

APPLICANTS WITH NO IRATA CERTIFICATION - DIRECT ENTRY

20. General Direct Entry guidance for Training Members

It is often impossible to determine the suitability of technicians for Direct Entry to level 2 or 3 from information prior to technician attending training and Training Companies should ensure that they conduct an appraisal of all prospective technicians and advise technicians of realistic Level of assessment to aim for.

Trainers shall not present poor technicians for assessment. They should ensure that technicians for Level 3 have the ability to supervise and manage a work-team properly, in addition to being competent in performing technical rope access tasks.

Trainers should emphasise to technicians the responsibility that they have to maintain IRATA standards of safety and quality. Trainers and assessors should be highly confident that technicians can be entrusted with protecting the safe record and good reputation of IRATA.

NB IRATA Trainer Members should allow in their Course fees for the additional time and responsibilities, administration, Assessor and Moderator fees.

21. IRATA Member Company Level 2 Direct Entry

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Language issues shall be considered when designing training programs.

- Technicians shall complete an IRATA Previous Work Log (Irata form 00...). This should include evidence of at least 18 months working with rope access operation using a double rope system.

- Working hours shall exceed 1500 using a double rope system.

- Complete a minimum of 5 days training to include all Level 1 and 2 topics.

- 2-day assessment by an independent IRATA Assessor to include all Level 1 and sufficient Level 2 topics.

- Level 1 and 2 Question papers

The IRATA Training Member shall then forward the following information to an IRATA Training appointed moderator:

- IRATA Previous Work Log (Irata form 00...)

- Other records and evidence of experience and system in which the applicant has operated.

- Copy of the Assessment form.

- Confirmation of completion of training.

- Contact details of Assessor.

The moderator will assess the information provided and advise the training company of their decision in writing. Once a favourable decision has been made an IRATA Level 2 certificate will be issued with an expiry date three years from the date of successful Level 2 assessment.

22. IRATA Member Company Level 3 Direct Entry

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- Working hours shall exceed 2500 using a double rope system.

- Complete a minimum of 5 days training to include all Level 1, 2 and 3 topics.

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- Level 3 Risk Assessment (IRATA Form 017R)

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