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Testing and Inspection of Diving Cylinders after 1st July 2009

From 1st July 2009, the HSE requirement for a "competent person" to carry out cylinder inspection and testing was defined as:

A: Appointment by the Secretary of State for Transport for the inspection of gas cylinders

B: Working within the terms of an industry accredited scheme such as that operated by IDEST

A centre employing more than 3 testing technicians will need to apply for accreditation as an inspection body directly to UKAS under provision A above.

At a centre employing up to three testing technicians, these technicians can apply for certification to IDEST, which has achieved UKAS accreditation for personnel certification of diving and breathing gas Cylinder Test Technicians. IDEST can only offer certification of technicians working in Test Centres that employ up to a maximum of 3 cylinder test technicians.

The Cylinder Test Technicians who are assessed by IDEST will be able to seek appointment as "Cylinder Test Technicians" for the periodic inspection of transportable breathing gas cylinders and will meet the requirements of the HSE guidance for the inspection and testing of diving and breathing gas cylinders only.

IDEST will continue to inspect, assess and approve Cylinder Test Centres but this activity will not be UKAS accredited