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STANDARDS RELATING TO EQUIPMENT FOR USE IN EXPLOSIVE ATMOSPHERES  
(IECEx SCHEME)**

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During the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the newly formed IECEx Personnel Certification Committee, ExPCC, held in Paris, June 2012, the Committee considered the need for updating of IECEx 05 Rules and supporting ODs, including this Operational Document OD 504 in light of the Scheme now operating since late 2010.

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- Alignment of Terminology with IECEx 05 and other related ODs
- Updating of Definitions, eg inclusion of Equipment Protection Levels
- Use of the “Competence” in place of “Competency”
- Clarification of scope limitations for Unit 001
- Removal of scope limitations for Unit 002, Area Classification
- Grouping of “Critical Aspects of Evidence” now under a single Clause 5 and subclauses
- Clarification over prerequisites and performance criteria for Unit 003, Install Ex equipment and wiring systems for an Operative and Responsible Person to align with IEC 60079-14
- Updating and expansion of the Summary Table of Essential knowledge and skills for each Unit of Competence, CI 6

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**IECEx Scheme for Certification of  
Personnel Competence for Explosive Atmospheres –**

**Specification for Units of Competence Assessment Outcomes**

This Operational Document, OD 504 sets out the competence requirements for personnel working with electrical equipment for explosive atmospheres according to IEC Standards. It's purpose is to support certification where competence is required, e.g. Repair and Overhaul Service Facilities, and may be considered for Certification of Persons undertaking the work in various aspects of explosive atmospheres where it may be advantageous to maintain competence certification.

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## INTRODUCTION

The objective of this IECEx Operational Document is to set out the generic cross-industry competence requirements for work associated with electrical equipment in hazardous areas. These requirements are intended for use by any industry sector or enterprise with regards to explosion-protection related to the relevant functional areas.

The procedures, systems and methods of assessment as set out in this document are to be followed in assessing an application for competence for carrying out work associated with explosive atmospheres and ~~of~~ Ex equipment.

Competence of personnel working in explosive atmospheres is necessary. The potential for accidents in Ex areas is increased if personnel are not competent. The need for competence is included in many legal documents (legislation), but is often not clearly defined. Competence includes the ability to carry out specific tasks versus prescribed general requirements specified in regulations and installation procedures.

Competence depends on knowledge, skill, experience and training. Measurement of competence is a difficult task and requires specific assessment methods. Competence evolves with years and may deteriorate, so continued training and assessment is necessary.

This document sets out the specification for the IECEx Units of Competence, according to the application of IEC Standards. Also included are requirements for competence evaluation.



## **FOREWORD**

The development of Competence Standards for electrical equipment for explosive atmospheres is necessary due to the concern with the variability in skills of electrical workers and others dealing with this equipment. Although training has been available, it was usually confined to the technical aspects and there is generally no strategy to provide this specific assessment of competence.

The concern over competence is heightened by the trend away from prescriptive regulations towards performance-based regulations. The performance-based approach places the 'duty of care' responsibilities on enterprises and individuals, which, in turn, is said to promote self-monitored quality assurance. This results in greater compliance with requirements than is the case with the inspector methods that accompany prescriptive regulations.

Since the early 1990s industries have expressed the need for an internationally structured qualification system for identification of Competence to be used by any industry sector or enterprise, with regards to explosion-protected equipment for explosive atmospheres.

## Specification for Units of Competence Assessment Outcomes

### 1 Scope and general

This document specifies the competence required for work associated with electrical equipment for explosive atmospheres (commonly termed 'Ex' equipment) and the standards to which competence is to be assessed and attributed. It provides guidance to assessing competence based on the knowledge and skills that define the Units of Competence.

The competence specified in this specification is intended as additional competence to those previously acquired for the specific type of work in non-explosive atmospheres.

NOTE Annex A summarizes the specific prerequisite Units and recommended general competence to achieve Units of Competence in this specification.

The principal application of this specification is to personnel dealing with explosion-protected and associated equipment for explosive atmospheres, covering the following work functions:

- a) Classification of Hazardous Areas.
- b) Producing, processing or servicing functions in a hazardous area and not directly involved in installing, maintaining or repairing explosion-protected equipment and systems.
- c) Installing and maintaining explosion-protected equipment and systems in the hazardous area.
- d) Overhauling, repairing and modifying explosion-protected equipment.
- e) Developing/designing and maintaining explosion-protection strategies.
- f) Inspecting hazardous area equipment, systems and installations.

The specification sets the minimum requirements for Certification Bodies who issue certificates for the competence described in this specification. However, this specification may also be referenced by:

- i) bodies certifying overhaul and repair workshops; and
- ii) enterprises in establishing the competence of their personnel.

NOTE A single unit of competence is not to be confused with a job description, which will invariably comprise a number of units.

### 2 Normative references

The following publications contain provisions, which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this Operational Document. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. The Ex Management Committee shall decide the timetable for the introduction of revised editions of the publications.

IEC 60079 Series, *Equipment for explosive atmospheres*

IEC 60050-426, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Part 426: Equipment for explosive atmospheres*

IEC 61241, *Electrical apparatus for use in the presence of combustible dust*

ISO/IEC 17024, *Conformity Assessment – General requirements for bodies operating certification of persons*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the definitions from 0 to 0 and explanatory information applies.





For the definitions of any other terms, particularly those of a more general nature, reference should be made to IEC 60050-426 or other appropriate parts of the IECV (International Electrotechnical Vocabulary).

### 3.1

#### **Actions to limit risk of an explosion**

organizational arrangements for rectifying defects, shutting down plant or machinery under emergency conditions, evacuating a hazardous area, reporting defects and conditions of plant and machinery, monitoring the hazardous area for presence of an explosive atmosphere and meeting Occupational Health & Safety (OH&S) obligations

### 3.2

#### **Appropriate personnel**

the person who is the recipient of the output provided by a Competent person

NOTE Examples of appropriate personnel are Site Managers, Project Managers, Line Managers, Maintenance managers, Supervisors and Team Leaders etc.

### 3.3

#### **Approved, approval**

with the approval of, acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction

### 3.4

#### **Assessment of competence**

the process of checking and confirming the ability to carry out specific work activities and/or functions based on evidence that shows a person can carry out such work safely and to stated requirements

### 3.5

#### **Authority, regulatory**

a government agency responsible for relevant legislation and its application

### 3.6

#### **Certification**

procedure by which a third party gives written assurance that a product, process or service conforms to specified requirements

### 3.7

#### **Classification of explosive atmospheres**

a method of analysing and classifying the environment where an explosive atmosphere may occur to allow the proper selection of equipment, particularly electrical equipment, to be installed and used safely in that environment

### 3.8

#### **competence**

demonstrated ability to apply knowledge and/or skills and, where relevant, demonstrated personal attributes, as defined in the certification scheme [ISO/IEC 17024]

NOTE The concept of competence focuses on what is expected of an employee in the workplace rather than on the learning process, and embodies the ability to transfer and apply skills and knowledge to new situations and environments.

### 3.9

#### **Ex Competent Person**

person who can demonstrate a combination of knowledge and skills to effectively, efficiently and safely carry out activities in or associated with hazardous areas, covered by IECEx requirements

NOTE Competence is specified by activity (e.g. classification, selection of equipment, installation, maintenance, testing and inspection, etc.) and may be limited by types of protection, product types, groups etc. as detailed in IECEx OD 502.

**3.10****Competence, Unit of**

the competence required for a useful work function and which resides with an individual

**3.11****Defects**

visual damage or corrosion of the explosion-protection aspect of the installation or apparatus

**3.12****Equipment marking**

information with regards to certification that is required to be marked on each item of equipment incorporating an explosion-protection technique

**3.13****equipment protection level****EPL**

level of protection assigned to equipment based on its likelihood of becoming a source of ignition and distinguishing the differences between explosive gas atmospheres, explosive dust atmospheres, and the explosive atmospheres in mines susceptible to firedamp

**3.14****Established procedures**

formal arrangements of an organization, enterprise or statutory authority of how work is to be done and by whom

NOTE Examples of established procedures are documented in quality management systems, safety management systems, work clearance systems, work instructions, reporting systems and arrangements for dealing with emergencies.

**3.15****Explosion properties of hazardous materials**

there are two sets of properties:

- a) for gases, vapours, flammable liquids and mists: vapour pressure; boiling point; flashpoint; ignition temperature; explosive limits; relative vapour density; minimum ignition energy
- b) for dusts: layer ignition temperature; cloud ignition temperature; minimum ignition energy

NOTE 1 Explosive limits (lower/LEL and upper/UEL) and flammability limits (lower/LFL and upper/UFL) are deemed to be synonymous. It should be recognized that some particular authorities having jurisdiction may have overriding requirements that dictate the use of one of these sets of terms and not the other.

**3.16****Explosion-protected equipment**

equipment to which specific measures are applied to avoid ignition of a surrounding explosive atmosphere

NOTE The word 'equipment' includes 'apparatus', as mentioned in many relevant Standards.

**3.17****Explosion-protection techniques**

techniques applied to the design of electrical equipment, components and systems to prevent the electrical energy from becoming an ignition source in the presence of flammable vapours and gases or combustible dusts in explosive atmospheres

NOTE Some of these techniques and also alternative techniques may be applied to the design of non-electrical equipment for the avoidance of non-electrical ignition sources. These techniques are not yet standardised at international level and are currently outside the scope of this document.

**3.18****Group (of equipment for explosive atmospheres)**

classification of electrical equipment related to the explosive atmosphere for which it is to be used

NOTE 1 Equipment for use in explosive gas atmospheres is divided into two groups:

- Group I: Equipment for mines susceptible to firedamp; and
- Group II (which can be divided into subgroups IIA, IIB, IIC): Equipment for places with an explosive gas atmosphere, other than mines susceptible to firedamp.



NOTE 2 This has also been known as 'gas grouping'.

– Group III (which can be divided into subgroups IIA, IIB, IIC): Equipment for places with an explosive dust atmosphere, other than mines susceptible to firedamp.

### 3.19

#### **Hazard and risk assessment**

any recognized methodology of identifying hazards and assessing risks such as 'hazard and operability study' (HAZOP) and 'fault tree analysis' (HAZAN)

### 3.20

#### **Hazardous area**

area in which an explosive atmosphere is present or may be expected to be present in quantities such as to require special precautions for the construction, installation and use of electrical equipment

NOTE Explosive atmospheres may include a variety of adverse environmental conditions such as those encountered in coal mines, shipping, oil/gas platforms and the like, which commonly require further specifications stated in legislation or regulatory requirements.

### 3.21

#### **Hazardous materials**

in the context of this specification hazardous materials are flammable gases and vapours and combustible dusts

NOTE All vapours of flammable liquids are flammable vapours.

### 3.22

#### **Inspection, close**

an inspection which encompasses those aspects covered by a visual inspection and, in addition, identifies those defects, such as loose bolts, which will be apparent only by the use of access equipment, such as steps (where necessary) and tools. Close inspections do not normally require the enclosure to be opened or the equipment to be de-energized

### 3.23

#### **Inspection, detailed**

an inspection which encompasses those aspects covered by a close inspection and, in addition, identifies those defects, such as loose terminations, which will only be apparent by opening the enclosure, and using (where necessary) tools and test equipment

### 3.24

#### **Inspection, initial**

an inspection of all electrical equipment, systems and installations before they are brought into service

### 3.25

#### **Inspection, periodic**

an inspection of all electrical equipment, systems and installations carried out on routine basis

### 3.26

#### **Inspection, sample**

an inspection of a proportion of the electrical equipment, systems and installations

### 3.27

#### **Inspection, schedule**

a formal arrangement for conducting inspections that details the extent, grade and frequency of the inspections and the explosion-protected characteristics and compliances to be checked

### 3.28

#### **Inspection, visual**

an inspection which identifies, without the use of access equipment or tools, those defects, such as missing bolts which will be apparent to the eye

**3.29****Inspector, actions taken by an**

actions taken by an inspector in relation to defects, non-conformities, faults in a hazardous area installation

NOTE Examples of such actions are: disconnection or non-connection of supply until a defect or fault or non-conformity is rectified, notice of period in which it has to be rectified, other actions within the scope of statutory regulations.

**3.30****Installation**

in the context of this specification an installation includes explosion-protected equipment, wiring and other required items as they are fixed in place and connected as necessary, to operate as intended

**3.31****Integrity (of explosion-protected equipment)**

aspects of the equipment design and use that afford explosion-protection

**3.32****Non-conformance**

equipment that does not satisfy the applicable Standards or requirements

**3.33****OH&S (Occupational Health and Safety) policies and procedures**

arrangements of an organization or enterprise to meet its legal and ethical obligations of ensuring the workplace is safe and without risk to health

NOTE Ensuring a workplace is safe will include hazard identification and risk assessment mechanisms, implementation of safety regulations, safety training, safety systems incorporating work clearance procedures, isolation procedures, use of protective equipment and clothing and use of codes of practice.

**3.34****Other items**

items that are not in themselves explosion-protected but have an influence on the integrity of the explosion-protection technique used. For example, an overload device for a motor or associated apparatus in the case of the increased safety technique Ex 'e'

**3.335****Pre-commission testing**

tests specified, such as, performance and setting of protection devices and systems, earth loop impedance, insulation resistance, and earth continuity equipment connection and operation tests at no load

**3.36****Process specialist personnel**

responsible persons with expertise in the technical aspects that relate to explosive hazards and include chemical engineers, process engineers, mining engineers, safety managers, and the like

**3.37****Re-certification/Supplementary approval**

submission of previously certified/approved equipment/personnel to an accredited certification body or authority, to determine whether the equipment/personnel continue to comply with the relevant requirements.

**3.38****Requirements**

those to which equipment and procedures and their outcomes shall conform and include statutory obligations and regulations and Standards called-up by legislation or regulations

NOTE Requirements may include codes of practice, job specifications, Standards called up in specifications, procedures and work instructions and quality management systems.



### **3.39**

#### **Scope Limitation**

where personnel demonstrate competence relevant to a Unit of Competence for specific aspect that may relate to the Type of Protection, Product Types, Groups, Voltages etc. Any scope limitation of a Unit of Competence is shown in the scope of the certificate

NOTE The available scope limitations are given in OD 502.

### **3.40**

#### **Servicing**

maintaining, fault finding and repair of equipment, plant machinery and installations

### **3.41**

#### **Special tools, equipment and testing devices**

tools for the removal of enclosure covers and connecting conductors, measuring devices such as feeler gauges and micrometer, gas and vapour sensors, electrical testing devices approved for use in a particular hazardous area

### **3.42**

#### **Specifications**

all those attributes that define accurately the nature of the involved hazards, materials/products, processes, equipment and installation design

NOTE Examples of specifications are design and manufacturer's specifications defining all the necessary parameters and tolerances, process flow diagrams, explosive characteristics and technical data sheets for hazardous materials and products, and the like.

### **3.43**

#### **Standards**

technical documents which set out specifications and other criteria for equipment, materials and methods, to ensure they consistently perform as intended. The Standards referred to in this specification are those published by International Electrotechnical Commission

### **3.44**

#### **Temperature classification**

system of classification by which electrical equipment is allocated one of six temperature classes according to its maximum surface temperature

### **3.45**

#### **Verification dossier**

a set of documents showing the compliance of electrical equipment and installations

NOTE The information in a 'Verification Dossier' is subject to audit under a formal inspection process.

### **3.46**

#### **Wiring system**

permitted wiring and accessories for power, measurement, control or communications purposes

### **3.47**

#### **Zones, hazardous**

the zones into which explosive atmospheres are classified based upon the frequency of the appearance and duration of an explosive atmosphere

### **3.48**

#### **Zones in explosive gas atmospheres**

see IEC 60079-10-1 for the definitions of Zones 0, 1 and 2

### **3.49**

#### **Zones in explosive dusts atmospheres**

see IEC 60079-10-2 for the definitions of Zones 20, 21 and 22

## 4 Units of Competence

### 4.1 Scope

This Section describes the Units of Competence for working with electrical equipment for explosive atmospheres and to ensure the risk of any explosion hazard in such areas has been minimized. The specific Units of Competence are described in detail in Clauses 0 to 4.11 and a list of such Units is shown in Table 4.1.

It is likely that multiple Units of Competence will be assessed and under these circumstances, where the elements of the 'Evidence guide – Critical aspects of evidence it' are repeated in each unit, is not expected that the assessment requires any of the elements to be repeated. A table showing the cross reference of these repeated elements is give in 6

**Table 4.1 – List of Units of Competence**

Reference	Title	Scope limitation <sup>a)</sup>
Unit Ex 001 – Apply basic principles of protection in explosive atmospheres		Not applicable
Unit Ex 002 – Perform classification of hazardous areas		3
Unit Ex 003 – Install explosion-protected equipment and wiring systems		1, 2, 3, 4
Unit Ex 004 – Maintain equipment in explosive atmospheres		1, 2, 3, 4
Unit Ex 005 – Overhaul and repair of explosion-protected equipment		1, 2, 4
Unit Ex 006 – Test electrical installations in or associated with explosive atmospheres		3, 4
Unit Ex 007 – Perform visual & close inspection of electrical installations in or associated with explosive atmospheres		3, 4
Unit Ex 008 – Perform detailed inspection of electrical installations in or associated with explosive atmospheres		3, 4
Unit Ex 009 – Design electrical installations in or associated with explosive atmospheres		3, 4
Unit Ex 010 – Perform audit inspection of electrical installations in or associated with explosive atmospheres		3, 4
<sup>a)</sup> Limitation by: 1. Explosion-protection technique or 2. Product Type 3. Group 4. Voltage		



## 4.2 Unit Ex 001 – Apply basic principles of protection in explosive atmospheres

### 4.2.1 Scope

This Unit of Competence covers the explosion-protection aspects of plant and machinery operation or maintenance. It requires the ability to visually identify any damage or deterioration of explosion-protected equipment, monitor equipment and plant in relation to changes in the explosion hazard and to follow procedures to limit the risk of an explosion.

This unit of competence is based on various parts of IEC 60079 series and any other relevant standards that apply to this Unit of Competence.

### 4.2.2 Prerequisites

There is no minimum level of technical education applicable for this unit of Competence.

Competence in this unit shall be assessed in combination with, or after gaining other competence required by a given industry or enterprise for plant or machinery operation or installations, maintenance or service functions. (see Annex A).

NOTE Annex A sets out the specific prerequisite Units and the recommended general competence and level assumed to be held by a person before undertaking assessment to achieve a Unit of Competence.

### 4.2.3 Elements and performance criteria

Elements		Performance criteria		Critical aspects of evidence
1.1	Prepare to work in hazardous area	1.1.1	Nature of the explosion hazard in the area and risks are known and the status of the explosion hazard is ascertained through established procedures.	Following work permits and clearance procedures.
		1.1.2	Operation and condition of plant and machinery, with regards to explosion-protection, is ascertained through established procedures.	Following work permits and clearance procedure. Correctly operating plant and machinery.
		1.1.3	Established procedures for use of the plant and machinery, with regards to explosion-protection techniques used in the area, are followed.	Correctly operating plant and machinery.
1.2	Observe condition of explosion-protection system area	1.2.1	OH&S policies and procedures, with regards to explosion-protection, are followed.	Following work permits and clearance procedures.
		1.2.2	Performance of plant and machinery is monitored to identify faults that may affect the integrity of the explosion-protected equipment and wiring system.	Monitoring hazards and following evacuation procedures.
		1.2.3	Observations of explosion-protected equipment and wiring are made during normal operations and visual and audible non-conformances that may affect the integrity of the explosion-protection technique are identified.	Identifying visual damage or deterioration of explosion-protected equipment.
		1.2.4	Explosion hazard monitoring equipment is observed and a dangerous state of the hazard is identified (e.g. by using gas detectors).	Monitoring hazards and following evacuation procedures.
1.3	Take actions to limit risk of an explosion	1.3.1	Variations outside normal operating conditions are reported and documented in accordance with established procedures.	

Elements		Performance criteria		Critical aspects of evidence
		1.3.2	Established procedures are followed in the event of a potential or immediate hazardous condition arising from any non-conformance identified in equipment/wiring or changes in the explosion hazard to a dangerous state.	Following plant and electrical isolation procedures.

#### 4.2.4 Scope limitations

Scope limitations are not applicable to Unit EX 001

#### 4.2.5 Evidence guide – Critical aspects of evidence

Evidence of competence in this unit shall show:

- a) proficient performance associated with each element of competence by employing the techniques, procedures, information and resources available in the workplace according to Table in 4.2.3.
- b) an understanding of the knowledge and associated skills essential to performance as given in:
  - 5.1 Explosive atmospheres and explosion-protection principles
  - 5.2 Explosion-protected equipment – Ex certification schemes
  - 5.3 Explosion-protected equipment – Principles
  - 5.4 Explosion-protection visual checks





### 4.3 Unit Ex 002 – Perform classification of hazardous areas

#### 4.3.1 Scope

This Unit of Competence covers knowledge and skills to classify areas where explosive materials may exist. It requires the ability to gather and analyse data relative to explosion hazards, determine the extent of risk and establish and document zones.

This unit of competence is based on IEC 60079-10-1 and IEC 60079-10-2 and any other relevant standard that apply to this Unit of Competence.

#### 4.3.2 Prerequisites

Competence in this unit requires a degree, diploma or equivalent in a technical subject.

The area classification should be carried out by those who understand the relevance and significance of properties of flammable materials and those who are familiar with the process and the equipment along with safety, electrical, mechanical and other qualified engineering personnel.

#### 4.3.3 Elements and performance criteria

Elements		Performance criteria		Critical aspects of evidence
2.1	Determine the type and extent of explosion hazard	2.1.1	Functions and process equipment in the area are determined and hazardous materials identified from specifications, hazard and risk and/or written consultation with process specialist personnel.	Accessing necessary information and identifying hazardous products involved in a given process, explosive properties of materials involved in a given process, and potential sources and characteristics of release of hazardous products.
		2.1.2	Explosion and physical properties of hazardous materials are listed, together with the title of the authority from which the data is obtained.	
		2.1.3	Gas groupings and temperature class of flammable gases, vapours and/or dusts that may be present in the area are established from collected data.	
		2.1.4	Potential sources of release and/or dusts layering are identified from specifications, and/or written consultation with process specialist personnel.	Analysing data in the context of explosion risk.
2.2	Establish the type and extent of zones	2.2.1	Zones are determined by similarity to examples in Standards or from first principles.	Determining area delineation and documenting area classifications.
		2.2.2	Where first principles are used, grades, sources and magnitude of release and dusts layering are established from specifications and diagrams and reviewed with process specialist personnel.	
2.3	Document classification and delineation of zones	2.3.1	Area classification documentation is completed in accordance with requirements and submitted to appropriate personnel.	
		2.3.2	Classification documentation records are filed for future reference and for incorporation in the verification dossier.	

**4.3.4 Scope limitations**

Scope limitations are not applicable to Unit EX 002.

**4.3.5 Evidence guide – Critical aspects of evidence**

Evidence of competence in this unit shall show:

- a) Competent performance associated with each element of competence by employing the techniques, procedures, information and resources available in the workplace and encompassing the aspects for which competence is sought according to Table in 4.3.3
- b) An understanding of the knowledge and associated skills essential to performance as given in:
  - 5.1 Explosive atmospheres and explosion-protection principles
  - 5.5 Explosive atmospheres classification techniques
- c) A practical application of the knowledge and skills essential to performance as given in:
  - 5.6 Hazardous area classification work performance



#### 4.4 Unit Ex 003 – Install explosion-protected equipment and wiring systems

##### 4.4.1 Scope

This Unit of Competence covers the explosion-protection aspects for installing explosion-protected and associated equipment and wiring systems. It requires the ability to match equipment with that specified for a given location, work safely, and to installation Standards and complete the necessary installation documentation.

This unit of competence is based on IEC 60079-14 and any other relevant standard that apply to this Unit of Competence.

For installation all types of protection must be understood.

##### 4.4.2 Prerequisites

The applicant shall have the level of technical education (or equivalent) attained, relevant to the application, through documents such as College Certificates and Vocational qualifications etc.

For an operative a minimum 3 years experience in industrial electrical installation practice.

For a responsible person a minimum 3 years experience in Ex industrial electrical installation practice relevant to the scope of the unit of competence being applied for taking into account the scope limitations.

Competence in this unit shall be assessed either concurrently with or after Unit Ex 001 – Apply basic principles of protection in explosive atmospheres.

NOTE This experience can include time spent under general supervision.

##### 4.4.3 Elements and performance criteria

###### 4.4.3.1 Criteria for an operative

Elements		Performance criteria		Critical aspects of evidence
3.1	Prepare for installation of equipment and wiring	3.1.1	OH&S policies and procedures for preparing to work in a hazardous area are followed.	Working safely in a hazardous area including, the use of work permits and clearances, hazard monitoring and evacuation procedures, and plant and electrical isolation.
		3.1.2	Types of explosion-protected equipment and wiring systems to be installed are verified from design documents.	Checking equipment against certification documents including conditions of certification relating to the safe use.
		3.1.3	Location in which specific items of equipment and circuits are to be installed is determined from design documents.	Checking equipment against certification documents including conditions of certification relating to the safe use.
		3.1.4	Explosion-protected equipment markings are checked to ensure they conform to design specifications and certification documents.	Checking equipment against certification documents including conditions of certification relating to the safe use.
		3.1.5	Certification document supplied with each item of equipment is collected and collated.	Preparation of installation documentation.

Elements		Performance criteria		Critical aspects of evidence
		3.1.6	Special tools, equipment and testing devices needed to carry out the installation work are obtained and checked for correct operation and safety.	Working safely in a hazardous area including, the use of work permits and clearances, hazard monitoring and evacuation procedures, and plant and electrical isolation.
3.2	Install the equipment and wiring systems	3.2.1	OH&S policies and procedures for working in a hazardous area are followed.	Working safely in a hazardous area including, the use of work permits and clearances, hazard monitoring and evacuation procedures, and plant and electrical isolation.
		3.2.2	Equipment is installed to conform with design specifications, Standards and within the limits specified by the equipment certification.	Handling and installing equipment and wiring in a manner that does not reduce the type of protection afforded by the equipment design.  Checking equipment against certification documents including conditions of certification relating to the safe use.
		3.2.3	Equipment and wiring system components are dismantled where necessary and parts stored to protect them against loss or damage.	Handling and installing equipment and wiring in a manner that does not reduce the type of protection afforded by the equipment design.
		3.2.4	Equipment and wiring are installed in a manner that does not reduce the type of protection afforded by the equipment design.	Handling and installing equipment and wiring in a manner that does not reduce the type of protection afforded by the equipment design.
		3.2.5	Circuits are tested prior to connection to devices to ensure resistance of earthing is sufficiently low, installation resistance is safe, polarity and connections are correct and each circuit complies with requirements.	Testing installed cables/circuits to ensure they are safe.

#### 4.4.3.2 Criteria for a responsible person

Elements		Performance criteria		Critical aspects of evidence
3.3	Prepare for installation of equipment and wiring	3.3.1	Certification document supplied with each item of equipment is collected for forwarding to appropriate personnel.	Documenting installation completion.
3.4	Confirm that the installation is completed	3.4.1	Arrangements are made, in accordance with requirements, for an initial inspection to be carried out on the installation.	Documenting installation completion.
		3.4.2	Appropriate action is taken to rectify non-conformances found during the initial inspection to ensure the installation complies with requirements.	Verifying equipment has been installed according to installation design specifications.
		3.4.3	The completed installation is documented in accordance with requirements and forwarded to personnel responsible for compiling the verification dossier.	Documenting installation completion.



#### 4.4.4 Scope limitations

Competence shall be demonstrated in relation to any classified hazardous area and explosion-protection technique. Any scope limitations shall be included in the application according to OD 502.

#### 4.4.5 Evidence guide – Critical aspects of evidence

In addition to the requirements of 4.2.5 evidence of competence in this unit shall show:

- a) Competent performance associated with each element of competence by employing the techniques, procedures, information and resources available in the workplace and encompassing the following aspects for which competence is sought according to Table in 4.4.3.
- b) An understanding of the knowledge and associated skills essential to performance as given in:
  - 5.7 Flameproof (Ex 'd') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.8 Increased safety (Ex 'e') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.9 Type of protection 'n' (Ex 'n')
  - 5.10 Encapsulation (Ex 'm') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.11 Oil immersion (Ex 'o') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.12 Powder filled (Ex 'q') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.13 Intrinsic safety (Ex 'i') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.14 Pressurization (Ex 'p') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.15 Dust protection by enclosures (Ex 't') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.16 Intrinsic safety (Ex 'iD') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.17 Pressurization (Ex 'pD') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.18 Encapsulation (Ex 'mD') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.19 Common characteristics of explosion-protection techniques
  - 5.20 Explosive atmospheres installation requirements
  - 5.21 Explosive atmospheres cable termination techniques
- c) A practical application of the knowledge and skills essential to performance as given in:
  - 5.22 Hazardous area installation work performance
  - 5.23 Hazardous area management work performance
  - 5.24 Hazardous area operations reporting work performance

## 4.5 Unit Ex 004 – Maintain equipment in explosive atmospheres

### 4.5.1 Scope

This Unit of Competence covers the explosion-protection aspects for maintaining explosion-protected and associated equipment and wiring systems including plant maintenance schemes. It requires the ability to develop and manage maintenance programs incorporating strategies for inspections, repair/overhaul/replacement of components and recording of maintenance outcomes. This includes the ability to follow a maintenance program, work safely, carry out maintenance to Standards and manufacturer's instructions and complete the necessary maintenance documentation.

This unit of competence is based on IEC 60079-17 and any other relevant standards that apply to this Unit of Competence.

### 4.5.2 Prerequisites

The applicant shall have the level of technical education (or equivalent) attained, relevant to the application, through documents such as College Certificates and Trade Credentials etc.

For an operative a minimum 3 years experience in industrial maintenance practice.

For a responsible person a minimum 3 years experience in Ex maintenance practice relevant to the scope of the unit of competence being applied for taking into account the scope limitations.

NOTE 1 This experience can include time spent under general supervision.

Competence in this unit shall be assessed either concurrently with or after Unit Ex 001 – Apply basic principles of protection in explosive atmospheres and competence in maintenance of general plant and equipment, have been achieved (see Annex A). In addition, if the scope limitation requires, the achievement of competence in developing and managing general electrical/instrumentation maintenance programs will satisfy the prerequisite (see Annex A).

NOTE 2 For work on wiring and equipment operating above 1000 V a.c. or 1500 V d.c. competence in high voltage switching and safe isolation should be held.

### 4.5.3 Elements and performance criteria

#### 4.5.3.1 Criteria for an operative

Elements		Performance criteria		Critical aspects of evidence
4.1	Prepare to carry out maintenance	4.1.1	OH&S policies and procedures for preparing to work in a hazardous area are followed.	Working safely in a hazardous area in relation to, work permits and clearances, hazard monitoring and evacuation procedures, and plant and electrical isolation. Following established maintenance procedures.
		4.1.2	Area classification and details of explosion-protected equipment and wiring are ascertained from hazardous area layout drawings and equipment certification documents held in the verification dossier.	Following established maintenance procedures.
		4.1.3	Extent of maintenance to be conducted is established from the maintenance schedule and reports held in the verification dossier.	Following established maintenance procedures.
		4.1.4	Special tools, equipment and testing devices needed to carry out the maintenance work are obtained and checked for correct operation and safety.	Following established maintenance procedures.

Elements		Performance criteria		Critical aspects of evidence
4.2	Carry out maintenance	4.2.1	OH&S policies and procedures for working in a hazardous area are followed.	Working safely in a hazardous area in relation to, work permits and clearances, hazard monitoring and evacuation procedures, and plant and electrical isolation. Following established maintenance procedures.
		4.2.2	Work is carried out to planned schedule to ensure all items are correctly maintained.	Following established maintenance procedures.
		4.2.3	Equipment is checked and tested in accordance with established procedures to determine whether it functions correctly, complies with approval documentation and is not subject to deterioration or damage.	Identifying defects and faults. Following established maintenance procedures. Applying relevant contingency management skills.
		4.2.4	Equipment is adjusted or repaired within the limits permitted by the equipment certification and in accordance with manufacturers' instructions.	Identifying defects and faults. Following established maintenance procedures. Applying relevant contingency management skills.
		4.2.5	Certification documentation for replacement equipment is sighted to ensure that it is identical to the equipment it replaces and is in accordance with the explosion-protection system design.	Following established maintenance procedures. Applying relevant contingency management skills.
		4.2.6	Circuits of equipment being withdrawn from service are terminated or isolated safely and in the manner approved for the classification of the area.	Documenting maintenance details. Applying relevant contingency management skills.
		4.2.7	Flexible cables and cords are examined and removed from service if they are not in immediate use or are found to be defective or damaged.	Following established maintenance procedures. Applying relevant contingency management skills.
		4.2.8	Spare equipment, flexible cables and cords are maintained and suitably stored where they are not likely to suffer deterioration or damage.	Following established maintenance procedures. Applying relevant contingency management skills.
4.3	Complete maintenance work inspections and documentation	4.3.1	Detailed inspection of explosion-protected equipment and systems subject to the maintenance work is arranged in accordance with established procedures and requirements.	Following established maintenance procedures. Applying relevant contingency management skills.
		4.3.2	Results of inspections and maintenance activities are recorded in accordance with established procedures and requirements.	Following established maintenance procedures. Applying relevant contingency management skills.
		4.3.3	Appropriate personnel are notified of the completion of maintenance and details are documented in accordance with established procedures and requirements.	Following established maintenance procedures.

Elements		Performance criteria		Critical aspects of evidence
4.4	Establish maintenance requirements	4.4.1	Policies and procedures are developed to include OH&S practices, skills required and frequency and level of maintenance work.	Following established maintenance procedures. Applying relevant contingency management skills.
		4.4.2	Systems are established to manage and record maintenance work and up-to-date verification dossier, in accordance with requirements.	Following established maintenance procedures. Applying relevant contingency management skills.
		4.4.3	Level of repair to be done under maintenance work is established in accordance with requirements.	Following established maintenance procedures. Applying relevant contingency management skills.
		4.4.4	Arrangements are made to check that the hazardous area, explosion-protected equipment and installation comply with the verification dossier.	Following established maintenance procedures. Applying relevant contingency management skills.
		4.4.5	Discrepancies between the explosion-protected equipment and installation and the verification dossier are documented and arrangements made to ensure that the explosion-protection systems are adequate for the area classification.	Identify and report details to a responsible person.

#### 4.5.3.2 Criteria for a responsible person

Elements		Performance criteria		Critical aspects of evidence
4.5	Prepare to carry out maintenance	4.5.1	OH&S policies and procedures for preparing to work in a hazardous area are followed.	Working safely in a hazardous area in relation to, work permits and clearances, hazard monitoring and evacuation procedures, and plant and electrical isolation. Following established maintenance procedures. Applying relevant contingency management skills.
		4.5.2	Area classification and details of explosion-protected equipment and wiring are ascertained from hazardous area layout drawings and equipment certification documents held in the verification dossier.	Following established maintenance procedures. Applying relevant contingency management skills.
		4.5.3	Extent of maintenance to be conducted is established from the maintenance schedule and reports held in the verification dossier.	Following established maintenance procedures. Applying relevant contingency management skills.
		4.5.4	Special tools, equipment and testing devices needed to carry out the maintenance work are obtained and checked for correct operation and safety.	Following established maintenance procedures. Applying relevant contingency management skills.
4.6	Carry out maintenance	4.6.1	OH&S policies and procedures for working in a hazardous area are followed.	Working safely in a hazardous area in relation to, work permits and clearances, hazard monitoring and evacuation procedures, and plant and electrical isolation. Following established maintenance procedures. Applying relevant contingency management skills.
		4.6.2	Work is carried out to planned schedule to ensure all items are correctly maintained.	Following established maintenance procedures. Applying relevant contingency management skills.



Elements		Performance criteria		Critical aspects of evidence
4.7	Complete maintenance work inspections and documentation	4.7.1	Appropriate personnel are notified of the completion of maintenance and details are documented in accordance with established procedures and requirements.	Following established maintenance procedures. Applying relevant contingency management skills.
4.8	Establish maintenance requirements	4.8.5	Discrepancies between the explosion-protected equipment and installation and the verification dossier are documented and arrangements made to ensure that the explosion-protection systems are adequate for the area classification.	Following established maintenance procedures. Applying relevant contingency management skills.
4.9	Develop and implement maintenance schedule	4.9.1	Maintenance schedules are developed from recommendations of Standards and equipment manufacturers and in accordance with requirements.	Following established maintenance procedures. Applying relevant contingency management skills.
		4.9.2	Procedures are developed and implemented to ensure the maintenance program is followed in accordance with the planned schedule and site requirements.	Following established maintenance procedures. Applying relevant contingency management skills.
		4.9.3	Procedures are developed and implemented to ensure the verification dossier is maintained in accordance with planned schedule and site requirements.	Following established maintenance procedures. Applying relevant contingency management skills.
4.10	Evaluate maintenance program	4.10.1	Periodic and sample inspection reports are used to ascertain maintenance quality and the need for revision of maintenance schedule and frequency.	Following established maintenance procedures. Applying relevant contingency management skills.
		4.10.2	Maintenance schedule is periodically reviewed and revised to maintain the integrity of the explosion-protection system.	Following established maintenance procedures. Applying relevant contingency management skills.

#### 4.5.4 Scope limitations

Competence shall be demonstrated in relation to any classified hazardous area and explosion-protection technique. Any scope limitations shall be included in the application according to OD 502.

#### 4.5.5 Evidence guide – Critical aspects of evidence

In addition to the requirements of 4.2.5 evidence of competence in this unit shall show:

- a) Competent performance associated with each element of competence by employing the techniques, procedures, information and resources available in the workplace and encompassing the following aspects for which competence is sought according to Table in 4.5.3.
- b) An understanding of the knowledge and associated skills essential to performance as given in
  - 5.7 Flameproof (Ex 'd') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.8 Increased safety (Ex 'e') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.9 Type of protection 'n' (Ex 'n')
  - 5.10 Encapsulation (Ex 'm') explosion-protection technique

- 5.11 Oil immersion (Ex 'o') explosion-protection technique
- 5.12 Powder filled (Ex 'q') explosion-protection technique
- 5.13 Intrinsic safety (Ex 'i') explosion-protection technique
- 5.14 Pressurization (Ex 'p') explosion-protection technique
- 5.15 Dust protection by enclosures (Ex 't') explosion-protection technique
- 5.16 Intrinsic safety (Ex 'iD') explosion-protection technique
- 5.17 Pressurization (Ex 'pD') explosion-protection technique
- 5.18 Encapsulation (Ex 'mD') explosion-protection technique
- 5.19 Common characteristics of explosion-protection techniques
- 5.21 Explosive atmospheres cable termination techniques
- 5.25 Explosive atmospheres maintenance requirements
- 5.26 Explosive atmospheres management
- c) A practical application of the knowledge and skills essential to performance as given in:
  - 5.23 Hazardous area management work performance
  - 5.24 Hazardous area operations reporting work performance
  - 5.27 Hazardous area maintenance work performance



## 4.6 Unit Ex 005 – Overhaul and repair of explosion-protected equipment

### 4.6.1 Scope

This Unit of Competence covers the explosion-protection aspects of overhauling and repairing explosion-protected equipment both at a craftsperson (operative) level and as the responsible person for verifying compliance after such overhaul and/or repair. For the operative it requires the ability to identify and select authorized components, follow repair specifications to effect the overhaul/repair of equipment and complete repair documentation. For the Responsible Person it requires the ability to establish and document the level of work required, arranging for the overhaul/repair to be carried out, verify compliance of overhauled/repared equipment and complete the necessary documentation.

This unit of competence is based on IEC 60079-19 and any other relevant standards that may apply.

### 4.6.2 Prerequisites

The applicant shall have the level of technical education (or equivalent) attained, relevant to the application, through documents such as College Certificates and Trade Credentials etc.

For an operative a minimum 3 years experience in the overhaul and repair of general electrical, electronic and/or mechanical equipment relevant to the scope of the unit of competence being applied for taking into account the scope limitations.

For a responsible person a minimum 3 years experience in the servicing of Ex electrical, electronic and/or mechanical equipment relevant to the scope of the unit of competence being applied for taking into account the scope limitations.

Competence in this unit shall be assessed either concurrently with or after Unit Ex 001 – Apply basic principles of protection in explosive atmospheres and competence in the overhaul and repair of general electrical, electronic and/or mechanical equipment have been achieved. (see Annex A).

### 4.6.3 Elements and performance criteria

#### 4.6.3.1 Criteria for an operative

Elements		Performance criteria		Critical aspects of evidence
5.1	Prepare for overhaul/repair of equipment	5.1.1	Equipment to be overhauled or repaired is identified by its markings and certification documentation.	Identifying equipment from its marking and certification documentation.
		5.1.2	Specifications and instructions for the overhaul/repair work are received and expected outcomes of the work confirmed with the responsible person*.	Confirming the expected outcomes of the overhaul/repair work.
		5.1.3	Special tools, equipment and testing devices needed to carry out the overhaul or repair work are obtained and checked for correct operation, safety and currency of calibration certification.	Checked for correct operation, safety and currency of calibration certification.
5.2	Carry out the overhaul or repair work	5.2.1	Specifications and instructions for the overhaul/repair work are followed in accordance with established procedures.	Following overhaul/repair specifications and instructions.
		5.2.2	Replacement parts and components used in the overhaul or repair are identified as being authorized by the equipment manufacturer.	Identifying replacement parts and components as being authorized by the equipment manufacturer.

Elements		Performance criteria		Critical aspects of evidence
		5.2.3	Overhaul/repair of equipment is done in a manner that does not reduce the type of protection afforded by the equipment design.	Following overhaul/repair specifications and instructions.
		5.2.4	Quality checks are made to ensure that the overhaul/repair of the equipment complies with the overhaul/repair specifications and instruction.	Using quality systems.
5.3	Document overhaul/repair work	5.3.1	Overhaul/repair work carried out is documented in accordance with established quality procedures.	Documenting overhaul/repair work.
		5.3.2	The responsible person is notified of the completion of the work in accordance with established quality procedures.	Documenting overhaul/repair work.

#### 4.6.3.2 Criteria for a Responsible Person

In addition to the requirements detailed in 4.6.3.1 the responsible person shall demonstrate the following:

Elements		Performance criteria		Critical aspects of evidence
5.4	Prepare for overhaul/repair of equipment	5.4.1	Instructions on overhaul and/or repair are received and expected outcomes of the work confirmed with appropriate personnel.	Establishing contract requirements with owner or operator of the equipment. Using quality systems.
		5.4.2	Certification documents for the equipment are sought and received in order to check that the equipment complies with the certification.	Interpreting certification documentation and Standards. Measuring, testing and inspecting equipment for compliance with certification and Standards using quality systems.
5.5	Establish the level of overhaul required	5.5.1	The extent of work to be done is determined from measurement, test and inspection results and their correspondence with original certification and the requirements of Standards. Results of measurements, tests & inspection passed to the Responsible Person.	Measuring, testing and inspecting equipment for compliance with certification and Standards. Using quality systems.
		5.5.2	Specifications and instructions for the overhaul/repair work are documented in accordance with requirements.	Specifying overhaul/repair work. Using quality systems.
5.6	Arrange overhaul/repair work	5.6.1	Arrangements are made for the overhaul/repair work to be done in accordance with established procedures.	Specifying overhaul/repair work. Using quality systems.
		5.6.2	A copy of overhaul/repair specifications and instructions is provided to personnel responsible for carrying out the work.	Specifying overhaul/repair work. Using quality systems.
5.7	Verify that equipment complies with original certification	5.7.1	Level of testing required to verify that overhauled/repared equipment complies with original certification specifications is determined in accordance with requirements.	Measuring, testing and inspecting equipment for compliance with certification and Standards. Using quality systems.
		5.7.2	Verification tests are conducted in accordance with established procedures.	Measuring, testing and inspecting equipment for compliance with certification and Standards. Using quality systems.
5.8	Document overhaul/repair work	5.8.1	Equipment marking is checked and marked where applicable, in accordance with original certification.	Using quality systems.



Elements		Performance criteria		Critical aspects of evidence
		5.8.2	Overhaul/repair work is documented in accordance with requirements stating that the equipment complies with the original certification or type of protection standard.	Documenting overhaul/repair work. Using quality systems.
		5.8.3	Documentation of the repair work is retained, and a copy is issued with the equipment for inclusion in the Repair Facility Records (see 4.4.1.5.3 of IEC 60079-19)	Documenting overhaul/repair work. Using quality systems.

#### 4.6.4 Scope limitations

Competence shall be demonstrated in relation to any classified hazardous area and explosion-protection techniques. The scope limitations will clearly state the Unit of Competence applies for either an Operative or a Responsible person. Any other scope limitations shall be included in the application according to OD 502.

#### 4.6.5 Critical aspects of evidence for both operative and responsible person

In addition to the requirements of 4.2.5 evidence of competence in this unit shall show:

- a) Competent performance associated with each element by employing the techniques, procedures, information and resources available in the workplace and encompassing the following aspects for which competence is sought according to Table in 4.6.3.
- b) An understanding of the knowledge and associated skills essential to performance as given in:
  - 5.7 Flameproof (Ex 'd') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.8 Increased safety (Ex 'e') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.9 Type of protection 'n' (Ex 'n')
  - 5.10 Encapsulation (Ex 'm') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.11 Oil immersion (Ex 'o') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.12 Powder filled (Ex 'q') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.13 Intrinsic safety (Ex 'i') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.14 Pressurization (Ex 'p') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.15 Dust protection by enclosures (Ex 't') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.16 Intrinsic safety (Ex 'iD') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.17 Pressurization (Ex 'pD') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.18 Encapsulation (Ex 'mD') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.19 Common characteristics of explosion-protection techniques
  - 5.28 Explosion-protected equipment overhaul and repair – General requirements
  - 5.29 Explosion-protected equipment overhaul and repair specific to each technique
- c) A practical application of the knowledge and skills essential to performance as given in:
  - 5.30 Explosion-protected equipment overhaul and repair work performance – operative

#### 4.6.6 Critical aspects of evidence for the Responsible Person

The Responsible Person requires an understanding of the knowledge and associated skills essential to performance as follows:

- 5.31 Explosion-protected equipment overhaul and repair work performance –  
Responsible Person



## 4.7 Unit Ex 006 – Test electrical installations in or associated with explosive atmospheres

### 4.7.1 Scope

This Unit of Competence covers testing electrical installations for explosive atmospheres. It requires the ability to select, prepare and use appropriate testing devices, work safely and to Standards and to interpret and record test results.

This unit of competence is based on IEC 60079-14 and any other relevant standards that may apply.

### 4.7.2 Prerequisites

The applicant shall have the level of technical education (or equivalent) attained, relevant to the application, through documents such as College Certificates and Trade Credentials etc.

A minimum 3 years experience in industrial electrical installation practice is required.

Competence in this unit shall be assessed either concurrently with or after Unit Ex 001 – Apply basic principles of protection in explosive atmospheres and conducting testing of general electrical, electronic, instrumentation and/or data communication installations have been achieved (see Annex A).

NOTE For work on wiring and equipment operating above 1000 V a.c. or 1500 V d.c. competence in high voltage switching and safe isolation should be held.

### 4.7.3 Elements and performance criteria

Elements		Performance criteria		Critical aspects of evidence
6.1	Prepare to conduct testing	6.1.1	OH&S policies and procedures for preparing to work in an area where an explosive atmosphere may be present are followed.	Working safely in a hazardous area in relation to work permits and clearances, hazard monitoring and evacuation procedures, and plant and electrical isolation.
		6.1.2	Area classification is ascertained from the hazardous area layout drawings or other classification documents.	Identifying the nature of the hazardous area and location of equipment and circuits to be tested.
		6.1.3	Location of each item of equipment and of circuits subject to testing are determined from design drawings and documentation.	
		6.1.4	Special tools, equipment and testing devices needed for the testing work are obtained and checked for correct operation and safety.	Selecting appropriately certified testing devices and approved tools.
6.2	Conduct testing	6.2.1	OH&S policies and procedures for working in a hazardous area are followed.	Working safely in a hazardous area in relation to work permits and clearances, hazard monitoring and evacuation procedures, and plant and electrical isolation.
		6.2.2	Parts of equipment that are dismantled in order to conduct testing are stored to protect them against loss or damage.	Reassembling/reconnecting equipment at the completion of testing that ensures the integrity of the explosion-protection system is maintained.
		6.2.3	Certified and approved low energy testing devices are selected and used to test into areas where explosive hazard may be present.	Selecting appropriately certified testing devices and approved tools.

Elements		Performance criteria		Critical aspects of evidence
		6.2.4	Sensitive circuit components required to be tested, which are likely to be damaged by high test voltages, are tested by an appropriate testing method.	Conducting required tests correctly and without damaging circuits or equipment.
		6.2.5	Tests necessary to determine whether the installation complies with requirements for the explosion-protection techniques to be used and for electrical safety are conducted in accordance with established procedures.	Conducting required tests correctly and without damaging circuits or equipment.
		6.2.6	When testing has been completed, equipment parts and circuit connections are replaced in a manner that ensures the integrity of the explosion-protection system.	Reassembling/reconnecting equipment at the completion of testing that ensures the integrity of the explosion-protection system is maintained.
6.3	Confirm and document test results	6.3.1	Non-conformances and faults revealed by the testing and the resulting recommended actions are documented and reported to appropriate personnel.	Identifying non-conformances and faults from test results. Documenting testing outcomes.
		6.3.2	Completion of testing is verified and a copy of the testing documentation submitted to the appropriate personnel for inclusion in the verification dossier in accordance with established procedures.	Documenting testing outcomes.

#### 4.7.4 Scope limitations

Competence shall be demonstrated in relation to any classified hazardous area and explosion-protection technique. Any scope limitations shall be included in the application according to OD 502.

#### 4.7.5 Critical aspects of evidence

In addition to the requirements of 4.2.5 evidence of competence in this unit shall show:

- a) Competent performance associated with each element of competence by employing the techniques, procedures, information and resources available in the workplace and encompassing the following aspects for which competence is sought according to Table in 4.7.3.
- b) An understanding of the knowledge and associated skills essential to performance as given in:
  - 5.7 Flameproof (Ex 'd') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.8 Increased safety (Ex 'e') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.9 Type of protection 'n' (Ex 'n')
  - 5.10 Encapsulation (Ex 'm') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.11 Oil immersion (Ex 'o') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.12 Powder filled (Ex 'q') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.13 Intrinsic safety (Ex 'i') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.14 Pressurization (Ex 'p') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.15 Dust protection by enclosures (Ex 't') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.16 Intrinsic safety (Ex 'iD') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.17 Pressurization (Ex 'pD') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.18 Encapsulation (Ex 'mD') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.19 Common characteristics of explosion-protection techniques
  - 5.20 Explosive atmospheres installation requirements





- 5.21 Explosive atmospheres cable termination techniques
- 5.32 Explosive atmospheres installation testing
- c) A practical application of the knowledge and skills essential to performance as given in:
  - 5.33 Hazardous area installation testing work performance

## 4.8 Unit Ex 007 – Perform visual & close inspection of electrical installations in or associated with explosive atmospheres

### 4.8.1 Scope

This Unit of Competence covers evaluating the completeness of a hazardous area verification dossier and compliance of the explosion-protected aspects of the electrical installations within the constraints of a visual or close inspection. It requires the ability to work safely in a hazardous area, evaluate a verification dossier, identify explosion-protected equipment with their certification and specified location, inspect an installation for compliance and report and act on inspection results.

This unit of competence is based on IEC 60079-14 & IEC 60079-17 and any other relevant standards that may apply.

### 4.8.2 Prerequisites

The applicant shall have the level of technical education (or equivalent) attained, relevant to the application, through documents such as College Certificates and Trade Credentials etc

For an operative a minimum 3 years experience in industrial electrical installation practice.

For a responsible person a minimum 3 years experience in Ex electrical installation practice relevant to the scope of the unit of competence being applied for taking into account the scope limitations.

Competence in this unit shall be assessed either concurrently with or after units Unit Ex 003 – Install explosion-protected equipment and wiring systems or Unit Ex 004 – Maintain equipment in explosive atmospheres have been achieved. Alternatively, competence in general electrical inspection will satisfy the prerequisite (see Annex A).

NOTE For work on wiring and equipment operating above 1000 V a.c. or 1500 V d.c. competence in high voltage switching and safe isolation should be held.

### 4.8.3 Elements and performance criteria

#### 4.8.3.1 Criteria for an operative

Elements		Performance criteria		Critical aspects of evidence
7.1	Prepare for inspection	7.1.1	Type and intended location of each item of equipment and circuits subject to inspection are determined from design drawings and documentation.	Identifying components of an installation and their location from documentation retained in the verification dossier.
		7.1.2	OH&S policies and procedures for preparing to work in a hazardous area are followed.	Working safely in a hazardous area in relation to, work permits and clearances, hazard monitoring and evacuation procedures, and plant and electrical isolation
		7.1.3	Special tools, equipment and devices needed for the inspection are obtained and checked for correct operation and safety.	Working safely in a hazardous area in relation to, work permits and clearances, hazard monitoring and evacuation procedures, and plant and electrical isolation
7.2	Conduct inspection	7.2.1	OH&S policies and procedure for working in a hazardous area are followed.	
		7.2.2	Where necessary, access equipment is used to identify equipment against their certification documentation and specified location.	Working safely in a hazardous area in relation to, work permits and clearances, hazard monitoring and evacuation procedures, and plant and electrical isolation
		7.2.3	Equipment, systems and installation are inspected within the scope of the regulatory requirements for compliance with the design specifications retained in the verification dossier and in accordance	Identifying components of an installation and their location from documentation retained in the verification dossier.

Elements		Performance criteria		Critical aspects of evidence
			with requirements.	
7.3	Report inspection results	7.3.1	Any non-conformances, faults or unauthorized modifications identified by the visual inspection are documented in accordance with established procedures.	Identifying compliant and non-compliant explosion-protected aspects of an electrical installation.
		7.3.2	Where applicable, a non-conformance report, including the actions taken and a statement on whether circuits have been re-energized, is made and forwarded to the appropriate personnel.	Documenting inspection outcomes.
		7.3.3	Where applicable, documentation in relation to all aspects of the inspection forwarded to the appropriate personnel for inclusion in the verification dossier in accordance with requirements.	Documenting inspection outcomes.

#### 4.8.3.2 Criteria for a responsible person

Elements		Performance criteria		Critical aspects of evidence
7.4	Evaluate records system	7.4.1	Records system is reviewed to verify that essential hazardous area documentation is retained and procedures for maintaining records are established.	Recognizing the completeness of a verification dossier.
		7.4.2	Hazardous area classification and design drawings and documentation are checked to verify that appropriate procedures have been followed in assuring the area is safe.	Recognizing the completeness of a verification dossier.

#### 4.8.4 Scope limitations

Competence shall be demonstrated in relation to any classified hazardous area and explosion-protection technique. Any scope limitations shall be included in the application according to OD 502.

#### 4.8.5 Critical aspects of evidence

In addition to the requirements of 4.2.5 evidence of competence in this unit shall show:

- a) Competent performance associated with each element of competence by employing the techniques, procedures, information and resources available in the workplace and encompassing the following aspects for which competence is sought according to Table in 4.8.3.
- b) An understanding of the knowledge and associated skills essential to performance as given in:
  - 5.7 Flameproof (Ex 'd') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.8 Increased safety (Ex 'e') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.9 Type of protection 'n' (Ex 'n')
  - 5.10 Encapsulation (Ex 'm') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.11 Oil immersion (Ex 'o') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.12 Powder filled (Ex 'q') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.13 Intrinsic safety (Ex 'i') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.14 Pressurization (Ex 'p') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.15 Dust protection by enclosures (Ex 't') explosion-protection technique

- 5.16 Intrinsic safety (Ex 'iD') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.17 Pressurization (Ex 'pD') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.18 Encapsulation (Ex 'mD') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.19 Common characteristics of explosion-protection techniques
  - 5.20 Explosive atmospheres installation requirements
  - 5.34 Explosive atmospheres visual & close inspection requirements
- c) A practical application of the knowledge and skills essential to performance as given in:
- 5.35 Hazardous area visual & close inspection work performance



## 4.9 Unit Ex 008 – Perform detailed inspection of electrical installations in or associated with explosive atmospheres

### 4.9.1 Scope

This Unit of Competence covers the explosion-protection aspects of conducting initial, periodic and sample audit inspections of explosion-protected equipment and installations. It requires the ability to audit a verification dossier, work safely in a hazardous area, inspect against Standards and report and act on inspection results.

This unit of competence is based on IEC 60079-14 & IEC 60079-17 and any other relevant standards that may apply.

### 4.9.2 Prerequisites

The applicant shall have the level of technical education (or equivalent) attained, relevant to the application, through documents such as College Certificates and Trade Credentials etc.

For an operative a minimum 3 years experience in general electrical installation practice.

For a responsible person a minimum 3 years experience in Hazardous Area installation practice.

Competence in this unit shall be assessed either concurrently with or after competence in Unit Ex 003 – Install explosion-protected equipment and wiring systems or Unit Ex 004 – Maintain equipment in explosive atmospheres have been achieved. Alternatively, competence in general electrical inspection will satisfy the prerequisite (see Annex A).

NOTE For work on wiring and equipment operating above 1000 V a.c. or 1500 V d.c. competence in high voltage switching and safe isolation should be held

### 4.9.3 Elements and performance criteria

#### 4.9.3.1 Criteria for an operative

Elements		Performance criteria		Critical aspects of evidence
8.1	Prepare for inspection			
		8.1.1	Areas classification is ascertained from hazardous area layout drawings retained in the verification dossier.	Working safely in a hazardous area in relation to, work permits and clearances, hazard monitoring and evacuation procedures, and plant and electrical isolation.
		8.1.2	Type and intended location of each item of equipment and circuits subject to inspection are determined from design drawings and documentation.	Working safely in a hazardous area in relation to, work permits and clearances, hazard monitoring and evacuation procedures, and plant and electrical isolation.
		8.1.3	OH&S policies and procedures for preparing to work in a hazardous area are followed.	
		8.1.4	Special tools, equipment and devices needed for the inspection are obtained and checked for correct operation and safety.	
8.2	Conduct inspection	8.2.1	OH&S policies and procedure for working in a hazardous area are followed.	Working safely in a hazardous area in relation to, work permits and clearances, hazard monitoring and evacuation procedures, and plant and electrical isolation.
		8.2.2	Parts of equipment that are dismantled in	Handling dismantled parts of

Elements		Performance criteria		Critical aspects of evidence
			order to conduct inspection are stored to protect them against loss or damage.	equipment appropriately.
		8.2.3	Equipment, systems and installation are inspected for compliance with the design specifications retained in the verification dossier and in accordance with requirements.	Conducting detailed inspections in accordance with requirements and procedures.
		8.2.4	Where applicable, after the inspection of each item, equipment parts and circuit connections are replaced in a manner that ensures the integrity of the explosion-protection system.	Replacing equipment parts and connections at the completion of the inspection of each item that ensures the integrity of the explosion-protection system.
8.3	Report inspection results	8.3.1	Any non-conformances, faults or unauthorized modifications are documented in accordance with established procedures.	Documenting inspection outcomes.

#### 4.9.3.2 Criteria for a responsible person

Elements		Performance criteria		Critical aspects of evidence
8.4	Prepare for inspection	8.4.1	Type of inspection is ascertained from the inspection schedule retained in the verification dossier.	Determining the extent of the inspection and location of equipment.
8.5	Report inspection results	8.5.1	Where applicable, a non-conformance report, including the actions taken and a statement on whether circuits have been re-energized, is made and forwarded to the appropriate personnel.	Documenting inspection outcomes.
		8.5.2	Documentation in relation to all aspects of the inspection forwarded to the appropriate personnel for inclusion in the verification dossier in accordance with requirements.	Documenting inspection outcomes.

#### 4.9.4 Scope limitations

Competence shall be demonstrated in relation to any classified hazardous area and explosion-protection technique. Any scope limitations shall be included in the application according to OD 502.

#### 4.9.5 Critical aspects of evidence

In addition to the requirements of 4.2.5 evidence of competence in this unit shall show:

- a) Competent performance associated with each element of competence by employing the techniques, procedures, information and resources available in the workplace and encompassing the following aspects for which competence is sought according to Table in 4.9.3.
- b) An understanding of the knowledge and associated skills essential to performance as given in
  - 5.7 Flameproof (Ex 'd') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.8 Increased safety (Ex 'e') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.9 Type of protection 'n' (Ex 'n')
  - 5.10 Encapsulation (Ex 'm') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.11 Oil immersion (Ex 'o') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.12 Powder filled (Ex 'q') explosion-protection technique



- 5.13 Intrinsic safety (Ex 'i') explosion-protection technique
- 5.14 Pressurization (Ex 'p') explosion-protection technique
- 5.15 Dust protection by enclosures (Ex 't') explosion-protection technique
- 5.16 Intrinsic safety (Ex 'iD') explosion-protection technique
- 5.17 Pressurization (Ex 'pD') explosion-protection technique
- 5.18 Encapsulation (Ex 'mD') explosion-protection technique
- 5.19 Common characteristics of explosion-protection techniques
- 5.20 Explosive atmospheres installation requirements
- 5.21 Explosive atmospheres cable termination techniques
- 5.25 Explosive atmospheres maintenance requirements
- 5.34 Explosive atmospheres visual & close inspection requirements
- 5.36 Explosive atmospheres detailed inspection techniques
- c) A practical application of the knowledge and skills essential to performance as given in:
  - 5.35 Hazardous area visual & close inspection work performance
  - 5.37 Hazardous area detail inspection work performance

## 4.10 Unit Ex 009 – Design electrical installations in or associated with explosive atmospheres

### 4.10.1 Scope

This Unit of Competence covers the explosion-protection aspects of designing electrical power, control and instrumentation systems and installations. It requires the ability to establish design briefs and to pursue economical and effective explosion-protection design solutions.

This unit of competence is based on IEC 60079-14 and any other relevant standards that may apply.

### 4.10.2 Prerequisites

The applicant shall have the level of technical education (or equivalent) attained, relevant to the application, through documents such as Degree, Diploma and College Certificates etc

A minimum 3 years experience in general electrical installation design or supervised Hazardous Area installation design.

Competence in this unit shall be assessed either concurrently with or after Unit Ex 001 – Apply basic principles of protection in explosive atmospheres and competence has been achieved in designing electrical systems and installations (see Annex A).

### 4.10.3 Elements and performance criteria

Elements		Performance criteria		Critical aspects of evidence
9.1	Establish design brief	9.1.1	Site and plant specifications are obtained and reviewed to establish the system requirements.	Accessing and interpreting relevant information
		9.1.2	Classification of the area is obtained from the hazardous area layout drawings or other classification documents.	Accessing and interpreting relevant information
		9.1.3	Organizational policies and specifications for hazardous area electrical systems are obtained or established with the appropriate personnel.	Accessing and interpreting relevant information
9.2	Design system and installation	9.2.1	Safety, functional and economic considerations are incorporated in system design.	Providing design options and justifications including hazard risk, functionality and economic considerations.
		9.2.2	Design complies with all hazardous area requirements and includes specifications and all other necessary documentation for explosion-protected equipment, accessories and wiring systems.	Providing design options and justifications including hazard risk, functionality and economic considerations.
9.3	Check and finalise design	9.3.1	Design is checked under established procedures for compliance with all relevant requirements.	Following checking and documentation procedures.
		9.3.2	Design is submitted for appropriate organizational approval and, where applicable, statutory or regulatory approval.	Following checking and documentation procedures.
		9.3.3	Approved copies of design documents are issued for retention in the verification dossier, in accordance with established procedures and requirements.	Following checking and documentation procedures.

### 4.10.4 Scope limitations

Competence shall be demonstrated in relation to any classified hazardous area and explosion-protection technique. Any scope limitations shall be included in the application according to OD 502.





#### 4.10.5 Evidence guide – Critical aspects of evidence

In addition to the requirements of 4.2.5 evidence of competence in this unit shall show:

- a) Competent performance associated with each element of competence by employing the techniques, procedures, information and resources available in the workplace and encompassing the following aspects for which competence is sought according to Table in 4.10.3.
- b) An understanding of the knowledge and associated skills essential to performance as given in:
  - 5.7 Flameproof (Ex 'd') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.8 Increased safety (Ex 'e') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.9 Type of protection 'n' (Ex 'n')
  - 5.10 Encapsulation (Ex 'm') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.11 Oil immersion (Ex 'o') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.12 Powder filled (Ex 'q') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.13 Intrinsic safety (Ex 'i') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.14 Pressurization (Ex 'p') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.15 Dust protection by enclosures (Ex 't') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.16 Intrinsic safety (Ex 'iD') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.17 Pressurization (Ex 'pD') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.18 Encapsulation (Ex 'mD') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.19 Common characteristics of explosion-protection techniques
  - 5.20 Explosive atmospheres installation requirements
  - 5.38 Explosive atmospheres installation planning
  - 5.39 Common classified explosive atmospheres
  - 5.40 Explosion-protected electrical systems design
- c) A practical application of the knowledge and skills essential to performance as given in:
  - 5.41 Hazardous area installation design work performance
  - 5.42 Explosion-protected electrical system design work performance

## 4.11 Unit Ex 010 – Perform audit inspection of electrical installations in or associated with explosive atmospheres

### 4.11.1 Scope

This Unit of Competence covers the explosion-protection aspects of conducting an audit of an electrical installation. It requires the ability to verify whether an installation complies with the relevant hazardous area Standards for that installation and includes the verification of design and certification documentation (verification dossier), maintenance, overhaul and repair, work safety, inspection against Standards and reporting of audit results.

This unit of competence is based on IEC 60079-14 & IEC 60079-17 and any other relevant standards that may apply.

### 4.11.2 Prerequisites

The applicant shall have the level of technical education (or equivalent) attained, relevant to the application, through documents such as Degree, Diploma, College Certificates, Trade Credentials etc

A minimum 3 years experience in general electrical installation or inspection practice, a minimum of 2 years experience in Hazardous Area electrical installation inspection practice.

Competence in this unit shall be assessed either concurrently with or after Unit Ex 001 – Apply basic principles of protection in explosive atmospheres and after competence in engineering auditing or equivalent has been achieved (see Annex A).

### 4.11.3 Elements and performance criteria

Elements		Performance criteria		Critical aspects of evidence
10.1	Audit hazardous area documentation (verification dossier) and prepare to audit as-built installation	10.1.1	Records system (verification dossier) is reviewed to verify that essential hazardous area documentation is retained and procedures for maintaining records are established.	Reviewing hazardous area documentation and identifying the extent of the audit. Handling and installing equipment and wiring in a manner that does not reduce the type of protection afforded by the equipment design.
		10.1.2	Hazardous area classification and design drawings and documentation are checked to verify that appropriate procedures have been followed and are checked for traceability and authentication.	Reviewing hazardous area documentation and identifying the extent of the audit. Handling and installing equipment and wiring in a manner that does not reduce the type of protection afforded by the equipment design.
		10.1.3	Type and intended location of each item of equipment and circuits subject to audit are determined from design drawings and documentation.	
		10.1.4	OH&S policies and procedures for preparing to work in a hazardous area are followed.	Working safely in a hazardous area in relation to work permits and clearances, hazard monitoring and evacuation procedures, and plant and electrical isolation.
		10.1.5	Appropriately qualified persons are engaged to assist in aspects of the audit process.	Engaging and directing appropriately qualified persons as required.
		10.1.6	Special tools, equipment and devices needed for the inspection are obtained and checked for correct operation and	



Elements		Performance criteria		Critical aspects of evidence
			safety.	
10.2	Conduct audit	10.2.1	OH&S policies and procedures for working in a hazardous area are followed.	Working safely in a hazardous area in relation to work permits and clearances, hazard monitoring and evacuation procedures, and plant and electrical isolation.
		10.2.2	Parts of equipment that are dismantled in order to conduct inspection are protected against loss or damage.	Conducting audit to industry Standards.
		10.2.3	Appropriate qualified persons are directed to access components of the installation as required to audit the installation.	Conducting audit to industry Standards.
		10.2.4	Equipment, systems and installations are inspected for compliance with the design specifications retained in the hazardous areas documentation (verification dossier) and in accordance with requirements of the applicable Standards.	
10.3	Report audit results	10.3.1	Differences between the hazardous areas documentation (verification dossier) including the design specifications and installation are recorded.	Reporting non-conformance features aspects of the installation affecting safety.
		10.3.2	Any non-conformance, faults or unauthorized modifications are documented in accordance with established procedures.	Identifying any non-conformance aspects of the installation. Reporting non-conformance features aspects of the installation affecting safety.
		10.3.3	Where applicable, a non-conformance report regarding the safety of the installation is made and forwarded to the appropriate personnel.	Reporting non-conformance features aspects of the installation affecting safety.
		10.3.4	Documentation in relation to all aspects of the audit is forwarded to the appropriate personnel for any actions identified and for inclusion in the hazardous areas documentation (verification dossier). This includes any conformity assessment and fitness-for-purpose assessment.	Documenting inspection audit outcomes.

#### 4.11.4 Scope limitations

Competence shall be demonstrated in relation to any classified hazardous area. Any scope limitations shall be included in the application according to OD 502.

#### 4.11.5 Evidence guide – Critical aspects of evidence

In addition to the requirements of 4.2.5 evidence of competence in this unit shall show:

- Competent performance associated with each element by employing the techniques, procedures, information and resources available in the workplace and encompassing the following aspects for which competence is sought according to Table in 4.11.3.

- b) An understanding of the knowledge and associated skills essential to performance as given in:
  - 5.7 Flameproof (Ex 'd') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.8 Increased safety (Ex 'e') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.9 Type of protection 'n' (Ex 'n')
  - 5.10 Encapsulation (Ex 'm') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.11 Oil immersion (Ex 'o') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.12 Powder filled (Ex 'q') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.13 Intrinsic safety (Ex 'i') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.14 Pressurization (Ex 'p') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.15 Dust protection by enclosures (Ex 't') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.16 Intrinsic safety (Ex 'iD') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.17 Pressurization (Ex 'pD') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.18 Encapsulation (Ex 'mD') explosion-protection technique
  - 5.19 Common characteristics of explosion-protection techniques
  - 5.20 Explosive atmospheres installation requirements
  - 5.43 Hazardous area auditing processes
- c) A practical application of the knowledge and skills essential to performance as given in
  - 5.44 Hazardous area audit inspection work performance



## 5 Critical aspects of evidence

### 5.1 Explosive atmospheres and explosion-protection principles

Evidence shall show an understanding of explosive atmospheres and explosion-protection principles to an extent indicated by:

- a) Properties of combustible substances and their potential to create an explosive hazard encompassing:
  - i) condition in the workplace that will lead to an explosion;
  - ii) the terms 'combustion', 'ignition' and 'propagation';
  - iii) explosive range of substances encountered in the workplace i.e. LEL/UEL;
  - iv) explosive parameters of substances as given in tables of substance characteristics, i.e., properties of combustible materials – gases, vapours (from liquids), such as flash point; and Dusts;
  - v) the difference between gases and vapours; and
  - vi) the toxic nature of gases and vapours and potential harmful consequences.
- b) The nature of explosive atmospheres encompassing:
  - i) the Standards definition of a 'hazardous area';
  - ii) the recommended methods for classifying the type and degree of explosion hazard in an area;
  - iii) hazardous area classifications as defined by Standards; and
  - iv) factors that are considered when a hazardous area is classified.
- c) The basics of how explosion-protection is achieved by the methods of exclusion, containment, energy limitation, dilution, avoidance of ignition source.
- d) Occupational Health and Safety responsibilities related to explosive atmospheres encompassing:
  - i) the main features and purpose of a 'clearance to work' system (includes hot work permit system);
  - ii) typical safety procedures that should be followed before entering a hazardous area;
  - iii) the purpose of gas detectors and their limitations;
  - iv) effects of temperature on gas and vapour detection;
  - v) frequency of monitoring for presence of gas or vapours, i.e. effects of temperature rise;
  - vi) factors affecting the accuracy of gas detectors, for example, contamination, condensation, temperature;
  - vii) safety in use of gas detectors, for example, 'read and run concept'; and
  - viii) the safety precautions to be taken when working in a hazardous area.
  - ix) Housekeeping requirements to minimise the effect of dust layers
- e) The roles of the parties involved in the safety of explosive atmospheres encompassing:
  - i) Regulations related to the safety of explosive atmospheres and the Authorities responsible for their implementation;
  - ii) where assistance and further information can be obtained to assist persons with hazardous area responsibilities, for example, Standard bodies, experienced consultants; and
  - iii) the hazardous area responsibilities of:

- a) the owner of premises in which a hazardous area exists;
- b) the occupier of premises in which a hazardous area exists;
- c) enterprises and personnel engaged in installation and/or maintenance of explosion-protection systems;
- d) enterprises and personnel engaged in the classification of explosive atmospheres and/or design of explosion-protection systems;
- e) enterprises and personnel engaged in the overhaul, modification and/or assessment of explosion-protected equipment;
- f) enterprises and personnel engaged in the inspection of explosion-protection installations;
- g) manufacturers of explosion-protected equipment;
- h) designated authorities;
- i) insurers.

## **5.2 Explosion-protected equipment – Ex certification schemes**

Evidence shall show an understanding of Ex certification schemes to accepted standards to an extent indicated by:

- a) Purpose and scope of certification schemes.
- b) Other certification schemes.
- c) Processes for having equipment certified under the acceptable Ex schemes encompassing:
  - i) scheme procedures;
  - ii) quality management requirements;
  - iii) conformance testing and assessment; and
  - iv) requirements for ongoing certification.

## **5.3 Explosion-protected equipment – Principles**

Evidence shall show an understanding of the principles of the following explosion-protection techniques: Flameproof (Ex 'd'); Increased safety (Ex 'e'); Type of protection 'n' (Ex 'n'); Intrinsic safety (Ex 'i'); Encapsulation (Ex 'm'); Oil immersion (Ex 'o'); Pressurization (Ex 'p'); Powder filled (Ex 'q') for gas atmospheres and Protection by enclosures-Dusts (Ex 'tD' or Ex 't'); Pressurization-Dusts (Ex 'pD'); Encapsulation-Dusts (Ex 'mD'); and Intrinsic safety-Dusts (Ex 'iD'). The following aspects indicate the extent of understanding required:

- a) The principles of each explosion-protection technique, the methods used and how each technique works.
- b) How explosion-protected equipment is marked using the 'Ex' symbol, including marking of old equipment.
- c) Visible conditions or actions that would void the explosion-protection provided by a particular technique.

## **5.4 Explosion-protection visual checks**

Evidence shall show an understanding of visible conditions of explosion-protection equipment that indicate the protection is void and changes in the nature of the explosion hazard that may render the explosion-protection unsafe. The following aspects indicate the extent of understanding required.

- a) Occupational, health and safety procedures encompassing:
  - i) occupational, health and safety procedures to be followed before entering explosive atmospheres; and
  - ii) occupational, health and safety procedures to be followed while conducting close inspection.
- b) Visible defects in explosion-protected equipment and wiring.
- c) Conditions that may indicate a change in a given explosion hazard.



- d) Reporting defects in explosion-protected equipment and wiring encompassing:
  - i) the purpose of a verification dossier; and
  - ii) various ways for reporting defects in explosion-protected equipment and wiring.
- e) Procedures to be followed in the event of a change in the explosion hazard.

### **5.5 Explosive atmospheres classification techniques**

Evidence shall show an understanding of processes involved in gathering and analysing technical data to classify non-specific explosive atmospheres. The following aspects indicate the extent of understanding required:

- a) The process of classifying explosive atmospheres encompassing:
  - i) methods by which an area can be classified;
  - ii) the characteristics/attributes of an area that should be considered in the classification process, for example, type of process, nature of plant, source and nature of release;
  - iii) the requirements and Standards for classifying a hazardous area; and
  - iv) the responsibilities of the owner/occupiers for classification of a hazardous area.
- b) The likelihood (zoning) or risk assessment method of an explosive hazard encompassing:
  - i) ignition properties of materials relevant to determining the risk and extent of an explosive hazard;
  - ii) sources for obtaining data on ignition properties of materials under the conditions in which they could be present in a given process;
  - iii) methods for determining the risk related to explosive atmospheres and the circumstances appropriate to their use, for example, 'hazard and operability study' (hazop); 'fault tree analyses' (hazan); and
  - iv) means for reducing hazard risk.
- c) The extent of an explosive hazard and classifying an area accordingly encompassing:
  - i) the extent of zones for an area, given data on the explosive hazard risks for that area;
  - ii) requirements for documenting the classification of a hazardous area; and
  - iii) the extent of the zones, temperature classes and gas groups on site drawings in a hazardous area.

### **5.6 Hazardous area classification work performance**

In assessing competent hazardous area classification work performance evidence regarding the following aspects of competence shall be considered:

- a) Accessing necessary information and identifying hazardous products involved in a given process, explosive properties of materials involved in a given process, and potential sources and characteristics of release of hazardous products.
- b) Analysing data in the context of explosion risk.
- c) Determining area delineation and documenting area classifications.

### **5.7 Flameproof (Ex 'd') explosion-protection technique**

Evidence shall show an understanding of the characteristics and application of Flameproof (Ex 'd') explosion-protection technique to an extent indicated by:

- a) The purpose and characteristics of the design features of apparatus and circuits protected by the flameproof (Ex 'd') technique.

NOTE Examples of characteristics and design features are flame paths, integrity under pressure, pressure piling, and enclosure entries.

- b) Typical situations where the flameproof explosion-protection technique is used.
- c) Actions or conditions that would void the protection provided by the Flameproof technique.
- d) The use of Standards in determining the requirements to which the design of the flameproof explosion-protected apparatus shall comply.

### **5.8 Increased safety (Ex 'e') explosion-protection technique**

Evidence shall show an understanding of the characteristics and application of Increased safety (Ex 'e') explosion-protection technique to an extent indicated by:

- a) The purpose and characteristics of the design features of apparatus and circuits protected by the Increased safety (Ex 'e') technique.

NOTE Examples of characteristics and design features are temperature rise, maximum power dissipation, protection devices, certified components, creepage and clearance distances, absence of sparking contacts and enclosure entries.

- b) Typical situations where the Increased safety explosion-protection technique is used.
- c) Actions or conditions that would void the protection provided by the Increased safety technique.
- d) The use of Standards in determining the requirements to which the design of the Increased safety explosion-protected apparatus shall comply.

### **5.9 Type of protection 'n' (Ex 'n')**

Evidence shall show an understanding of the characteristics and application of Type of protection 'n' (Ex 'n') explosion-protection technique to an extent indicated by:

- a) The purpose and characteristics of the design features of apparatus and circuits protected by the Type of protection 'n' (Ex 'n') technique.

NOTE Examples of characteristics and design features are creepage and clearance distances and restricted breathing.

- b) Typical situations where the Type of protection 'n' explosion-protection technique is used.
- c) Actions or conditions that would void the protection provided by the Type of protection 'n' technique.
- d) The use of Standards in determining the requirements to which the design of the Type of protection 'n' explosion-protected apparatus shall comply.

### **5.10 Encapsulation (Ex 'm') explosion-protection technique**

Evidence shall show an understanding of the characteristics and application of Encapsulation (Ex 'm') explosion-protection technique to an extent indicated by:

- a) The purpose and characteristics of the design features of apparatus and circuits protected by the Encapsulation (Ex 'm') technique.

NOTE An example of characteristics and design features is solenoid valve.

- b) Typical situations where the Encapsulation explosion-protection technique is used.
- c) Actions or conditions that would void the protection provided by the Encapsulation technique.
- d) The use of Standards in determining the requirements to which the design of the Encapsulation explosion-protected apparatus shall comply.

### **5.11 Oil immersion (Ex 'o') explosion-protection technique**

Evidence shall show an understanding of the characteristics and application of Oil Immersion (Ex 'o') explosion-protection technique to an extent indicated by:

- a) The purpose and characteristics of the design features of apparatus and circuits protected by the Oil Immersion (Ex 'o') technique.

NOTE An example of characteristics and design features are transformers.

- b) Typical situations where the Oil Immersion explosion-protection technique is used.





- c) Actions or conditions that would void the protection provided by the Oil Immersion technique.
- d) The use of Standards in determining the requirements to which the design of the Oil Immersion explosion-protected apparatus shall comply.

#### **5.12 Powder filled (Ex 'q') explosion-protection technique**

Evidence shall show an understanding of the characteristics and application of Powder Filled (Ex 'q') explosion-protection technique to an extent indicated by:

- a) The purpose and characteristics of the design features of apparatus and circuits protected by the Powder Filled (Ex 'q') technique.

NOTE An example of characteristics and design features is a capacitor used with a luminaire.

- b) Typical situations where the Powder filled explosion-protection technique are used.
- c) Actions or conditions that would void the protection provided by the Powder Filled technique.
- d) The use of Standards in determining the requirements to which the design of the Powder Filled explosion-protected apparatus shall comply.

#### **5.13 Intrinsic safety (Ex 'i') explosion-protection technique**

Evidence shall show an understanding of the characteristics and application of Intrinsic safety (Ex 'i') explosion-protection technique to an extent indicated by:

- a) The purpose and characteristics of the design features of apparatus and circuits protected by the Intrinsic safety (Ex 'i') technique.

NOTE Examples of characteristics and design features are field devices, cables, safe area devices, earthing, entity versus integrated system concept, simple devices and interface devices and their parameters, segregation, infallible components, current and voltage limiting, creepage and clearance distances.

- b) Typical situations where the Intrinsic safety explosion-protection technique is used.
- c) Actions or conditions that would void the protection provided by Intrinsic safety.
- d) The use of Standards in determining the requirements to which the design of the Intrinsic safety explosion-protected apparatus shall comply.

#### **5.14 Pressurization (Ex 'p') explosion-protection technique**

Evidence shall show an understanding of the characteristics and application of Pressurization (Ex 'p') explosion-protection technique to an extent indicated by:

- a) The purpose and characteristics of the design features of apparatus and circuits protected by the Pressurization (Ex 'p') technique.

NOTE Examples of characteristics and design features are exclusion and dilution, purge periods, controlled shut down, monitoring and sources of internal release.

- b) Typical situations where the pressurization explosion-protection technique is used.
- c) Actions or conditions that would void the protection provided by the pressurization technique.
- d) The use of Standards in determining the requirements to which the design of the pressurization explosion-protected apparatus shall comply.

#### **5.15 Dust protection by enclosures (Ex 't') explosion-protection technique**

Evidence shall show an understanding of the characteristics and application of Enclosures (Ex 't') for Dusts explosion-protection technique. The following aspects indicate the extent of understanding required:

- a) The purpose and characteristics of the design features of apparatus and circuits protected by the techniques for dusts.

- b) Typical situations where dust explosion-protection technique is used.
- c) Actions or conditions that would void the protection provided by protection by enclosure technique.
- d) The use of Standards in determining the requirements to which the design of the dust explosion-protected enclosure shall comply.

#### **5.16 Intrinsic safety (Ex 'iD') explosion-protection technique**

Evidence shall show an understanding of the characteristics and application of Intrinsic safety (Ex 'iD') explosion-protection technique to an extent indicated by:

- a) The purpose and characteristics of the design features of apparatus and circuits protected by the Intrinsic safety (Ex 'iD') technique.

NOTE Examples of characteristics and design features are field devices, cables, safe area devices, earthing, entity versus integrated system concept, simple devices and interface devices and their parameters, segregation, infallible components, current and voltage limiting, creepage and clearance distances.

- b) Typical situations where the Intrinsic safety explosion-protection technique is used.
- c) Actions or conditions that would void the protection provided by Intrinsic safety.
- d) The use of Standards in determining the requirements to which the design of the Intrinsic safety explosion-protected apparatus shall comply.

#### **5.17 Pressurization (Ex 'pD') explosion-protection technique**

Evidence shall show an understanding of the characteristics and application of Pressurization (Ex 'pD') explosion-protection technique to an extent indicated by:

- a) The purpose and characteristics of the design features of apparatus and circuits protected by the Pressurization (Ex 'pD') technique.

NOTE Examples of characteristics and design features are exclusion and dilution, purge periods, controlled shut down, monitoring and sources of internal release.

- b) Typical situations where the pressurization explosion-protection technique is used.
- c) Actions or conditions that would void the protection provided by the pressurization technique.
- d) The use of Standards in determining the requirements to which the design of the pressurization explosion-protected apparatus shall comply.

#### **5.18 Encapsulation (Ex 'mD') explosion-protection technique**

Evidence shall show an understanding of the characteristics and application of Encapsulation (Ex 'mD') explosion-protection technique to an extent indicated by:

- a) The purpose and characteristics of the design features of apparatus and circuits protected by the Encapsulation (Ex 'm') technique.

NOTE An example of characteristics and design features is solenoid valve.

- b) Typical situations where the Encapsulation explosion-protection technique is used.
- c) Actions or conditions that would void the protection provided by the Encapsulation technique.
- d) The use of Standards in determining the requirements to which the design of the Encapsulation explosion-protected apparatus shall comply.

#### **5.19 Common characteristics of explosion-protection techniques**

Evidence shall show an understanding of the common characteristics of explosion-protection techniques to an extent indicated by:

- a) The purposes of 'temperature classification' and 'gas grouping/apparatus grouping'.
- b) Equipment markings (nameplate).
- c) Limitations of non-metallic or specific alloy enclosures.
- d) The purpose and use of conformity and certification/approval for equipment used in explosive atmospheres.



- e) Environmental conditions that may impact on explosion-protection techniques.
- f) The principles and applications of other and mixed explosion-protection techniques.

NOTE Other techniques include special protection Ex 's'.

## **5.20 Explosive atmospheres installation requirements**

Evidence shall show an understanding of hazardous area installation principles and maintenance techniques to an extent indicated by:

- a) Preparation to install and maintain explosion-protected equipment in explosive atmospheres encompassing:
  - i) OH&S procedures to be followed when working in a hazardous area;
  - ii) the significance of information provided on the certification documentation and schedules for a given item of explosion-protected equipment;
  - iii) the typical contents of a verification dossier and its purpose; and
  - iv) limitations in the use of tools and testing devices in explosive atmospheres.
- b) The relationship between explosion-protected equipment, their certification documents and required locations given in specifications and layout drawings and/or written instructions encompassing:
  - i) the purpose of markings on the equipment and on the certification documents for a given item of explosion-protected equipment;
  - ii) matching explosion-protected equipment with certification documents and the equipment specified for an installation; and
  - iii) the location of the items of explosion-protected equipment for an installation from specifications and layout drawings and/or instructions.
- c) Installation Standards and requirements applicable to hazardous encompassing:
  - i) the wiring systems permitted and not permitted in or above explosive atmospheres;
  - ii) equipment not permitted in or above explosive atmospheres;
  - iii) the regulations and Standards to which explosion-protected equipment and wiring must be installed in a hazardous area and how these are applied;
  - iv) cable penetrations through walls; and
  - v) the documentation required as a record of the installation process, including certification documentation.

## **5.21 Explosive atmospheres cable termination techniques**

Evidence shall show knowledge and skills in terminating cables suitable for use in explosive atmospheres to an extent indicated by:

- a) Selecting compliant cable termination devices.
- b) Installing conduit systems, where applicable, including seals to meet hazardous area requirements. Gases only.
- c) Terminating a cable with a barrier gland. Gases only.
- d) Terminating a multipair, SWA, overall screened, individual screened cable into an enclosure.
- e) Testing termination/connections of installed cables/circuits.

NOTE Tests include earth continuity, insulation resistance and polarity.

## **5.22 Hazardous area installation work performance**

In assessing competent hazardous area installation work performance evidence regarding the following aspects of competence shall be considered:

- a) Working safely in a potentially hazardous area in relation to work permits and clearances, hazard monitoring and evacuation procedures, and plant and electrical isolation.
- b) Handling and installing equipment and wiring in a manner that does not adversely affect the type of protection afforded by the equipment design.
- c) Checking equipment against certification documents and design specifications.
- d) Documenting installation completion.

### **5.23 Hazardous area management work performance**

Evidence shall show an understanding In assessing competent hazardous area management work performance, evidence regarding the following aspects of competence shall be considered:

- a) Application of relevant statutory requirements.
- b) Establishing or understanding procedures for engaging competent persons.
- c) Establishing or understanding and maintaining procedures for identifying potentially explosive hazards.
- d) Establishing procedures for implementing and maintaining explosion-protection strategies.

### **5.24 Hazardous area operations reporting work performance**

In assessing competent hazardous area operations, reporting work performance evidence regarding the following aspects of competence shall be considered:

- a) Permits and clearance.
- b) Hazard monitoring and evacuation procedures.
- c) Operation of plant and machinery.
- d) Plant and electrical isolation.
- e) Identifying visual damage and corrosion of equipment and wiring systems.
- f) Reporting defects.

### **5.25 Explosive atmospheres maintenance requirements**

Evidence shall show an understanding of maintenance procedures in hazardous area that will ensure the integrity of the explosion-protection technique to an extent indicated by:

- a) The purpose of a maintenance schedule.
- b) The purpose and extent of 'visual', 'close', 'sample' and 'periodic' inspections.
- c) The features of each explosion-protection technique that should be included in a maintenance schedule.
- d) The impact of environmental conditions on explosion-protected equipment, including corrosion and frequency of maintenance.
- e) The documentation requirements for recording the maintenance process and results.

### **5.26 Explosive atmospheres management**

Evidence shall show an understanding of the management responsibilities related to explosive atmospheres, the strategies used to maintain the safety of explosive atmospheres and the maintenance requirements. The following aspects indicate the extent of understanding required:

- a) The responsibilities of a person managing activities or a site related to a hazardous area, encompassing:
  - i) OH&S procedures that are to be established;
  - ii) responsibilities for ensuring that a hazardous area has been made safe prior to commencement of work; and
  - iii) responsibilities and processes for establishing and maintaining a verification dossier.
- b) Explosion-protection strategies in relation to a hazardous area, encompassing:



- i) the process of classifying a hazardous area;
  - ii) various ways in which electrical systems /apparatus can be treated to prevent them from becoming an ignition source; and
  - iii) the cost of the different ways of treating electrical systems/apparatus associated with explosive atmospheres.
- c) Requirements for the maintenance of electrical systems associated with explosive atmospheres, encompassing:
- i) the type and grades of inspection of explosive atmospheres;
  - ii) maintenance programs for electrical explosion-protected systems/apparatus; and
  - iii) documentation requirements associated with maintenance procedures.

#### **5.27 Hazardous area maintenance work performance**

In assessing competent hazardous area maintenance work performance evidence regarding the following aspects of competence shall be considered:

- a) Establishing maintenance policies and procedures that encompass OH&S responsibilities.
- b) Establishing maintenance management systems that address the special requirements for explosion-protected equipment and installations.
- c) Ensuring a hazardous area is appropriately classified and explosion-protection strategies are adequate.
- d) Developing and implementing maintenance programs and schedules in relation to explosion-protected equipment and installations.
- e) Evaluating maintenance programs in relation to explosion-protected equipment and installations.
- f) Working safely in a potentially hazardous area in relation to work permits and clearances, hazard monitoring and evacuation procedures, and plant and electrical isolation.
- g) Identifying defects and faults.
- h) Interpreting certification documentation in relation to maintenance, repair and replacement.
- i) Following established maintenance procedures.
- j) Documenting maintenance details.

#### **5.28 Explosion-protected equipment overhaul and repair – General requirements**

Evidence shall show an understanding of overhaul and repair procedures of explosion-protected equipment to an extent indicated by:

- a) The scope and limitations for overhaul and repair of explosion-protected equipment encompassing:
  - i) the requirements for compliance of a workshop;
  - ii) the requirements of a 'competent person' for a registered workshop engaged in the overhaul/repair of explosion-protected equipment; and
  - iii) the scope and limitations of work permitted under workshop registration.
- b) Overhaul and repair (technical) Standard encompassing:
  - i) the documentation/information required to enable overhauls/repairs to be undertaken;
  - ii) categories of work, for example, overhaul; no repair; overhaul-repair;
  - iii) modifications that are, and are not, permitted within the equipment certification; and

- iv) the requirements for overhaul/repair processes relevant to the type of protection and equipment.
- c) Requirements for documentation and identification of overhauled/repared explosion-protected encompassing:
  - i) overhaul/repair report document; and
  - ii) requirements for distribution of overhaul/repair reports.
- d) Quality management systems as covered by international Standards encompassing:
  - i) documentation regime of a quality management system;
  - ii) principle of document and data control covering both internally and externally generated documents and data; and
  - iii) principles of process control as applied to the overhaul and repair of explosion-protected equipment.

### **5.29 Explosion-protected equipment overhaul and repair specific to each technique**

Evidence shall show an understanding of overhaul and repair for specific explosion-protection techniques to an extent indicated by:

- a) The use of Standards in determining the requirements to which the design of explosion-protected apparatus shall comply.
- b) The level of overhaul/repair required encompassing:
  - i) Standards and their use for determining the requirement for a specific explosion-protection technique;
  - ii) measurement/tests and equipment required to determine whether an item of equipment meets the certification requirements;
  - iii) requirements for maintaining the accuracy/calibration of measuring/test equipment;
  - iv) measurement/test procedures for determining whether an item of equipment meets the certification requirements;
  - v) level of overhaul/repair required from comparisons of test results and requirements specified in the original certification; and
  - vi) specifying overhaul/repair work required to restore an item of explosion-protected equipment to conform to the original certification.
- c) Measurement/tests procedures to verify that an item of equipment meets the original certification requirements.

### **5.30 Explosion-protected equipment overhaul and repair work performance – operative**

In assessing competent hazardous area overhaul and repair work performance – operative evidence regarding the following aspects of competence shall be considered:

- a) Interpretation of nameplate data, correct identification of equipment classification & standards to which it was manufactured.
- b) Identification of faulty or worn components correct identification of component & competent use of documentation.
- c) Verification of surface finish compliance with standard against roughness gauge.
- d) Dimensional checks on components with identification of flame path gap compliance with certification document or standard with competent use of record documentation.
- e) Checking internal threads for wear or damage with competent use of record documentation.
- f) Induction motor core flux test calculations with competent use of record documentation.
- g) Induction motor stator winding dimensional measurements with competent use of record documentation.
- h) Induction motor stator winding wire conversion with competent use of record documentation.



- i) Correct interpretation of certification drawings (Optional).

### **5.31 Explosion-protected equipment overhaul and repair work performance – Responsible Person**

In assessing competent hazardous area overhaul and repair work performance – Responsible Person evidence regarding the following aspects of competence shall be considered:

All requirements of operative given in 5.30 plus:

- a) Following OH&S procedures.
- b) Correct interpretation of certification documentation, including drawings, and standards.
- c) Identification of appropriate reclamation procedures for defective component based on fault and equipment classification type.
- d) Measuring, testing and inspecting equipment for compliance with certification and Standards.
- e) Specifying overhaul/repair work.
- f) Documenting overhaul/repair work.

### **5.32 Explosive atmospheres installation testing**

Evidence shall show an understanding of testing installations of explosion-protected equipment, wiring and circuits associated with explosive atmospheres. The following aspects indicate the extent of understanding required:

- a) Preparation for conducting installation testing in a hazardous area encompassing:
  - i) OH&S procedures to be followed for working in a hazardous area; and
  - ii) procedures for determining whether a given hazardous area is safe to conduct electrical testing.
- b) Characteristics and limitations of testing equipment used to test installation in explosive atmospheres encompassing:
  - i) testing devices required to test an installation in a hazardous area; and
  - ii) the suitability of testing device for use in a hazardous area.
- c) Documentation of results of hazardous area installation tests encompassing:
  - i) test results that should be recorded in a verification dossier; and
  - ii) procedures and options for dealing with test results that show non-conformance.

### **5.33 Hazardous area installation testing work performance**

In assessing competent hazardous area installation testing work performance evidence regarding the following aspects of competence shall be considered:

- a) Working safely in a potentially hazardous area in relation to work permits and clearances, hazard monitoring and evacuation procedures, and plant and electrical isolation.
- a) Handling and installing equipment and wiring in a manner that does not adversely affect the type of protection afforded by the equipment design.
- b) Conducting tests.
- c) Documenting testing outcomes.

### **5.34 Explosive atmospheres visual & close inspection requirements**

Evidence shall show an understanding of the purpose and process of visual & close inspections to an extent indicated by:

- a) Occupational health and safety procedures encompassing:

- i) occupational, health and safety procedures to be followed before entering explosive atmospheres; and
- ii) occupational, health and safety procedures to be followed while conducting close inspection.
- b) Requirements for a verification dossier and relationship to as-built electrical installation.
- c) Purpose, scope and limitations of close inspections.
- d) Documentation requirements resulting from a visual or close inspection.

### **5.35 Hazardous area visual & close inspection work performance**

In assessing competent hazardous area visual & close inspection work performance evidence regarding the following aspects of competence shall be considered:

- a) Working safely in a potentially hazardous area in relation to work permits and clearances, hazard monitoring and evacuation procedures, and plant and electrical isolation.
- a) Inspecting equipment and wiring in a manner that does not adversely affect the type of protection afforded by the equipment design.
- b) Conducting visual inspections.
- c) Documenting inspection outcomes.

### **5.36 Explosive atmospheres detailed inspection techniques**

Evidence shall show an understanding of techniques used in inspecting installations of explosion-protected and associated apparatus and hazardous area wiring. The following aspects indicate the extent of understanding required:

- a) The relationship between the documentation held in a verification dossier and the installed equipment encompassing:
  - i) consistency between the location and type of equipment with the area classification details in the verification dossier; and
  - ii) equipment certification and any attached conditions that relate to the equipment as it is installed.
- b) Inspecting a hazardous area installation encompassing:
  - i) typical processes for undertaking the inspection of a hazardous area installation;
  - ii) requirements applicable to a given installation; and
  - iii) reporting of an inspection of a hazardous area installation.

### **5.37 Hazardous area detail inspection work performance**

In assessing competent hazardous area detail inspection work performance evidence regarding the following aspects of competence shall be considered:

- a) Working safely in a potentially hazardous area in relation to work permits and clearances, hazard monitoring and evacuation procedures, and plant and electrical isolation.
- a) Handling and installing equipment and wiring in a manner that does not adversely affect the type of protection afforded by the equipment design.
- b) Conducting inspections.
- c) Documenting inspection outcomes.

### **5.38 Explosive atmospheres installation planning**

Evidence shall show an understanding of hazardous area electrical installations planning and the selection of appropriate explosion-protected equipment and wiring. The following aspects indicate the extent of understanding required:

- a) Interpretation of documents showing the classification of a hazardous area encompassing:
  - i) the methods used for classifying explosive atmospheres;





- ii) the delineation of zones, temperature classes and gas groups of a given hazardous area from classification documents;
  - iii) the delineation of zones, temperature classes and gas groups of a given hazardous area from similar situations previously classified, such as those given in Standards; and
  - iv) situations where classification needs to be undertaken by a person competent in non-specific area classification i.e. a person who has attained Unit Ex 002 – Perform classification of hazardous areas.
- b) Selecting and checking equipment, wiring and accessories encompassing:
- i) the impact of environmental conditions, such as corrosion and maintenance requirements, on explosion-protected equipment and accessories;
  - ii) explosion-protected equipment and accessories to suit the requirements of given explosive atmospheres;
  - iii) wiring systems to suit the requirements of a hazardous area, load and duty requirements and consideration of capacitive/inductive effects and inductance/resistance ratio where applicable;
  - iv) earthing and equipotential bonding requirements for a hazardous area installation;
  - v) procedures used to check the compliance certification of equipment used in a hazardous area; and
  - vi) electrical protection systems and devices, for example, overloads, earth fault protection) appropriate to an explosion-protection technique.
  - vii) compliant cable termination devices including glands.
- c) Documentation of hazardous area installation design encompassing:
- i) the items that should be included in the documentation for the design of a hazardous area installation;
  - ii) installation layout, specification, work schedule and other documentation required for inclusion in a verification dossier; and
  - iii) the essential documentation that needs to be specified/requested from manufacturers when purchasing explosion-protected equipment/accessories.

### **5.39 Common classified explosive atmospheres**

Evidence shall show an understanding of common and specific explosive atmospheres for which classification examples are given in Standards. The following aspects indicate the extent of understanding required:

- a) The example classifications given in Standards.
- b) Applying the classifications given in Standards to similar situations for the purpose of planning of electrical installations.

### **5.40 Explosion-protected electrical systems design**

Evidence shall show an understanding of explosion-protected electrical system design to an extent indicated by:

- a) Process for establishing a design brief for an explosion-protected electrical system encompassing:
  - i) consultation processes for establishing client requirements and preparing a design brief; and
  - ii) system requirements using site and plant specifications, hazardous area classifications and organization requirements.
- b) System design encompassing:

- i) major considerations influencing explosion-protected electrical system designs;
  - ii) requirements in Standards and regulations that affect the electrical system design; and
  - iii) typical design process incorporating explosion-protection in an electrical system.
- c) Design documentation required for a hazardous area encompassing:
- i) procedures for checking and approval of explosion-protected system design; and
  - ii) requirements for documenting a final design including documents to be included in a verification dossier.

#### **5.41 Hazardous area installation design work performance**

In assessing competent hazardous area installation design work performance evidence regarding the following aspects of competence shall be considered:

- a) Interpreting area classification documentation.
- b) Classifying area from Standards.
- c) Documenting area classification.
- d) Selecting equipment for a given classified area.
- e) Selecting wiring systems for a given classified area.
- f) Checking equipment certification for suitability for a given classified area.

#### **5.42 Explosion-protected electrical system design work performance**

In assessing competent hazardous area electrical system design work performance evidence regarding the following aspects of competence shall be considered:

- a) Accessing and interpreting relevant information.
- b) Providing design options and justifications including hazard risk, functionality and economic considerations.
- c) Following checking and documentation procedures.

#### **5.43 Hazardous area auditing processes**

Evidence shall show an understanding of processes used in auditing hazardous areas to an extent indicated by:

- a) Requirements to retain hazardous area documentation on site.
- b) Components of an audit encompassing :
  - i) authenticity of documentation;
  - ii) hazardous area delineations shown in site diagrams;
  - iii) location and operating parameters of equipment shown in certification documents;
  - iv) compliance of equipment location;
  - v) compliance of wiring systems; and
  - vi) alignment of hazardous area documentation to as- built installation.
- c) Reporting non-conformance of an installation.

#### **5.44 Hazardous area audit inspection work performance**

In assessing competent hazardous area detail inspection work performance evidence regarding the following aspects of competence shall be considered:

- a) Working safely in a potentially hazardous area in relation to work permits and clearances, hazard monitoring and evacuation procedures, and plant and electrical isolation.
- b) Accessing and interpreting relevant information.
- c) Handling and installing equipment and wiring in a manner that does not adversely affect the type of protection afforded by the equipment design.
- d) Conducting inspections.



- e) Documenting inspection outcomes.
- a) Interpreting area classification documentation.
- b) Documenting area classification.
- c) Selecting equipment for a given classified area.
- d) Selecting wiring systems for a given classified area.
- e) Checking equipment certification for suitability for a given classified area.
- f) Following checking and documentation procedures.

## 6 Summary of essential knowledge and associated skills for each Unit of Competence

Essential knowledge and associated skills		Unit Ex 001 – Apply basic principles of protection in explosive atmospheres	Unit Ex 002 – Perform classification of hazardous areas	Unit Ex 003 – Install explosion-protected equipment and wiring systems	Unit Ex 004 – Maintain equipment in explosive atmospheres	Unit Ex 005 – Overhaul and repair of explosion-protected equipment	Unit Ex 006 – Test electrical installations in or associated with explosive atmospheres	Unit Ex 007 – Perform visual & close inspection of electrical installations in or associated with explosive atmospheres	Unit Ex 008 – Perform detailed inspection of electrical installations in or associated with explosive atmospheres	Unit Ex 009 – Design electrical installations in or associated with explosive atmospheres	Unit Ex 010 – Perform audit inspection of electrical installations in or associated with explosive atmospheres
5.1	Explosive atmospheres and explosion-protection principles	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
5.2	Explosion-protected equipment – Ex certification schemes	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
5.3	Explosion-protected equipment – Principles	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
5.4	Explosion-protection visual checks	X									
5.5	Explosive atmospheres classification techniques		X								
5.6	Hazardous area classification work performance		X								
5.7	Flameproof (Ex 'd') explosion-protection technique			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
5.8	Increased safety (Ex 'e') explosion-protection technique			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
5.9	Type of protection 'n' (Ex 'n')			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
5.10	Encapsulation (Ex 'm') explosion-protection technique			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
5.11	Oil immersion (Ex 'o') explosion-protection technique			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
5.12	Powder filled (Ex 'q') explosion-protection technique			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
5.13	Intrinsic safety (Ex 'i') explosion-protection technique			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Essential knowledge and associated skills		Unit Ex 001 – Apply basic principles of protection in explosive atmospheres	Unit Ex 002 – Perform classification of hazardous areas	Unit Ex 003 – Install explosion-protected equipment and wiring systems	Unit Ex 004 – Maintain equipment in explosive atmospheres	Unit Ex 005 – Overhaul and repair of explosion-protected equipment	Unit Ex 006 – Test electrical installations in or associated with explosive atmospheres	Unit Ex 007 – Perform visual & close inspection of electrical installations in or associated with explosive atmospheres	Unit Ex 008 – Perform detailed inspection of electrical installations in or associated with explosive atmospheres	Unit Ex 009 – Design electrical installations in or associated with explosive atmospheres	Unit Ex 010 – Perform audit inspection of electrical installations in or associated with explosive atmospheres
5.14	Pressurization (Ex 'p') explosion-protection technique			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
5.15	Dust protection by enclosures (Ex 't') explosion-protection technique			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
5.16	Intrinsic safety (Ex 'iD') explosion-protection technique			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
5.17	Pressurization (Ex 'pD') explosion-protection technique			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
5.18	Encapsulation (Ex 'mD') explosion-protection technique			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
5.19	Common characteristics of explosion-protection techniques			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
5.20	Explosive atmospheres installation requirements			X			X	X	X	X	X
5.21	Explosive atmospheres cable termination techniques			X	X		X		X		
5.22	Hazardous area installation work performance			X							
5.23	Hazardous area management work performance			X							
5.24	Hazardous area operations reporting work performance			X	X						
5.25	Explosive atmospheres maintenance requirements				X				X		
5.26	Explosive atmospheres management				X						
5.27	Hazardous area maintenance work performance				X						
5.28	Explosion-protected equipment overhaul and repair – General requirements					X					
5.29	Explosion-protected equipment overhaul and repair specific to each technique					X					

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## **Annex A**

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### **Specific prerequisite units and recommended general competence for achievement of each Unit of Competence**

The Units of Competence in this specification have been developed to complement competence/qualifications in the general functions of production, installation, maintenance, overhaul/repair, design, inspection and/or related management that have been previously acquired.

Table A1 shows the specific prerequisite units and the recommended general competence and level assumed to be held by a person before undertaking assessment to achieve Units of Competence in this specification.



**Table A1 – Summary of prerequisite units and recommended general competence**

Unit of Competence	Specific prerequisite Unit(s)	Previously attained competence
		Description
Unit Ex 001 – Apply basic principles of protection in explosive atmospheres	none	Competence in plant or machinery operation or installations, maintenance or service functions
Unit Ex 002 – Perform classification of hazardous areas	none	Competence in gathering and analysing technical data and using this data for risk assessment
Unit Ex 003 – Install explosion-protected equipment and wiring systems	Unit Ex 001	Competence in installation of electrical, electronic, instrumentation and/or data communication equipment and wiring systems
Unit Ex 004 – Maintain equipment in explosive atmospheres	Unit Ex 001	Competence in maintenance of general low-voltage or extra-low voltage electrical, electronic, instrumentation and/or data communication equipment and wiring systems
Unit Ex 005 – Overhaul and repair of explosion-protected equipment	Unit Ex 001	Competence in overhaul and repair of general low-voltage or extra-low voltage electrical/electronic equipment
Unit Ex 006 – Test electrical installations in or associated with explosive atmospheres	Unit Ex 001	Competence in conducting testing of general electrical, electronic, instrumentation and/or data communication installations
Unit Ex 007 – Perform visual & close inspection of electrical installations in or associated with explosive atmospheres	Unit Ex 003 or Unit Ex 004	Competence in general electrical installation inspection are an alternative to the specific units listed in Column 2
Unit Ex 008 – Perform detailed inspection of electrical installations in or associated with explosive atmospheres	Unit Ex 003 or Unit Ex 004	Competence in general electrical installation inspection are an alternative to the specific units listed in Column 2
Unit Ex 009 – Design electrical installations in or associated with explosive atmospheres	Unit Ex 001	Competence in designing electrical systems and installations
Unit Ex 010 – Perform audit inspection of electrical installations in or associated with explosive atmospheres	Unit Ex 003 or Unit Ex 004 or Unit Ex 009	Competence in general electrical installation inspection are an alternative to the specific units listed in Column 2

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