

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 mcerts@siraenvironmental.com.

Revised Personnel Competency Standard

In June, the Environment Agency published a revised version of the MCERTS Personnel Competency Standard (Version 6.3, June 2009). The revised standard removes the requirement for candidates to submit a personal stack monitoring record. Instead, candidates are required to submit a "Confirmation of continuing work experience" form, signed by a Level 2.

Revised Guidance for Personnel and Organisations

A revised version of the MCERTS Manual Stack-Emission Monitoring Guidance for Personnel and Organisations was also published in June 2009.

Change to certification requirements -new application forms-

All applications for examinations due to be sat after 1 October 2009 must be made using the new application forms. The new forms are available to download at www.siraenvironmental.com/mcerts. Please make sure that all pages are submitted.

Certification statistics

There are currently 1028 personnel registered on the scheme and 543 certificates have been issued since 2002. Certified personnel are made up as follows:

Level 1 – 243

Level 2 - 300

Recertification exam results

220 recertification papers have been taken since October 2007. The success rate is currently 89%.

New Sira website

In July, Sira launched its new website www.siraenvironmental.com. Information, application forms and copies of Environment Agency standards can be viewed and downloaded at www.siraenvironmental.com/mcerts

Sira contact details

Please contact Pat Blazdell with any queries about the MCERTS Personnel Competence Scheme.

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Exam board meetings, 2009

Exam board meetings are scheduled for 3 September and 3 December 2009. Exam results will be notified to candidates shortly after each exam board meeting. Please remember that exam results will NOT be given out over the telephone.

Sira is now part of the CSA Group

On 3 July 2009 Sira was acquired by CSA International, the testing and certification division of the CSA Group. CSA International, based in Canada, is one of the world's premier conformity assessment organisations. To find out more about CSA go to www.csa-international.org