please note that Sira was acquired by CSA Group in 2009 and from 28th March 2015, Sira Test & Certification Limited became CSA Group Testing UK Limited. CSA Group (under Sira Certification Service) operates the MCERTS Personnel Competence Scheme on behalf of the Environment Agency.

Please contact Catriona Knewstubb with any queries about the MCERTS Personnel Competence Scheme.

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****Example calculations available****

In response to requests from candidates, example calculations have been prepared for all Technical Endorsements and are available on the CSA Group website <http://www.csagroupuk.org/services/mcerts/mcerts-personnel-certification/example-calculations/>.

An STA/EA training course is available for TE1, see <http://www.s-t-a.org/stack/> for more details.

Personnel Competence Standard

The current version of the MCERTS Personnel Competence Standard is Version 9 and was published in October 2014.

****Recertification****

Candidates are reminded that they can sit exams to recertify up to 12 months before their certification is due to expire. This means that candidates can select the date and venue most convenient to them.

Candidate feedback

CSA Group is keen to receive feedback from candidates (good or bad!) so that we can continue to improve the service we offer. To participate in our survey please go to

www.surveymonkey.com/s/MCERTSJuly2012

You do not need to provide your contact details when participating in the survey, although it would help if you have any specific feedback.

CSA Group website

All the necessary application forms, details of fees, example calculations and all examination dates and venues can be found on our website

<http://www.csagroupuk.org/services/mcerts/mcerts-personnel-certification/>

The website is regularly updated with the latest information.

*****Examination schedule, 2016*****

The examination schedule for 2016 is now available on the CSA Group website. There are four sets of exams in 2016 for Hawarden (Chester) and Gloucester and two dates each in Glasgow, Dublin and Hong Kong. In 2016, Level 2 interviews will be held in March and October.

Approved Health & Safety Training

The MCERTS Personnel Competence Standard requires all candidates to attend an approved training course that covers hazard identification and risk assessment relating to stack emission monitoring. Candidates shall attend the course every 5 years.

There are currently 4 organisations offering approved Health & Safety Training:

- Hong Kong Productivity Council (HKPC)
- Northern Environmental & Monitoring Services (n-e-m-s)
- CSA Group testing UK Limited
- STA (Source Testing Association)

After attending a Health & Safety training course **please remember** to send a copy of your certificate of attendance to CSA Group so that your records can be updated.

Examination procedures

It is important that candidates arrive in good time for their examinations. Therefore, please make sure that you arrive at least 15mins before your scheduled examination start time.

The Chester exam events are being held at CSA Group's new offices near Chester at Unit 6, Hawarden Industrial Park, Hawarden CH5 3US.

Your scheduled examination start time will be notified to you in advance.

If you are in any doubt about what time your examination is due to start, please contact Catriona at CSA Group.

Identity cards

Please make sure that you bring your MCERTS identity card with you to every examination.

It is important that you show your ID card to the examination invigilator prior to your examination.