

This newsletter is aimed at all personnel registered on the MCERTS Personnel Competency 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 [ukcompetence@csagroup.org](mailto:ukcompetence@csagroup.org)

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## **COVID-19 UPDATE & MCERTS CERTIFICATION**

During these uncertain and unpredictable times, CSA Group continue to protect the well-being of our employees, customers and communities they work and live in whilst also trying to get certain parts of our business back up and running in what will be the new normal way of doing things.

CSA Group will continue to implement the following:-

- All office based personnel (non-lab staff) will work from home
- No visitors/customers are allowed to visit our facilities, this of course will have an impact on our examination schedules
- MCERTS written examinations will be carried out external locations throughout the UK and will be adjudicated by CSA Associates
- Level 2 Interviews will be carried out virtually in collaboration with our customers.
- Stage 3 of the Certification Extension process has been implemented for those candidates in Dublin, who were unable to undertake their exams during October & November due to Southern Irelands lockdown and restrictions, certificates are being extended to August 2021

### **MCERTS Exam Fees 2021**

Please note from the **1st January 2021** some of our Exam Fees have been increased, more details can be found via the following link

<https://www.csagroupuk.org/services/mcerts/mcerts-personnel-certification/application-forms-documents/>

### **MCERT Examination Dates 2021**

MCERTS Examination Dates for 2021 have now been published on the CSA website and you can access these via the following link

<https://www.csagroupuk.org/services/mcerts/mcerts-personnel-certification/exam-dates-venues/>

CSA have also added an additional examination location in Harrogate, for those candidates further North in England, who are unable to travel over the boarder to Scotland for the Glasgow dates.

The addition of this extra location has been received positively by the Environment Agency and the Industry.

### **Virtual Level 2 Interviews**

Virtual Level 2 Interviews are proving to be very successful, so a decision has been made that these will continue throughout 2021. For those candidates wishing to undertake their Level 2 examinations, please contact CSA on the email address provided below, and a member of the team can provide you with more information on how the virtual interviews are taking place.

## Changes to TE3 Examination Syllabus

Please note that the MCERTS Syllabus is undergoing some updates to include the addition of the following standards, **which will be included as part of the Examination from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

CEN TS 17340:2020 Stationary source emissions – Determination of mass concentration of fluorinated compounds expressed as HF – standard reference method.

EN ISO 21877:2019 Stationary source emissions – Determination of the mass concentration of ammonia – manual method

We thank you for your understanding in what is a difficult and uncertain time for us all.

If you have any further questions concerning this current situation or anything else relating to your MCERTS certification, then please contact a member of the Competence Development Team on [ukcompetence@csagroup.org](mailto:ukcompetence@csagroup.org) and they will be more than happy to help.

Wishing you all well and please continue to keep safe.