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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 and 096 Issue 1, jointers' requalification dates there is now a group 3 so that:

- **GROUP 1:** 1st March 2020 to 30th September 2020 *Automatically extended to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021, UJC school application required for interim re-issue of certificates beyond this date.*
- **GROUP 2:** 1st October 2020 and 31st March 2021 *Automatically extended up to Dec 2021, UJC school application required for interim re-issue of certificates beyond this date.*
- **GROUP 3:** 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022. *Not automatically extended, UJC school application required for interim re-issue of certificates.*

The date for further extending certificates for Group 1 and 2 has now expired. So, if contact with a UJC training school has not been made as per UJC Bulletin 096 Issue 1, i.e., by 30th June 2021, then the certificates for Group 1 would have expired on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 and up to 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2021 for those in Group 2.

Group 3 jointers, certificates expiring between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022, must contact their UJ training provider to arrange requalification course before their current certificate expires and arrange a requalification course, ideally within 3 months of current expiration.

As with UJC Bulletin 096 Issue 1 once the date of the requalification course has been set, 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 at the end of the month of their re-scheduled course.

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

**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 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 (for Group 1) up to Dec 2021 (for Group 2) and the original certificate date for Group 3

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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