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REQUALIFICATION PROCESS IN EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

Consistently high quality jointer training is essential for the successful transfer of qualified Universal Jointing technology from designers into the field. Face to face training is still considered the best method for maintaining jointer skills. Due to extenuating circumstances, travel and face to face training has been disrupted for at least a year and is expected to remain in a state of flux for the foreseeable future. The UJ Consortium have reviewed the options to protect the high standards which have been invested in over the years and the following process has been agreed.

Referring to UJC Bulletin 092 Issue 3, jointers' requalification dates fall into two groups:

Group 1: Valid qualified jointers' certificates that expired within the period 1st March to 30th September 2020 have been extended until 30th June 2021.

Group 2: Valid qualified jointers' certificates that expired since 1st October 2020 or are due to expire before 31st March 2021, are extended by 270 days (9 months) which will end between by 29th June and 26th December 2021.

It is now critical that, before the 30th June 2021, jointers contact their UJ training provider and arrange their next requalification course.

The jointers will be set an open-book, multiple-choice examination by their UJ training provider, which they must complete at their normal place of work thus removing the need for them to travel. If the examination is passed, the jointers will receive an extension to their certificate which will expire as detailed above, but not exceeding December 2021 for Group 1 and 31st March 2022 for Group 2.

Once the course is booked and the certificate issued, it may be further extended by up to 3 months at the Jointing School's discretion, in the event that the course can't be held as scheduled.

Note 1: There may be a fee for the requalification by remote examination and reservation of the face to face training course slot when these become available.

Note 2: Failure to book the course and pass the exam could cause the certificates to expire based on the existing bulletin (UJCB092 Issue 3) on the 30th June 2021 (for Group 1) up to Dec 2021 (for Group 2)

The UJ Consortium will continue to regularly review this process if travel and face to face training continue to be restricted.

If you have any queries concerning these changes, please contact the UJ Consortium Co-ordinator.

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