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1.0 QUALIFICATION ASSESSMENT

1.1 The applicant shall fulfil the minimum requirements of education, training, experience, examinations and vision prior to certification.

1.2 The applicant shall provide documentary evidence, acceptable to RSA, the following:

- a. Education,
- b. Experience,
- c. Satisfactorily completed training
- d. Recent vision test

1.3 Certification Department shall verify the examination grades given by the Examination Department.

2.0 CERTIFICATION VALIDITY

Certification becomes effective from the date of completion of the initial examination and shall be valid for five (5) years unless revoked for reasons defined in Sections 3.0 and 4.0.

3.0 CONDITION OF CERTIFICATION

The period of validity shall commence (date of issue of the certification) when all the requirements for certification (education, training, experience, satisfactory vision test, success in examination) are fulfilled. Certification becomes invalid:

- a. At the discretion of RSA, e.g. after reviewing evidence of behaviour incompatible with the certification procedures or failure to abide by a code of ethics.
- b. If the CP personnel become physically incapable of performing his duties based upon failure of the visual acuity examination taken annually under the responsibility of his employer.

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- c. If the CP personnel has not been actively engaged in the performance or supervision of coating and lining work inspection for a period of one (1) year or more during the certification period.
- d. If the inspector fails recertification, until such time he/she meets the requirements for recertification or initial certification.
- e. If examination or certification fees are not paid when due.

4.0 CERTIFICATION VERIFICATION

- 4.1 RSA shall release certification test results only to the CP personnel concerned, or to an individual or agency designated by the CP personnel through a written, notarized, and witnessed authorization.
- 4.2 Requests for verification of a CP personnel's certification status and number shall be honoured. Without the explicit written consent of the inspector or certificate holder, RSA staff may provide only the following information: certification number, date of certification, expiration date, photograph, status (e.g., active, revoked), and any certification limitations (e.g., corrected vision).

5.0 SUSPENSION AND WITHDRAWAL

- 5.1 The Certification Committee has the authority to suspend, deny renewal, revoke, place on probation, or issue a reprimand against CP personnel certification if false or misleading information is provided regarding qualifications, status, assignments, or other certification-related matters—whether at the time of initial application or in subsequent applications (e.g., renewal).
- 5.2 The Certification Committee may also suspend, deny renewal, revoke, place on probation, or reprimand a certificate holder found guilty of engaging in unauthorized practices as defined in the Code of Ethics, Rules of Conduct, and Practice.

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5.3 A revoked certificate may be reinstated without penalty or prejudice to the individual once the cause of revocation has been satisfactorily resolved to the Certification Committee's approval.

6.0 SUSPENSION AND WITHDRAWAL

6.1 The Certification Committee holds the authority to suspend, deny renewal, revoke, place on probation, or issue a reprimand against CP personnel certification if any misrepresentation of facts is made concerning personal qualifications, status, assignments, or other certification-related information—whether such misrepresentation occurs during the initial application or in subsequent applications (e.g., renewal).

6.2 The Certification Committee may also suspend, deny renewal, revoke, place on probation, or reprimand a certificate holder found guilty of engaging in unauthorized practices, as defined under the Code of Ethics, Rules of Conduct, and Practice.

6.3 A revoked certificate may be reinstated without penalty or prejudice once the reason for revocation has been satisfactorily resolved to the Certification Committee's approval.

7.0 CERTIFICATION RENEWAL

7.1 Renewal applications must be submitted within six (6) months prior to the certification expiration date. Applications submitted within twelve (12) months after expiration shall require recertification in accordance with Section 8.0. Beyond this period, no exceptions are allowed, and the inspector must undergo the full examination process as required for new applicants.

7.2 Certification may be renewed for an additional five (5) years upon submission of:

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- a. Documentary proof of a satisfactory visual acuity examination conducted within the past twelve (12) months.
- b. Evidence of being actively engaged as CP personnel during the most recent five-year certification cycle, and
- c. Successful completion of a twenty (20) multiple-choice quiz on the latest procedures, standards, and codes, with a minimum passing score of 70%.

7.3 *Actively engaged as CP personnel* is defined as having no period of one (1) year or longer during the certification cycle in which the inspector did not perform or supervise coating and lining inspection work.

7.4 Inspectors are permitted up to two (2) retests of the quiz, provided these occur before the certificate's expiration date. Failure of all permitted retests requires recertification in accordance with Section 8.0.

8.0 RE-CERTIFICATION

8.1 Recertification through a written examination is required under the following conditions:

- a. When inspectors meet requirement 7.2a but do not meet 7.2b and/or 7.2c.
- b. At every ten (10) year renewal from the date of initial certification, provided requirement 7.2a is satisfied.

8.2 Inspectors may attempt up to two (2) re-tests, which must be completed within one (1) year after the certificate's expiry date.

8.3 Inspectors who fail all permitted recertification re-tests must apply for and complete the full examination process in accordance with the procedure for new applicants.

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8.4 All CP personnel shall be given Quiz in accordance with Section 7.2c and Practical Examination and shall pass minimum 70% for both Quiz and Practical Examination.

9.0 CERTIFICATION LEVEL UPGRADE

9.1 An IPCS Painting Inspector at Level 1 may progress to Level 2 upon meeting the Level 2 requirements for education and experience (see Table 1), as well as completing the necessary training, vision test, and examination.

9.2 An IPCS Painting Inspector at Level 2 may progress to Level 3 upon meeting the Level 3 requirements for education and experience (see Table 1), along with the required training, vision test, and examination.

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Table 1: Minimum education and additional experience requirement for level-up grading

Starting level	Target level	Education	Minimum additional experience in CP following previous certification (years)
1	2	All levels of education	1
1	3	Relevant engineering or scientific discipline degree (BSc, BEng or equivalent) and specialized education in the corrosion field (significant corrosion content at BSc or BEng level or significant post graduate corrosion study or research)	2
		Technical education	3
		Other education (requires basic mathematical skills)	4
2	3	Relevant engineering or scientific discipline degree (BSc, BEng or equivalent) and specialized education in the corrosion field (significant corrosion content at BSc or BEng level or significant post graduate corrosion study or research)	1
		Technical education	2
		Other education (requires basic mathematical skills)	3