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THE BRITISH INSTITUTE OF
NON-DESTRUCTIVE TESTING



VISION REQUIREMENTS (PSL/44 – issue 15 dated 1st October)

All PCN candidates and holders of PCN certification shall have natural or corrected vision satisfying the following minimum requirement:

PCN will recognise the Tumbling E Chart as a satisfactory near vision test please refer to NANDTB 24. (Existing documentation or Tumbling E vision test charts that continue to state NANDTB/24 remain valid but ISO 18490:2015 is the standard that must be adhered to.)

The candidate shall provide documented evidence of satisfactory vision in accordance with the following requirements:

- A. Corrected or uncorrected near-vision acuity shall permit reading **a minimum of Times Roman N4.5 or equivalent letters** (having a vertical height of not more than 1.6 mm – see note 1) at not less than 30 cm.
- B. Colour vision (see note 2) shall be sufficient that the candidate can distinguish contrast between the colours or shades used in the NDT method concerned as specified by the employer.

Subsequently to certification, the tests of visual acuity shall be carried out at least annually. Records of tests shall be retained by the employer or responsible agency and provided to PCN upon request. Failure to do so will invalidate all PCN certification.

NOTE 1. Laminated hand held vision test charts are available from a number of suppliers, including the Institute of Optometry*. Further information may be obtained from the Certification Services Division of the British Institute of NDT.
*<http://www.ioosales.co.uk/html/practice/eye06B.html>

NOTE 2. All candidates and holders of PCN certification will be required to have had colour perception assessed by the Ishihara 24 plate test. The test is required every five years. **In the event that a colour perception deficiency, indicated by misreading any of the first 17 plates, is detected during the Ishihara test, a further 'trade test' is to be carried out by the employer to ascertain whether the detected colour perception deficiency affects the individual's ability to perform the NDT for which he is certificated.** This trade test is to be documented and the record of the test made available to BINDT upon request.

In such cases as a new medical issue arises candidates are required to undergo further eye examinations as some medical conditions such as diabetes or a major medical condition can affect both near vision and colour perception.

Forms overleaf may be used to record the results of near vision, colour perception and contrast tests.

BINDT accepts that a *nominated official of an Authorised Qualifying Body, a PCN Level 3 certificate holder **or other medical professional**, having documented proof of satisfactory training in the administration of the test, **and** is medically recognised as competent to conduct such tests for candidates and holders of PCN certification.

**nominated officials must provide proof of appropriate training upon request by BINDT.*



The British Institute of Non-Destructive Testing is an accredited certification body offering personnel and quality management systems assessment and certification against criteria set out in international and European standards through the PCN Certification Scheme.



RECORD OF VISION TESTS

Name of individual tested: _____ PCN number: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Employer: _____

RESULT OF ISHIHARA COLOUR VISION TEST Record the Ishihara test results, and indicate if an alternative (trade) test is suggested.			
Please state number of Ishihara plates correctly interpreted: Failure to record this will result in vision test being rejected (MINIMUM OF FIRST 17)	Record of Ishihara plates failed (the test administrator may, optionally, provide comment on the nature of colour perception deficiency):		
RESULT OF COLOUR VISION TRADE TEST (WHERE NECESSARY - SEE NOTE 2) The employer should state the NDT methods and associated colours used by the employee:			
NDT METHOD	ASSOCIATED COLOURS	COLOUR DIFFERENTIATION	CONTRAST DETECTION
RESULT OF NEAR VISION TEST (record the smallest text capable of being read).			
CORRECTED		UNCORRECTED	
Times Roman N: _____, or Jaeger number: _____		Times Roman N: _____, or Jaeger number: _____	
RESULT OF NEAR VISION TEST – Tumbling E Option (candidates should correctly identify 5 out of 5 on each line, and lines 1-9)			
CORRECTED		UNCORRECTED	
Line: _____ Pass/Fail		Line: _____ Pass/Fail	
DETAILS OF PERSON CARRYING OUT AND RECORDING ANY OF THE ABOVE TESTS			
Signature:		Name of tester:	
		Date of test:	
Organisation and telephone number (please use official stamp if available):			