

Welsh Government Consultation



Changes to the Training and Accreditation of Street works Operatives and Supervisors in Wales

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Reason for change

- Regulations: **The Street Works (Qualifications of Supervisors and Operatives) Regulations 1992.**
- **National Approach for Road Works and Street Works in Wales:** commitment to review the training and qualifications of road workers to ensure the highest standards of training are maintained in Wales.
- England and Scotland have changed their regulations.
- Lantra challenged the existing situation whereby Awarding Bodies are named in the regulations.
- Tidy up some of the existing anomalies around the issuing process.

Welsh Specific

- Do you consider the regulatory framework in respect of street works qualifications in Wales should be aligned with the framework in England and Scotland?

Awarding Bodies

- Do you agree the market should be opened up so bodies other than those named in the 1992 regulations can act as approved bodies?

Re-assessment

- Do you consider reassessment should be introduced in Wales?
- Do you consider the existing training is robust in ensuring standards are maintained?
- Do you consider the introduction of a formal re-accreditation process in Wales would drive up standards of safety and operational works compliance?

Implications of Re-assessment

- Do you agree with the principle of allowing for re-registration within the successive renewal window and early re-registration of certificates in order to allow time for reassessment and to facilitate coordinating renewals effectively?
- Do you agree with the principle of removing the 3 month period for re-registration after expiry?
- Do you agree with the principle of allowing operatives and supervisors whose certificate of competence expired to renew by reassessment up to five years after expiry?
- Do you agree the duration of a certificate renewed by resitting the original exams should be treated in the same way as one renewed by reassessment?

Fire and Rescue Services Exemption

- Do you agree with the exemption of fire and rescue services from the requirement to have one trained operative on site where works do not involve breaking up the road or any sewer, drain or tunnel under it, or tunnelling or boring under the road?

Restructuring Qualifications

- Change from Certificates made up of Units to Specific Certificates
- Stand alone Certificates
- New Street Works Card

Existing units and certificates of competence for operatives

Units of Competence (from Schedule 1 to SI 1992 No 1687 the Street Works (Qualifications of Supervisors and Operatives) Regulations 1992)

- 1 Location and avoidance of underground apparatus
- 2 Signing, lighting and guarding
- 3 Excavation in the highway
- 4 Reinstatement and compaction of backfill materials
- 5 Reinstatement of sub-base and roadbase in non-bituminous materials
- 6 Reinstatement in cold-lay bituminous materials
- 7 Reinstatement in hot-lay bituminous materials
- 8 Reinstatement of concrete slabs
- 9 Reinstatement of modular surfaces and concrete footways

No. Certificates of Competence (from Schedule 2)

No.	Certificates of Competence (from Schedule 2)	Units required
1	Excavation in the highway	1, 2, 3
2	Excavation, backfilling and reinstatement of construction layers with a cold-lay bituminous surface	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
3	Reinstatement of construction layers in hot-lay and cold-lay bituminous materials	1, 2, 6, 7
4	Reinstatement of concrete slabs	1, 2, 8
5	Reinstatement of modular surfaces and concrete footways	1, 2, 9

Proposed new Qualifications for Operatives

- O1 Signing, lighting and guarding
- O2 Location and avoidance of underground apparatus
- O3 Excavation in the highway
- O4 Reinstatement and compaction of backfill materials
- O5 Reinstatement of sub-base and base in non-bituminous materials
- O6 Reinstatement in cold-lay bituminous materials
- O7 Reinstatement in hot-lay bituminous materials
- O8 Reinstatement of concrete slabs
- O9 Reinstatement of modular surfaces and concrete footways

Proposed changes to units and certificates

- Do you consider Wales should introduce a new qualification system which corresponds with the system in England and Scotland?
- Do you consider introducing a new qualification system which corresponds with the system in England and Scotland has benefits for Wales?
- Do you agree introducing new certificates which correspond to a single unit will prevent the duplication of units and simplify the qualifications process?

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The consultation links:

<https://beta.gov.wales/changes-street-works-qualifications>

<https://beta.llyw.cymru/newidiadau-i-gymwysterau-gwaith-stryd>

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