

Notification of Document Change

CBIP members and interested parties are advised that CBIP has made changes to a document within the certification management system.

This notification summarises the key change(s) and the rationale for change(s).

Document details			
New document title	Certification Requirements: Elevating Work Platforms Inspection		
Previous document title	PRO-CER-09 Guidelines for Certification – Elevating Work Platforms Inspectors		
Full review	Yes	Amendment only	-
New version #	06	Previous version #	05 Issued 1 July 2020
Date approved	15 July 2026	Approved by	CBIP Board
Reason for change			
Operational review in accordance with the requirements of ISO 17024:2012, 8 Certification schemes, clause 8.5 “... <i>the certification scheme is reviewed and validated on an on-going, systematic basis</i>”. Unless specified below, changes include: • minor editing • reformatting to simplify reading • minor updates to reflect current terminology and practice that do not alter competence requirements.			
Summary of changes			
Document section number, title (where applicable), brief explanation of main change(s), rationale for change.			
1	Introduction (previously Foreword section in revision 05)		
Change Removed reference to NZQA qualifications levels 4 and 5 for Cat 1 and Cat 2 respectively. Added reference to WorkSafe NZ’s Best Practice Guidelines for Mobile Elevating Work Platforms (BPG MEWP) August 2014, Section 5 Maintenance, Inspection and Repair.			
Rationale CBIP does not evaluate equivalency of CBIP certifications to qualification levels on the New Zealand Qualifications and Credentials Framework quality assured by NZQA. Provides clarification about the need for certification of EWP inspection and evidence of ongoing competence.			
2	Scope		
Change Reworded for clarification. Added requirement for newly constructed EWPs and EWPs of novel design to be initially certified by a CPEng. Added paragraph stating EWP Cat 2 inspector can only perform 6-monthly In-Service inspections of EWPs if they hold a current Certification of Competence for EWP Cat 1. EWP Cat 3 removed.			

Added reference to AS 2550.10:2006 Cranes, hoists and winches – Safe use, Part 10: Mobile elevating work platforms.

Rationale

Cat 3 was introduced to indicate the holder was certified both for Cat 1 & Cat 2. This was necessary at the time because it had previously been possible for suitably qualified persons to obtain direct entry to Cat 2 without holding Cat 1. The perceived risk at the time was that a Cat 2 holder might be assumed to also hold Cat 1.

The situation has now evolved such that all but two Cat 2 holders also hold Cat 1, so the need for the Cat 3 “clarification” has passed and it can be dispensed with. The two Cat 2 inspectors who do not hold Cat 1 have been written to individually to ensure they are aware of the limitations of their Cat 2 certification and that they are not to represent themselves as holding Cat 1.

AS 2550 is the main industry Standard to establish safe work practices and procedures around lifting requirements in general and AS 2550.10 applies to EWPs. It underpins CBIP’s EWP certification requirements, including competencies that must be demonstrated and examination content.

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Pre-requisites for discipline recognition (previously Section 3 in revision 5)

Change

Section 4.1 Qualifications for EWP Cat 1 and 4.2 Qualifications for EWP Cat 2 - added requirement for candidates who do not hold one or more of the listed qualifications. A Statement of Experience and Competence may be acceptable.

Clarified requirements for In-Service inspection for Cat 1 and Major inspection for Cat 2.

Rationale

Wording change in Section 4.1 is made to align with other similar Certification Requirements (Cranes, Yarders) to give the Board flexibility to consider applications from candidates who may have alternative career pathways and/or credentials.

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Competence Requirements for Certification

Change

Appendix A “Outline of Knowledge Requirements” removed. Relevant content from Appendix A transferred to Section 5 and made specific to Cat 1 and/or Cat 2.

Rationale

Easier flow for the reader to have content in the body of the document rather than a separate Appendix. Differences between Cat 1 and Cat 2 clarified and expanded on as necessary.

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Examinations

Change

Reference to short answer questions removed from written exams. CBIP’s written exams consist of multiple-choice questions only.

Minor amendments to reflect current practice. For example: Guidelines revision 05:

- Section 6.3 Sample Questions deleted.
- Section 6.5 Exemptions from Examination deleted

Rationale

Current practice for written EWP exams administered by CBIP are exam papers made up of 40 multiple-choice questions only. Knowledge requirements can be effectively examined by multiple-choice questions. Short answer questions are more difficult to administer, mark and moderate objectively.

Guidelines revision 05:

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- Section 6.3 states Sample questions are given in Appendix A. There are no sample exam questions in Appendix A and CBIP no longer provides sample exam questions for any certification scheme.
- Section 6.5 is covered by Certification Requirements: General, revision 12, section 3.5 Exceptions to certification requirements