

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

Recent changes at Sira

As you may be aware, Sira has recently undergone a major reorganisation. Following the reorganisation, a number of staff changes have been made. Bob Cooper will continue to take overall responsibility for all MCERTS work at Sira. Pat Blazdell has taken on the role of MCERTS Co-ordinator for the Personnel Competency Certification Scheme.

Contact Bob or Pat with any queries about the MCERTS Personnel Competency Certification Scheme.

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An apology

The reorganisation at Sira in March/April coincided with the MCERTS examination board meeting on 20 March 2006. Consequently, there was a delay in providing results of examinations held between January and March. Some candidates had to wait until May before personnel competency certificates and ID cards were dispatched.

We apologise for the delay and hope that it has not caused too much inconvenience.

Exam board meetings

Exam board meetings are scheduled for 21 June and 2 August 2006. Examination results are normally provided 2 weeks after the exam board meeting.

Contact details

Sira maintains a list of personnel registered on the scheme. As competency certification is awarded to the individual, not to their employer, it is the individual's responsibility to inform Sira of changes in contact details. If changes occur please update Sira by telephoning Pat Blazdell on 0208 468 1801 or send an email to pat.blazdell@siraenvironmental.com

Certification statistics

There are currently over 700 personnel registered on the scheme and 360 certificates have been issued since 2002. Certified personnel are made up as follows:

Level 1	145	Level 2	214
TE1	228	TE2	119
TE3	100	TE4	164

TE3 – gases/vapours by manual techniques

The failure rate for the multi-choice paper is unusually high, with over 60% of candidates failing. The majority of TE3 questions currently relate to the following standards:

BS EN 1911	BS ISO 11632
BS EN 13649	BS 6069 : Part 4.1

Candidates are therefore reminded that familiarity with these standards would be beneficial.

Discussing failed papers

Candidates are invited to have a general discussion with the Chief Examiner about any failed exam papers. However, we are no longer able to discuss, in detail, individual exam paper questions and answers with candidates.