
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1992 No. 1687

HIGHWAYS, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Street Works (Qualifications of Supervisors and Operatives) Regulations 1992

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>15th July 1992</i>
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The Secretary of State for Transport and the Secretary for State for Wales in exercise of their powers under section 67 of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991(1), and of all other enabling powers, hereby make the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Street Works (Qualifications of Supervisors and Operatives) Regulations 1992 and shall come into force on 5th August 1992.

2. In these Regulations:—

“the Act” means the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991;

“approved assessment centre” means an establishment approved by an approved body for the purposes of assessing achievement of units of competence;

“approved body” means a body mentioned in regulation 5;

“approved register” means the Register mentioned in regulation 5;

“certificate of competence” means a qualification, award or an equivalent thereto granted by an approved body;

“supervisor” means a person by whom street works are required to be supervised under section 67(1) of the Act;

“trained operative” means a person whose presence at the site of street works is required under section 67(2) of the Act;

“unit of competence” means one of the areas of competence set out in Schedule 1 or Schedule 3 hereto and “unit” shall be construed accordingly;

a reference to a regulation followed by a number is a reference to the regulation bearing that number in these Regulations.

3.—(1) A supervisor has a prescribed qualification for a particular type of supervisory work if:—

(1) 1991 (c. 22).

- (a) an approved body has issued him with a certificate of competence showing that he has been assessed by an approved assessment centre as having achieved the relevant unit of competence as set out in Schedules 3 and 4 hereto and that certificate is registered in an approved register; or
- (b) he has obtained a qualification of another member State of the European Community which gives an equivalent guarantee of skill and competence to that given by the certificate of competence required by paragraph (a) hereof;

provided that, for a period of two months beginning with the day on which he is assessed as having achieved the requisite unit of competence, a supervisor shall be treated as having a prescribed qualification for that type of supervisory work, notwithstanding that an approved body has not issued him with a certificate of competence or that the certificate issued to him has not been registered as required by paragraph (a) above.

(2) A supervisor shall not require a prescribed qualification for supervising the replacement of poles, lamps, columns and signs, pole testing or similar works involving minimal breaking up of the street.

4.—(1) A trained operative has a prescribed qualification for a particular type of work if:—

- (a) an approved body has issued him with a certificate of competence showing that he has been assessed by an approved assessment centre as having achieved the relevant unit of competence as set out in Schedules 1 and 2 hereto and that certificate is registered in an approved register; or
- (b) he has obtained a qualification of another member State of the European Community which gives an equivalent guarantee of skill and competence to that given by the certificate of competence required by paragraph (a) hereof;

provided that, for a period of two months beginning with the day on which he is assessed as having achieved the requisite unit of competence, a trained operative shall be treated as having a prescribed qualification for that type of work, notwithstanding that an approved body has not issued him with a certificate of competence or that the certificate issued to him has not been registered as required by paragraph (a) above.

(2) If the works do not involve breaking up the street or are works only of the type referred to in regulation 3(2), a trained operative has a prescribed qualification if he has achieved the unit of competence set out as Unit 2 in Schedule 1 hereto.

5.—(1) The bodies approved for the purpose of issuing the certificates mentioned in regulations 3 and 4 are:—

- The City and Guilds of London Institute,
- The Scottish Vocational Education Council, and
- The Certification and Assessment Board for the Water Industry.

(2) The register approved for the purpose of registering certificates mentioned in regulations 3 and 4 is the register to be kept by the Scottish Vocational Education Council as the registration body approved for the purpose by the Secretary of State.

(3) Where an approved body has issued a certificate of competence to a supervisor or a trained operative (as the case may be) it shall within one month thereof register that certificate in the approved register.

(4) The Secretary of State may withdraw any approval given by paragraph (1) or (2) of this regulation if he is satisfied that the body to whom the approval is given has failed satisfactorily to discharge the function of certification or registration under any of the provisions of these regulations.

6.—(1) For a period of two years starting on 5th August 1992 a person may act as a supervisor without having a prescribed qualification.

(2) For a period of five years starting on 5th August 1992 a person may act as a trained operative without having a prescribed qualification.

7. A prescribed qualification for a supervisor may relate to all types of work which may fall to be done by a supervisor, or may be restricted to some types of that work and the requirements of section 67 of the Act shall be deemed to be satisfied only in relation to the types of work to which that qualification relates.

8. A prescribed qualification for a trained operative may relate to all types of work which may fall to be done by a trained operative, or may be restricted to some types of that work and the requirements of section 67 of the Act shall be deemed to be satisfied only in relation to the types of work to which that qualification relates.

9.—(1) A certificate mentioned in regulation 3 or regulation 4 shall cease to be registered on the expiry of five years from the date of registration.

(2) A certificate may be registered for further successive periods of five years provided that an application for registration is received by the registration body no later than three months after the expiry of the previous registration.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

15th July 1992

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15th July 1992

Wyn Roberts
Minister of State for Wales

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SCHEDULE 1

UNITS OF COMPETENCE FOR TRAINED OPERATIVES

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

SCHEDULE 2

QUALIFICATIONS FOR TRAINED OPERATIVES

Type of Work	Units of Competence Required
1. Excavation in the highway.	Units 1, 2 and 3.
2. Excavation, backfilling and reinstatement of construction layers with a cold-lay bituminous surface.	Units 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.
3. Reinstatement of construction layers in hot-lay and cold-lay bituminous materials.	Units 1, 2, 6 and 7.
4. Reinstatement of concrete slabs.	Units 1, 2 and 8.
5. Reinstatement of modular surfaces and concrete footways.	Units 1, 2 and 9.

SCHEDULE 3

UNITS OF COMPETENCE FOR SUPERVISORS

Unit 1	Location and avoidance of underground apparatus.
Unit 10	Monitoring signing, lighting and guarding.

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Unit 11	Monitoring excavation in the highway.
Unit 12	Monitoring reinstatement and compaction of backfill materials.
Unit 13	Monitoring reinstatement of sub—base and roadbase in non-bituminous materials.
Unit 14	Monitoring reinstatement in bituminous materials.
Unit 15	Monitoring reinstatement of concrete slabs.
Unit 16	Monitoring reinstatement of modular surfaces and concrete footways.

SCHEDULE 4

QUALIFICATIONS FOR SUPERVISORS

Type of Supervisory Work	Units of Competence Required
1. Monitoring excavation in the highway.	Units 1, 10 and 11.
2. Monitoring excavation, backfilling and reinstatement of construction layers with bituminous materials.	Units 1, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14.
3. Monitoring reinstatement of construction layers in bituminous materials.	Units 1, 10 and 14.
4. Monitoring reinstatement of concrete slabs.	Units 1, 10 and 15.
5. Monitoring reinstatement of modular surfaces and concrete footways.	Units 1, 10 and 16.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations prescribe the qualifications needed for supervisors (regulation 3) and trained operatives (regulation 4), one of each of whom is required by section 67(1) and (2) of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (subject to exceptions) to supervise or be on site at all times when an undertaker executes street works involving, in the case of both supervisors and trained operatives, breaking up the street, or any sewer, drain, or tunnel under it, or tunnelling or boring under the street and, in the case of trained operatives, opening the street. A supervisor or a trained operative has a prescribed qualification if an approved body has issued him with a certificate of competence showing that he has been assessed as having achieved the relevant units of competence for the work being

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executed as set out in Schedules 1 and 2 (operatives) and Schedules 3 and 4 (supervisors). Provision is made for the recognition of equivalent qualifications obtained in another member State of the European Community (regulations 3(1)(b) and 4(1)(b)). Regulation 5 prescribes the City and Guilds of London Institute, the Scottish Vocational Education Council (“SCOTVEC”) and the Certification and Assessment Board for the Water Industry as the approved bodies for the issuing of certificates of competence and provides that SCOTVEC is the approved registration body to keep the register of certificates. Regulation 5(4) provides that the Secretary of State may withdraw approval from a named body if it fails satisfactorily to discharge its functions.

Regulation 6 makes transitional provisions and regulations 7 and 8 provide that prescribed qualifications may relate to all or any types of work to be done by a supervisor or trained operative. Finally, regulation 9 provides that a certificate expires after five years, but may be re-registered.