

# Qualification & Certification Talk



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## New PCN ATO/AQB's and Extensions to Scope

**L**avender International in Sheffield has been approved to offer ACFM training and examinations.

Two new applications have been received for prospective AQB's, both in Singapore. Initial audit dates have been set and an update will be published in the next NDT News.

**Aberdeen NDE Centre** is now authorised to conduct NDT training as a BINDT-accredited

training organisation (ATO). **Contact:** Aberdeen NDE Centre, Block 2, Unit 7, Souterhead Industrial Centre, Souterhead Road, Altens, Aberdeen AB12 3LF. Tel: +44 (0)1224 894422; Email: [info@aberdeenndecentre.com](mailto:info@aberdeenndecentre.com); Web: <http://www.aberdeenndecentre.com>

**Test NDT International Ltd** is now authorised to conduct NDT training as a BINDT-accredited training organisation (ATO). **Contact:** Test NDT International Ltd, 16 Tolsey Drive, Hutton, Preston, Lancashire PR4 5SH. Tel: +44 (0)1772 616913; Email: [ndtguru@aol.com](mailto:ndtguru@aol.com)

**SKF Latin America LTDA** is now authorised to conduct CM training as a BINDT-accredited training organisation (ATO). **Contact:** SKF Latin America LTDA, Calle 90, No 19c-74 P-3, Bogota, D C Colombia. Tel: +57 1 651 6161; Email: [juan.p.gonzalez@skf.com](mailto:juan.p.gonzalez@skf.com)

Following an application for extension to scope, the **Institute of Infrared Thermography** is now authorised to conduct Air Tightness Testing of Dwellings training as a BINDT-accredited training organisation (ATO). Following an application for extension to scope, **Alcontrol UK Ltd** is now authorised to conduct Marine Lubrication training as a BINDT-accredited training organisation (ATO).

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## Aberdeen NDE Centre now formally accredited by BINDT and new application centre opened

**A**berdeen NDE Centre Ltd, a specialist in providing NDT training, NDT Level III services and consultancy, has now developed and launched an NDT Application Centre for the oil and gas industry to include the accommodation of a variety of other industries within the world of NDE.

An investment of over £200,000 in establishing the Centre will help raise and promote a high standard of NDT training that meets with an ever-demanding requirement to have engineering students/technicians comply with sector specifications and standards.

Aberdeen NDE Centre Ltd is a privately-owned company set up in February 2009, with the training centre opening up to run the first of the training courses on 8 June 2009. The period between February and June was focused on the refurbishment of the Centre in order to accommodate reception areas and classrooms, complete with all training aids, lighting and heating, and practical dedicated facilities with purpose-built test bays suitable for the various NDT disciplines, taught using the company's new range of equipment. Included in the investment, purchases of over £50,000 have been made on flawed specimens. The sample base for training is continuously growing in order to cover welds, forgings and, in particular, corrosion/erosion.

Aberdeen NDE Centre currently employs five staff and a further six NDT Level III personnel are available, giving support in terms of consultancy and services within the UK and around the world. To date, the Centre has compiled a comprehensive list of services and experts to provide a quick, responsive resource for



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Left to right: Raymond Wilson, Tracey Wink and Andy Anderson

the industry at effective costs. Director of NDT Level III Services, Raymond Wilson, commented: "Having been in this industry for over 20 years, I believe that there are two distinct keys to significant and successful training. Firstly, the trainers must have relative knowledge, experience and education within the industry in previous years that is suited to the subject matter of the lectures given. Secondly, a high level of attention must be given to students around each NDT subject covered in lectures."

Since 1996, Raymond has been providing training and certification in NDT in accordance with company-based schemes, in particular SNT-TC-1A, working closely with many of the Aberdeen-based oil and gas related companies

in manufacture, fabrication, in-service inspection and integrity in both nationally and internationally recognised certification schemes. Over this period, Raymond has also delivered the same service extensively in many international locations around the world.

The Centre provides:

- Training in NDT methods: MT, PT, UT, ET, RT, RI, BRS, TOFD, PAUT.
- Company-specific NDT examinations and evaluations.
- Advanced training programmes for qualified and non-qualified NDT personnel.
- Consultancy NDT Level III Services - auditing/procedure drafting, review and endorsements.
- Corrosion/erosion monitoring

using conventional and advanced NDT systems.

- NDT familiarisation/awareness programmes.
- Competency assessments and evaluations.
- Equipment familiarisation programmes and application.

Since opening the Aberdeen NDE Centre, all staff have worked hard as a team to achieve the goals and objectives set for gaining ISO 9001:2008 certification, BINDT certification and becoming an approved PCN Examination Centre.

The Centre is now pleased to announce that it has met with all objectives.

After the BINDT audit in December 2009, the Centre now has formal Training Centre accreditation from BINDT, which was approved in the early part of February 2010.

With effect from March 2010 onwards, the Centre will become a PCN Examination Centre in association with the Northern Test Centre (Argyll-Ruane Ltd). Raymond said: "I am delighted that we have the continuing support and association with Northern Test Centre (Argyll-Ruane Ltd) as I have had over the past 14 years. PCN certification has been in ever-increasing demand here in Aberdeen and spreading across the world, not only by individuals themselves but also with inspection companies, who specify that their NDT personnel should meet this requirement as a minimum."

Joining Raymond on the management team as Administration Co-ordinator is Tracey Wink, who has over 12 years' experience in NDT-related industry.

For further information visit [www.aberdeenndecentre.com](http://www.aberdeenndecentre.com)

## Accreditation of training organisations for NDT/CM/marine or air tightness testing of dwellings

**T**he British Institute of NDT operates a scheme for the accreditation of NDT, CM (and most recently marine and air tightness testing of dwellings) training establishments and the validation of courses and

modules leading to certification in any of the current schemes.

Establishments are assessed against the minimum requirements for the structured training of NDT practitioners and are audited annually to ensure

the required standards are being achieved and maintained. After a successful application and accreditation approval the establishment will be issued with certification and added to our list of accredited trainers which is

available online.

For further information on how to apply, contact Jennifer Harrison (CSD Administrator) on direct dial: +44 (0)1604 823726 or email: [jennifer.harrison@bindt.org](mailto:jennifer.harrison@bindt.org)

## PCN Handbooks

**T**hose of you who are studying for a visual testing PCN examination may wish to obtain a copy of the PCN handbooks which are listed as essential reading material.

- **PCN Classroom Training Handbook on the Visual Non-Destructive Testing of Metallic Materials in General Engineering use.** Obtainable from Certification Services Division, The British Institute of Non-Destructive Testing, 1 Spencer Parade, Northampton NN1 5AA.
- **Product Technology Classroom Training Handbook.** Obtainable from Certification Services Division, The British Institute of Non-Destructive Testing, 1 Spencer Parade, Northampton NN1 5AA.

The handbooks cost £15.00 each, which includes postage and packaging.

If you wish to obtain a copy of either Handbook, please call +44 (0)1604 259056 or email: [pcn@bindt.org](mailto:pcn@bindt.org)

## Approved PCN stamps

**B**INDT is making available, for the first time, an approved form of stamp which, when used in support of the usual signature, will positively identify the PCN certificate holder reporting results of tests or authorising NDT instructions and procedures.

Two models of stamp are available:

- **Self-inking stamp.** Approximate dimensions: 95 x 50 x 40 mm. Cost: £21 plus VAT
- **Rubber stamp.** Requires separate ink pad (not supplied). Approximate dimensions: 70 x 30 x 25 mm. Cost: £16 plus VAT



The price for both models includes carriage to UK addresses. A surcharge of £2.00 is added for airmail carriage to other destinations. Anticipated time from receipt of order to delivery is 10 working days.

The graphic produced by both models measures 30 x 20 mm and includes the PCN logo, the surname and initials and PCN number of the holder and reference to [www.bindt.org/PCN](http://www.bindt.org/PCN), where the status of PCN certification can be found by searching on the name or PCN number of the stamp holder.

An order form is provided within PCN document PSL/66 available from [www.bindt.org](http://www.bindt.org) or by email request to [pcn@bindt.org](mailto:pcn@bindt.org)

## PCN Registered Update Scheme

**T**he British Institute of NDT offers the means for companies to ensure that all PCN documentation held by them is current. Your company can register and automatically receive on a quarterly basis all current PCN documents on CD-ROM.

The obvious saving in time, and the security of knowledge that your documentation is up to date, makes this service indispensable to the quality conscious company for a reduced annual fee of £125 (plus VAT for UK-based customers). An uncontrolled copy of the CD-ROM containing all PCN documents is available at £42.50 plus VAT.

Further information is available from BINDT Certification Services, tel: +44 (0)1604 259056 or email: [pcn@bindt.org](mailto:pcn@bindt.org)

## Verification of PCN NDT certification

**F**rom time to time, instances of inaccurate statements concerning PCN certification do arise. Very rarely, users of certificate personnel may be presented with fraudulent certificates and/or wallet cards.

All employers, agencies and users of NDT personnel are encouraged to seek verification of PCN certification online at <http://www.bindt.org/PCN>

PCN NDT Certification data is normally updated at least weekly. During 2009 certificate data will be updated in real-time as a new qualification is issued, and this will also include PCN CM certification.