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1. Objective, status and general provisions

These examination regulations provide procedures relating to the development, updating, preparation and conduct of examinations and the assessment of examinations and periodic evaluation of examination results in accordance with ISO 17024 relating to certification examinations.

These regulations are an elaboration of the STIPEL 10001 Central Scheme and the requirements in Aestimavi's quality system.

The examination regulations apply to the examination organisation, the examination committee, the examination secretariat, the examination cabdidates, examiners and supervisors.

These examination regulation apply to all certification examinations for the competence profiles named on the title page wich fall under the responsibility of Aestimavi. The examination committee decides on matters within its remit in an examination committee meeting and sumits any amendments to the board for approval.

The STIPEL certification schemes are continuously updated by the board of experts and STIPEL based on market developments, improves and advancing insight.

The exam regulations are available for insight (digitally) during each STIPEL exam and can be downloaded from the Aestimavi website.

The candidate is informed of this through the invitation wich the candidate recives through the canidate portal.

The examination can only be validly taken if the conditions as stated in these examination regulations are met. The examinations regualations are reviewed by the board for content, updating and applicability.

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2. Terms and definitions

2.1 Examination organisation

Aestimavi, on behalf of STIPEL, ensures the proper conduct of the preparation, conduct and processing of the examinations. The exam results are sent to STIPEL with a postitive or negative opinion. STIPEL assesses the results and takes the certification decision.

2.2 Examination board for STIPEL

STIPEL has set up an examination committee consisting of persons who are independent of an examination oragnisation, with expertises, tasks and wording methods laid down in the examination committee's regulations.

2.3 Aestimavi as examination institution (EI)

Aestimavi conducts examination of Professional Competence in accordance with ISO 17024 for: All professional competence profiles "Electrical Industry" in accordance with the STIPEL applicable schedules.

Certificat decision-maker; the certificate decision-maker is employed by STIPEL and makes the final decision to issue a certificate or not.

2.4 Certificate of Competence

A Certificate of Competence (also called a "person certificate") is issued by STIPEL for a spacific area of competence.

The certificate of Professional Competence is issued on the person. The certificate holder undertakes towards STIPEL to comply with the validity conditions attached toe the certificate of competence. These vadlidity conditions are stated on the certificate and established by the certral board of experts STIPEL. To recive the certificate, the candidate must sirn STIPEI's applicationform before the start of the examination in which the candidate also agrees to STIPEL's General Terms and Conditions.

2.5 Board of Stakeholders and College of Experts

For the purpose of carring out certification of professional competence for the development of certification schemes has STIPEL set up a Stakeholders council (BoS). The BoE mandates the College of Experts for the development and maintanance of certification achemes for the "certificates industry". The STIPEL Stakeholder Board has defined its duties, responsibilities and powers in its STIPEL 10001:1202B Central schedule.

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2.6 Examiner

The person authorised by Aestimavi to give examiantion (practical) assignments to the candidate, assess for correct safe working practices, and if necessary intervene in a dangerous situation. He is in overall charge during the exam and ensures the correct running of the exam.

2.7 Supervisor

The person authorised by Aestimavi to supervise the correct conduct of teh theory examination.

2.8 Candidate

Exam / re-exam particiant. A person who has duly registerd and is therfore admitted to the examination.

2.9 Competence profile

Scope determined by the Central College of Experts STIPEL to which the certificate of professional competence relates. The competence profile is described in the certification scheme and specified by means of final attainment levels.

3. Admission requirements

3.1 Registration

The applicant should apply for the examination through the STIPEL applicationform. The applicant's application must be made in writing/by email to the examination organisation of his/her shoice. The applicant must have completed the applicationform in its entirety, in case of missing data, STIPEL wil not proceed with certification.

3.2 Basic tests

Candidates wishing to qualify for STIPEL Industry certification take a basic test. If passed, it has a validity of 5 years.

3.3 Examination fees

To qualify for certificate, the candidate must have fulfilled all payment obligations in relation to examination and certification. If thesse are not met, Aestimavi may have the issued certificate withdrawn by STIPEL on teh basis of STIPEL's General Terms and Conditions Articlee 15.

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3.4 Invitation

The canditate who has validly registerd will be notified before the examination of where and at what time the examination will take place.

3.5 Presence

The canditate must be present in good time before the start of the examination, all-in accordance with Aestimavi's instructions send by email.

3.6 Identification

Candidate is required to identify himself with a valid indentification document. Digital or copy ID, driving will not be accepted as valid proof of identity. The candidate will be excluded from the examination. (see also article 5.6)

4. Central examination committee STIPEL Industry

4.1 Terms of reference

Established by STIPEL, the exam committee consists of members approved and appointed on the basis of their expertise and independence from the examination organisations.

Examination committee members may be assisted by extarnal expaerts for the performance of its duties. Menbers of the examination committee may attend examinations by virtue of their responsibilities. The examination committee has defined its duties and responsibilities in the STIPEL 10001 Central Schedule. The procedure for the assessment of examination papers by the examination committee is laid down in the same document.

4.2 Confidentiality

The examination committee shall ensure the absolute confidentiality of examination documents (such as examination papers, examinations, exam work, results and evaluations), insofar as the right of inspection by other bodies or persons has not been established and is known.

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4.3 Composition of exams

Exams are composed with the questions/assignments approved by the STIPEL Central examination committee. There should be 5 different practical examns, which together cover all test items. Compilation of the exams takes place by Aestimavi on the basis of the established test matrix. STIPEL assesses the composed exams on the test matrix and final tem. Changes in/to previously approved questions/assignments and composite examinations have to be approved by the examination committee. Changes in/to previously approved compostie examinations be kept up to dat and wille be assessed by STIPEL.

4.4 Language

Examinations are conducted in the Dutch language. Upon request, an exam may bet taken in the English language.

4.5 Examination resources

In addition to the requirements for the examination venue, sufficient resources must be made available for the candidate and examiner/supervisor at each examination for the correct conduct of the examination.

For the examiner/supervisor a minumum of:

- Table and chair
- Instructions
- Examination regulations
- Sufficient examination documents
- Log-in data for online exam
- Attendance list
- Clock

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5. General rules when conducting the examination

Listed below are the minimum requirements that the conduct of an exam should meet.

5.1 Location of written/digital examinations

The examination will be held at a location that meets the following criteria as a minimum:

- Each candidate should be seated at a table with at least 50cm x 70cm free working space.
- Candidates should sit at least 75cm from the nearest other candidate.
- The location should be free of disruptive influences (noise, draughts, high/low temperatures, unwanted access)
- The location should be adequately litand comply with legal safety regulations.
- The location must comply with the requirements laid down in the work instructions, wich are part of the quality system.
- The theory exams are supervised by STIPEL and conducted via a digital environment by an external agency (Teelen). The quality of the item database with refresh rate is guaranteed.

5.2 Location of practical exams

The examination is held at a location that meets at least the leagel safety and requirements as described in the relevant STIPEL schemes and according to the following standards:

General:

NEN-EN 50110

Standards for low-voltage practica

NEN 3140 en STIPEL 10001 par 15

Standards for high-voltage practica

NEN 3840 en STIPEL 10001 par 16

The examinationroom and practice set-up should be approved by STIPEL.

To this end, a representatieve of STIPEL or delegate of, assesses the space and setup using a checklist. Aestimavi is and remains at all times responsible for ensuring that the space and set-up comply with the above-mentioned (legal) requirements. Changes to the space and/or set-up must be documented and submitted by Aestimavi tot STIPEL for approval.

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5.3 Examer/supervisor see also STIPEL 10001 par 14

The duties and responsibilities of the examiner/supervisor are:

- Recieve and verification of examination paper and examination materials from the examination organisation.
- Supervision of the examination and related organisation work.
- Verifying (or having verified) the identity of examination candidates.
- Monitor the confidentiality of examination papers.
- Beoordeling inrichting/veiligheid van examenlocatie.
- Assessment of examination site set-up/security.
- Issue and take the exam papers and resources.
- Ensuring good order during the exam.
- Examiner must be independent of candidate and must not have any (working) relationship with candidate in teh past two years.

The examiner must submit his competences whem registering with Aestimavi:

- A current CV demonstrating sufficient practical experience
- Certificates and diploma's; (valid certificate is not compulsory, but equivalent knowledge must be demonstrated)
- IF certificate not present evidence of current knowledge and understanding of subject matter
- Declaration of independece and confidentiality
- Proof of two interships taken
- Assessment if examiner by responsible Aestimavi

The approval should be done by the certification manager based on documents submitted.

The examiner, possibly in consulation with members of the examination committe present or representatives of Aestimavi, determines what to do in case of emergencies or irregulaities.

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5.4 Duration of the examination

For the duration of certification exams, dee STIPEL's Certification Sckemes.

An examiner may, in consultation with the candidate, terminate the examination early if:

- The examiner believes that the candidate can not pass, given the scores achieved so far.
- The candidate agrees. If teh candidate wants to finsh the exam, he or she may.
- Its not a DUO exam.

5.5 Order when conducting an examination

As far as organisational intelligence is not concerned, contact between candidates or between the candidate and the examiner/supervisor is not allowed during an examination.

Cabndidates are not allowed to foretell each other.

Smoking is prohibited in the examination room. During the examination must all communication devices swiched off/on aeroplane mode.

The candidate is not allowed to leave the examination room during the examination, except with permission of the exmainer/supervisor.

If a candidate finishes the examination earlier, the candidate will be allowed to leave the examination room only after 15 minutes.

Your late, than you will not be admitted after the first candidate has finished and left the examination room.

5.6 Identification during the examination

Prior to the examination, candidates must be able to present a **valid and original** proof of identity (passport, European identity card, driving licence). Other proofs such as bank or company cards etc. will not be accepted. A candidate who cannot provide identification in a manner determined by the examination committee will not recice a result of the examination. The certificate will not be granted until the candidate has proven adequate indetifiaction.

5.7 Colection of examination papers

The examiner/supervisor takes the examination papers and ensures their unambiguous identification and confidentiality

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5.8 Measures in case of attempted fraud than irregularities

A Candidate who unlawfully participates in an examination or commits fraudulent acts prior to, during, or after the examination affecting the examination may be sanctioned, at teh discertion of the examiner/supervisor. Sanctions are:

- the candidate will be excluded from further participation in teh examination.
- the candidate will be deemed not to have taken part in the exam. The exam work will not be assessed and no result will be given.
- the candidate's result will be revoked and any certificates issued will be invalidated.

The examination fee of this examination in non-refundable.

However the candidate retains the option to reapply for a new exam. For this new examination, fees must be pais again.

If cheating or attempted cheating or irregularities are found, the examiner/supervisor will report this on the record. The candidate will be reported as failed.

5.9 Arrangements in case of absence

A candidate who is unable to participate in an exam due to special circumstances will be given the opportunity to take the exam at another time.

Special circumstances include:

- Death od a family member up to the second degree; (Scan of) the funeral card must be
- Other circumstances to be determined by Aestimavi
- The candidate himself must make a written appela to this provision to Aestimavi, submitting a supporting document. Upon notification of absebnce by the candidate, Aestimavi must inform the candidate of this provision
- If the candidate camncels within two weeks prior to the exam or is absent without one of the above reasons, 100% of the examination fee due will be charged, after which the candidate must apply himself/herself for a new exam
- If the candidate camncels between three and four weeks prior to the exam or is absent without one of the above reasons, 50% of the examination fee due will be charged, after which the candidate must apply himself/herself for a new exam
- Application can be made at: herexamens@aestimavi.nl by means of a fully completed application form which can be downloaded from the Aestimavi website.

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5.10 Additional forms of examination

Additional forms of examination approved by the examination committee are:

- Read-aloud exams. This involves the examiner/supervisor reading a regular examnination aloud. At least a second examiner/supervisor is present for readaloud exams. This "read-aloud exam" is subject to additional costs.
- If the camndidate wishes to have a different examination format, he/she should make a request to Aestimavi in advance, at least 4 weeks prior to the scheduled examination date. Aestimavi will endeavour to find a solution. The outcome will be communicated to the relevant candidate as soon as possible.

5.11 Announcement of examination result

Examiner gives provisonal results to candidate. Final certification decision is taken by STIPEL. The examination result obtaind is confirmd in writing. If te candidate has passed, STIPEL proceed to issue the Certificate of Competence

5.12 Abortion of examination

Should it appear during an examination, that a candidate is not going to pass it, the examination may be suspended and the examiner explain why the candidate has failed. The choice then remains with the candidate whether to complete the particular examination.

Examiner may also terminate the examination if there is danger to people or environment.

5.13 Re- examination

If a candidate is rejected, he/she can reapply for an examination. Examination fees are again payable for his/her new examination.

5.14 Re-certification

The STIPEL certificate is valid for 3 years. If a candidate wants to recertify, he can apply for an exam at least three minths before the certificate expires. Examination fees are again payable for this examination.

5.15 Retention period

The examination work made will be kept for the validity period of the certificate. As long as person is certifid + 5 years.

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5.16 Size of item bank

STIPEL provides an item database.

5.17 Delivery of portfolio by examination office to STIPEL

The examination office should carry out the delivery AVG-Proof by using the "Portal". In it, all data can be manually entered and the required documents uploaded. Or a digital link can be made by means of so-called "Apies", which provide the connection between the software of exam office and STIPEL's "Portal".

The "Portal" indicates which documents are required per profile.

5.18 Uitgifte van het certificaat

Excluding other possible manifestations, the certificate is only digitally enhanced by STIPEL. Alternative forms which are hereby explicitly excluded are: paper certificates and stickers for the purpose of a security passport. In accordance with Article 7 of the STIPEL General Terms and Conditions.

6. Assessment exam result

6.1 Composition and caesura

The composition of the exams as well as the caesura of the exams is done under the responsibility of STIPEL.

6.2 Correction procedure and correction standards

The candidate's examination work is assessed at least twice by Aestimavi in compliance with the established caesura. Of these, once is an indipendent assessor; the other may be an automated system. Aestimavi sends the results of the assessed files to STIPEL. Final assessement, weighting and determination of teh exam result will be done by STIPEL.

6.3 Evaluation of examination results examenresultaten

Evaluation of exam results, adjustment of exams is done by the STIPEL examination committee and is done under responsibility of STIPEL.

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7. Complains, objections and appeals relating to certification examinations and after certification during operations

7.1 Complains, objections and appeals regulations

Aestimavi is bound by the, Complaint handeling procedure (Article 17), Objection procedure (Article 18) and Appeal procedure (Article 19) as described in the STIPEL General Terms an Conditions.

7.2 Suspension and revocation of certificate

The certificate shall be revoked if the certificate holder:

- No longer meets the certification criteria
- No longer meets its financial or other obligations
- Causes two complains of unsafe conduct in any period within a year which are declared founded by the certification body
- Does not cooperate with an investigation into complains made about him/her
- Misused or allowed the certificate to be misused
- Has died.

8. Other cases

In ad hoc cases not provided for in these regulations, STIPEL will decide, possibly after consultation with the examination committee and/or examination organisation.

Aestimavi adheres to the applicable RIVM guidelines set by the government. We exept you to take these into account. Please note that failure to respect these measures may result in exclusion from the exam.