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This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 156, *Corrosion of metals and alloys*.

## Introduction

This document enables the competence of cathodic protection (CP) persons carrying out cathodic protection survey, design, installation, testing and maintenance work to be defined and verified.

The relevant application sectors concern on-land metallic structures, marine metallic structures, reinforced concrete structures and the inner surfaces of metallic structures containing an electrolyte.

Demonstration of competence is possible by certification. This document offers a certification scheme in accordance with ISO/IEC 17024.

In preparation of [Clauses 4, 5](#) and [6](#), a detailed job task analysis (JTA) was undertaken by consensus of the experts in ISO TC 156. This JTA was then subject to review by international experts during the ISO enquiry process. It is considered that [Clauses 4, 5](#) and [6](#) constitute a rigorous JTA. The JTA is largely based on similar work performed by CEN/TC 219, which produced EN 15257, which has been in widespread use since 2007.



# Cathodic protection — Competence levels of cathodic protection persons — Basis for a certification scheme

## 1 Scope

This document defines five levels of competence (detailed in [Clause 4](#)) for persons working in the field of cathodic protection (CP), including survey, design, installation, testing, maintenance and advancing the science of cathodic protection. It specifies a framework for establishing these competence levels and their minimum requirements.

Competence levels apply to each of the following application sectors:

- on-land metallic structures;
- marine metallic structures;
- reinforced concrete structures;
- inner surfaces of metallic structures containing an electrolyte.

These application sectors are detailed in [Clause 5](#).

This document specifies the requirements to be used for establishing a certification scheme as defined in ISO/IEC 17024. It is not mandatory to apply all of the levels and/or application sectors. This certification scheme is detailed in [Annexes A, B and C](#).

## 2 Normative references

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ISO/IEC 17024, *Conformity assessment — General requirements for bodies operating certification of persons*

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### 3.1

#### application sector

particular section of industry or technology where specialized cathodic protection survey, design, installation, testing and maintenance practices are used or the science of cathodic protection is advanced, requiring specific sector-related knowledge, skill, equipment or *training* ([3.13](#))

### 3.2

#### assessment committee

group appointed by the certification body which reviews applications and examination results and determines compliance with the requirements for CP certifications offered by the certification body

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