



BGAS/CSWIP scheme gains UKAS accreditation to ISO/IEC 17024:2012

The BGAS/CSWIP approval scheme has been brought in line with all other CSWIP schemes and is now accredited by UKAS in accordance with ISO/IEC 17024 “Conformity Assessment – General requirements for bodies operating certification of personnel” and will now be operated through TWI Certification Ltd.

As a result the following changes will be implemented from 2 November 2015:

Each category of certification (approval) will be renewed after five years by documentary evidence in line with ISO 17024. The ten year recertification will be by documentary evidence followed by the recertification examination.

- No certification expiry dates will be extended when additional categories are undertaken.
- For each category, initial, renewal or recertification self-sponsored candidates will now receive two copies of a certificate of proficiency and an individual ID card.
- National Grid has agreed to a transitional period to December 2016 for all BGAS renewals and recertifications. Candidates undertaking a renewal within this timescale can provide a CV when renewing categories, they will then be sent a CSWIP log book for all future renewals and recertifications. **The verified log book will become mandatory for renewal from January 2017.** It is strongly recommended that candidates start using the log book immediately, please contact 01223 899542 or email bgasenquiries@twi.co.uk for details on how to obtain the log book or complete the application form on the CSWIP website.
- Companies who pay for candidates to attend the examination will be sent the two certificates of proficiency and the ID card.
- As each category will now be classed as a separate renewal, discounts will be offered to assist with this change.
- Candidates renewing up to three categories will be charged one standard renewal fee of £109.50 (excluding VAT).
- Candidates renewing over three categories will be charged the equivalent of two standard renewal fees £219.00 (excluding VAT).
- All renewal and BGAS certification enquiries should be addressed to: bgasenquiries@twi.co.uk

Please note: TWI Examination Services will continue to conduct all initial and recertification examinations.