

PRE-REQUISITES FOR OFTEC ASSESSMENTS

SECTION 1 - OIL ASSESSMENTS

Category 1

Applicants in this category are regarded as experienced oil technicians and are required to hold OFT accredited certificate(s); they will need to provide an original certificate as evidence to the Assessment Centre prior to taking OFTEC assessments.

Category 2

Applicants in this category are regarded as holding a nationally recognised qualification in a trade associated with oil work, candidates must provide relevant qualifications to support entry

Or

Must provide written evidence to the AC confirming that they have undertaken 'on the job' Oil installation and/or maintenance training that would support their application for the range of assessments to be undertaken. That evidence shall be in writing from the employer detailing precisely the type, range and volume of work carried out.

Or

Have relevant skills and experience gained from working in a related trade such as Plumbing / Heating / Ventilation / Refrigeration / Air-Conditioning / Gas Fitting or servicing.

All Category 2 candidates must also undertake training at an OFTEC approved training centre.

Category 3

Applicants in this category are regarded as new to the oil industry, and do not hold any national qualifications in a related field nor have any related work experience. Application conditions for this category require that the Category 3 applicant must:

- Obtain experience with an OFTEC registered business which is willing to provide an auditable extended oil training programme incorporating both On and Off the Job components with organisational support prior to the applicant taking OFTEC assessment. Evidence of the contents of the programme detailing the Off the Job training and On the Job experience must be presented to the AC as above

AND

- Undertake a training programme (OFT50) at an OFTEC approved training centre, which is planned, managed and organised by the training centre.

SECTION 2 - SOLID FUEL ASSESSMENTS

Category 1

Applicants in this category are regarded as experienced Solid Fuel technicians holding accredited certificate(s); they will need to provide an original certificate as evidence to the Assessment Centre prior to taking OFTEC assessments.

Category 2

Applicants in this category are regarded as holding a nationally recognised qualification in a trade associated with solid fuel work, candidates must provide relevant qualifications to support entry

Or

Must provide written evidence to the AC confirming that they have undertaken 'on the job' solid fuel installation and/or maintenance training that would support their application for the range of assessments to be undertaken. That evidence shall be in writing from the employer detailing precisely the type, range and volume of work carried out.

Or

Have relevant skills and experience gained from working in a related trade such as Chimney Sweeping / Plumbing / Heating / Ventilation / Refrigeration / Air-Conditioning / Gas Fitting or servicing. All Category 2 candidates must also undertake training at an OFTEC approved training centre.

Category 3

Applicants in this category are regarded as new to the Solid Fuel industry, and do not hold any national qualifications in a related field nor have any related work experience. Application conditions for this category require that the Category 3 applicant must obtain experience with a business which is willing to provide an auditable extended Solid Fuel training programme incorporating both On and Off the Job components with organisational support prior to the applicant taking OFTEC training and assessment. Evidence of the contents of the programme detailing the Off the Job training and On the Job experience must be presented to the Assessment Centre as above.

SECTION 3 – HEAT PUMP ASSESSMENTS

Category 1

Applicants in this category are regarded as experienced heat pump technicians and are required to hold OFT accredited certificate(s); they will need to provide an original certificate as evidence to the Assessment Centre prior to taking OFTEC assessments.

OFT21-504A and/or OFT21-504G applicants must also hold a current and valid:

- Water Regulations certificate
- Unvented Hot Water certificate

Category 2

Applicants in this category must undertake heat pump training at an OFTEC Approved Training Centre prior to accessing the OFTEC assessments. This training will be provided impartially by the Approved Training Centre.

Applicants in this category are regarded as holding a nationally recognised qualification in a trade associated with heating and/or plumbing, candidates must provide relevant qualifications to support entry

Or

Must provide written evidence to the Assessment Centre confirming that the applicant has 'on the job' heating installation and/or maintenance experience (or for OFT21-504D applicants, heat pump system design work experience) for a period of not less than two years that would support their application for the range of assessments to be undertaken, and evidence of ongoing continual professional development. The evidence shall be in writing from the employer detailing precisely the type, range and volume of work carried out.

OFT21-504A and/or OFT21-504G applicants must also hold a current and valid:

- Water Regulations certificate
- Unvented Hot Water certificate

Category 3

Applicants in this category are regarded as new to the heating industry, and do not hold any national qualifications in a related field nor have any relevant work experience. Application conditions for this category require that the Category 3 applicant must:

- Obtain experience with a competent person (CPS) and/or Microgeneration Certification Scheme (MCS) installation business who are willing to provide an auditable 'on the job' training programme prior to the applicant taking the OFTEC assessment. The training must be of a minimum six month's duration, and incorporate, as a minimum, five completed installations.

And

Undertake at least one heat pump manufacturer's training course for installation and commissioning which is planned, managed and certificated as professional development (PD). Completion certificates must be provided for these courses.

And

Undertake planned and managed heat pump training at an OFTEC Approved Training Centre prior to accessing the OFTEC assessments. This training will be provided impartially by the Approved Training Centre.

OFT21-504A and/or OFT21-504G applicants must also hold a current and valid:

- Water Regulations certificate
- Unvented Hot Water certificate