



High Level Comparison of The Street Works Assessment Strategy

**Version 0.2, November 2019 with pre-March 2020
Street Works Scheme Documents**

History of changes

Version	Description of change	Date
0.2	Amendment to section 10.5 Examination invigilation to include changes to process of Invigilation.	13/03/20

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Differences between **The Street Works Scheme Document October 2014** and **The Street Works Assessment Strategy (Version 0.1) November 2019**.

All centres should refer to the introduction letter of **The New Requirements to Training and Accreditation 2020** issued by the Training and Accreditation Joint Chairs.

1 Introduction

Clearly states now that a person holding both qualifications as an operative and supervisor can only work on site as an operative or supervisor and not both.

1.1 The Street Works Qualification Register

No change.

2 Certificates and Registration

No change.

3 Re-assessment England and Scotland

Re-assessment is now the initial assessment but without the practical aspect. Pre-set 20 questions multiple-choice examination for each unit with a pass mark being 80% and time allowed 45 minutes. Qualification can only be taken in English, but Welsh centres should consider The Welsh Language Act.

4 Overview of Street Works Assessment Delivery

HAUC (UK) own the awards, and are now responsible for:

- ◆ Assessment standards
- ◆ Examination questions
- ◆ Assessment recording documents
- ◆ Support assessment materials

5 Centre Approval

There should be a clear gap between any training given and assessment. Example: Training in the morning followed by the assessment in the afternoon after a suitable break. No coaching is allowed during assessments, as it would constitute malpractice and therefore prohibited.

Centre must provide the awarding organisation with their current assessment programme and, if requested, dates of assessments this should also incorporate the assessment programme that covers any planned assessment event. This will allow the awarding organisation to assess that sufficient time is allocated for assessments. (See example outline programme in Appendix B).

6 Roles and Responsibility

6.1 Centre personnel requirements

No change.

6.2 Centre administration

No change.

6.3, 6.4 Assessors, Internal Quality Assurance (IQA)

No time stated for assessors working towards their qualification as an assessor, but it states internal verifiers should ideally gain their qualification within 12 months of registration.

(SQAs Guidance on Qualification for Verifiers 2019, states that assessors and verifiers must complete their qualification in 18 months).

6.5 Trainee Assessor/IQA

Please note that the above is only allowed if centre has one fully qualified assessor and IQA already in place.

6.6 Awarding Organisation External Quality Assurance

External quality assurer will carry out announced and if appropriate, unannounced external quality assurance visit. But all centres will have at least one visit annually.

7 Assessment

7.1 Assessment methods

Operative

Minimum timescale for carrying out assessment are provided in page 28. This applies to operative and supervisors.

NOTE: Centre must notify the awarding organisation in advanced of any assessment that they intent to carry out away from the approved centre and this includes live (workplace/site assessments).

7.2 Practical assessment

No change.

7.3 Questioning

80% pass mark, 20 multiple-choice questions per unit.

7.4 Assessment decisions

No change.

7.5 Recording assessments

No change.

7.6 Candidate assessment summary

No change.

8 Operative Certification for Initial Assessments

- 1 The location used must be large enough to allow each candidate to carry out the required tasks in the minimum area specified in each certificate's guidance for any excavation or reinstatement operation.
- 2 Centres must ensure candidate numbers comply with the following assessor/candidate ratios.

8.1 Candidate assessment ratios

Big change here for centres and must be maintained. External verifiers will monitor the ratios of candidates to assessor over time, to confirm sufficient assessors available at each centre to assess the numbers of candidates in accordance with the ratios above.

Centre should refer to this full section.

8.2 Initial assessment timescales

Ratios and timescales to be followed and don't include, induction, feedback, centre administration or completion of assessment materials or examination.

Centre to refer to chart for ratios of candidates per assessor and timescales.

8.3 Operative initial assessment resources

Location and Avoidance of Underground Services

Range of at least 16 services to be provided to cover the damage and undamaged of services for identification.

Signing Lighting and Guarding

No change.

Excavation in the Highway/Road

No change.

Reinstatement and Compaction of Backfill Material

No change.

Reinstatement and Compaction of Sub-base and Base (Roadbase) in Non-Bituminous Materials

Size changed to -7 m² and 430 mm depth.

Reinstatement of Cold-Lay Bituminous Materials

No change.

Reinstatement of Hot-Lay Bituminous Materials

No change.

Reinstatement of Concrete Slabs

No change.

Reinstatement of Modular Surfaces and Concrete Footways

No change.

9 Supervisors Initial Assessed Certificates

9.1 Initial assessment methods

No change.

9.2 Observation and simulation situations

No change.

9.3 Using video for supervisor assessment

No change.

9.4 Additional workplace evidence

No change.

9.5 Time allowed for assessors

No change.

9.6 Questions

Twenty questions per unit 80% pass mark, 45 minutes per unit time allowed.

9.7 Assessment decisions

No change.

9.8 Recording assessments

No change.

9.9 Supervisor candidate assessment summary

No change.

9.10 Supervisor certificates — resources required

No change.

9.11 Using multiple-choice examination papers for initial assessment

No change.

10 Re-assessment of Operative and Supervisors Qualifications

10.1 Introduction to re-assessment (England and Scotland)

Twenty questions 80% pass mark and 45 minutes per test paper.

10.2 Re-assessment examinations

Online multiple-choice examinations will become mandatory 12 months after the new qualifications have been implemented.

10.3 Access to examinations

No change.

10.4 Examination marking (hard copies)

No change.

10.5 Examination invigilation

All examinations must be invigilated by the centre. Centre staff providing any training prior to examination cannot carry out invigilation. Invigilators should receive adequate training to enable them to conduct examination in accordance with the Joint Council for Qualifications guidance and Awarding Organisation requirements. <http://www.jcq.org.uk/>

Examination invigilation (cont)

To prevent becoming distracted, the invigilator **must not** mark completed examinations whilst examinations are being undertaken. Marking may be undertaken by another member of staff.

Candidates must be informed of a pass or fail on the same day as the examinations.

10.6 Security of examination papers

No real change.

No further comments required.