

The international scheme for competency validation and certification of personnel who work in explosive atmospheres.

Recognised Practitioners Programme (RPP)



Competency recertification for safe working with gas and vapours in potentially explosive atmospheres.



The Recognised Practitioners Programme (RPP), is a tailored recertification course that has been developed for experienced electrical and instrument technicians who regularly operate in hazardous areas (locations) and want to recertify their competence under the CompEx Scheme.

The RPP consists of four units, which cover the minimum requirements for safe working practices in hazardous areas. Candidates will cover the safety considerations that should be applied to work areas that contain potentially explosive or flammable atmospheres and the factors that are used to classify their location.

Choose the right course for your experience

All CompEx certified practitioners are required to recertify every 5 years. There are two routes for recertification for Gas and Vapours (Ex01 – Ex04).

- 1. Recognised Practitioners Programme (Ex01RPP – Ex04RPP)** Shorter refresher course
- 2. Gas and Vapours (Ex01 – Ex04)**
Full five-day course

Employers and practitioners should consider knowledge, skills and recent experience when deciding which course to attend for recertification.

CompEx certificates are valid for a maximum of 5 years from date of issue and must be refreshed before the expiry date on the certificate. Failure to refresh before the expiry date will result in having to take the full qualification (Gas and Vapours / Ex01 – Ex04) assessment again.

Attendees

The RPP is suitable for practicing electrical or instrument technicians who are involved in installing, inspecting, and maintaining certified Ex electrical equipment in locations where gases and vapours can potentially create a hazardous area.

Entry requirements

- Valid, in-date CompEx certificate for Ex01-Ex04
- Practicing competent electrical technicians
- Practicing competent instrument technicians
- Electrical/instrument engineers with previous practical experience

Duration

2-3 days (dependent on training provider)

Delivery

The 2/3 day course includes:

- 1-2 days of guided learning (7-14 hours theoretical, practical 1-2 hours)
- 1-day of assessment

Assessment

- Covers four separate CompEx units
- Three practical assessments
- Online examination

Qualification details

Successful candidates will receive an internationally recognised **CompEx Certificate in Core Competence**, valid for a further 5 years.

Key learning objectives

Candidates that successfully complete the RPP will:

- Know the correct national regulations, directives and IEC standards which are applicable to hazardous areas.
- Know the correct criteria and descriptors used to classify a hazardous area.
- Recognise the correct characteristics of common hazardous gases and vapours discussed in the course.
- Demonstrate an underpinning knowledge of how certified Ex electrical equipment including Ex 'd', 'e', 'n', 'p', 'm', 'o', 'q', 's', and Intrinsic Safety (IS) maintains its protection concept, and how it is to be selected, installed, inspected, and maintained.

For more detailed course information please visit:
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