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Contents			Updated
Forword	The audit program is in line with standards such as, ISO 9001:2008 and OHSAS 18001.		Deleted – outdated reference.
Acknowledgements		'IRATA Executive Committee' added to the Acknowledgements section.	As the IRATA Executive Committee conducted principal review of the TACS alongside the Training Committee.
2	Definition deleted: **desk based** learning or assessment task carried out as a theoretical, rather than practical exercise. **Technical Contact** employee of an IRATA International member company nominated to deal with rope access matters. *Note: The Technical Contact is also known as the company nominated person.*	Definitions added: **Assessment** the systematic basis used to evaluate whether a Candidate has demonstrated the required knowledge, skill and awareness in accordance with the requirements of this certification scheme **Awareness** to demonstrate knowledge of a subject or perception of a situation **Critical** an extremely important factor that ensures a process is carried out safely and/or effectively **Manikin** a model of the human body for use as a rescue training aid; also known as a training dummy **Theory Examination** a formal test of a Candidate's knowledge in rope access techniques *Note: This constitutes the non-practical elements of a Level 3 Assessment.*	'Desk based' definition removed as superseded by the Theory Examination. 'Technical Contact' removed, as it is not referenced further within the body of TACS. Definitions added to provide clarification to the terms used within the document. 'Manikin' definition added to provide clarity and to align with the definition documented within the 'IRATA Membership Requirements' [QP-300].

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Figure 1	Text below flowchart: Independent IRATA re-assessments are required every three years at all levels, following a minimum of four days of training. Rope access Technicians not engaged in rope access work for six months or more should attend refresher training. Holders of expired Level 2 or Level 3 certificates that have been expired for more than 6 months should contact an IRATA Trainer member company for information on revalidation procedure. To ensure rope access Technicians are up to date with certification, re-assessment may be done up to 6 months before due expiry date without any time penalty.	Text below flowchart updated: IRATA revalidation is required every three years at all levels, following a minimum of four days of Training. Holders of expired IRATA Level 1, 2 or 3 certificates wanting to regain IRATA certification should refer to the 'Procedures for IRATA Certification' [TC-032ENG] or contact an IRATA Trainer Member Company for further guidance. Rope access technicians **not** engaged in rope access work for 180 days or more shall attend Refresher Training. To ensure rope access technicians are up to date with certification, IRATA Training and Revalidation Assessment may be undertaken up to 180 days before their Certification expiry date without any time penalty.	Flowchart image updated with newer design, content remains unchanged. Text updated for clarity and to align with the relevant TACS clauses.
4.2.1	Candidates shall be at least 18 years of age at the start of the course.	Candidates shall be at least 18 years of age on the first date of Training.	Additional text added to provide clarification and/or guidance.
4.3.1	Candidates applying to upgrade shall be competent in all practical and theory requirements of their current level prior to attendance of an upgrade course, e.g. an existing Level 1 attending a Level 2 course shall be capable of performing all Level 1 techniques and answering Level 1 theory questions prior to the start of a Level 2 course.	Candidates applying to upgrade shall be competent in all practical and theory requirements of their current level prior to attendance of an upgrade course, e.g. an existing Level 1 technician attending a Level 2 course shall be capable of performing all Level 1 syllabus requirements prior to the start of a Level 2 course.	Text amended to reflect the removal of Level 1 and Level 2 theory questions.

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4.3.3	Trainer Member Companies and Candidates seeking to upgrade shall ensure that: a) their current Certification is still valid on the day of Assessment; b) they have the necessary 1 years' experience and 1000 Working Hours recorded and signed off in their Logbook. See 4.13 for more details on Logbooks. *Note: For the avoidance of confusion, 1 year experience means a technician is eligible for an upgrade Assessment on the calendar day one year and one day after their previous Assessment; e.g. 1st April 2014 Level 1 Assessment, 2nd April 2015 earliest possible Level 2 Assessment.*	Trainer Member Companies shall verify that Candidates seeking to upgrade have met with the following requirements prior to commencing Training: a) their current Certification will still be valid on the day of Assessment; b) they have the necessary 1 years' experience and 1000 Working Hours recorded and signed off in their Logbook. See **4.13** for more details on Logbooks. *Note: 1 year experience means a technician is eligible for an upgrade Assessment on the calendar date one year and one day after their previous Assessment; e.g. 1st April 2023 Level 1 Assessment, 2nd April 2024 earliest possible Level 2 Assessment.*	Updated to provide clarity.
4.3.5	Rope access Technicians whose certification has expired should consult Procedures for IRATA Certification [TC-032].	Rope access technicians whose Certification has expired should refer to the 'Procedures for IRATA Certification' [TC-032] or contact an IRATA Trainer Member Company for further guidance.	Updated to provide clarity.
4.4.4	Breaks in Training, or between Training and Assessment, shall not be longer than 60 days, after which Candidates are required to attend a further Training course in full. Evidence of qualifying prior Training must be presented to the Trainer Member Company prior to Assessment.	A minimum of 4 days Training and the Assessment shall be completed within 60 days from the first date of Training, after which Candidates are required to attend a further minimum 4 day Training course. Evidence of qualifying prior for Training shall be presented to the Trainer Member Company prior to Assessment.	Updated to provide clarity.

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4.5	**Conversion and accelerated entry to IRATA Certification** The Direct Entry scheme permitted candidates to be trained and assessed at the IRATA certification level equivalent to their rope access experience and skills. This scheme is now obsolete. Candidates with significant rope access experience evidenced outside the IRATA system may be eligible for conversion or accelerated entry into the IRATA certification scheme. The requirements for conversion are available from IRATA Training member companies.	**Conversion to IRATA Certification** Candidates with rope access qualifications gained outside of the IRATA system may be eligible for conversion into the IRATA certification scheme. The requirements for conversion are available from IRATA Trainer Member Companies.	Text relating to 'direct entry' and 'accelerated entry' have been removed as these schemes are now obsolete.
4.6.6	The assessment is in two parts: written and practical. Where appropriate, the Assessor may explore the candidate's knowledge further by discussion.	All Candidates are required to undergo a practical Assessment, where they shall demonstrate their competency as per the required 'TACS' [TC-101] syllabus items. Where appropriate, the Assessor may explore the Candidate's knowledge further by discussion. Candidates being assessed for Level 3 certification will additionally be required to sit a Theory Examination. Candidates shall comply with examination and Assessment rules. If a Candidate is in breach of the rules, the Assessment shall be terminated, resulting in a fail.	Text amended to reflect the implementation of Level 3 Theory Examinations.
4.6.10	The Assessor shall inform the candidate of discrepancies when they occur and shall explain the safety issue arising from the situation.	The Assessor shall inform the Candidate of discrepancies and shall explain the safety issue(s) arising from the situation, when they occur and when safe to do so.	Sentenced restructured. Updated for clarity and to align with the ASTACS.
4.6.11	The Candidate shall sign the IRATA 'Technician Assessment Form' [FM-025] at the beginning of the Assessment. At the end of the Assessment, the Assessor shall debrief each Candidate and inform them of the result. The Assessor shall provide copies of the completed IRATA 'Technician Assessment Form' [FM-025] to the Trainer Member Company (see clause **7.9.5**).	The Candidate shall sign the IRATA 'Technician Assessment Form' [FM-025] prior to the Assessment. At the end of the Assessment, the Assessor shall debrief each Candidate and inform them of their Assessment outcome.	Text updated to the correct terminology referenced throughout the TACS. Last sentence in clause removed as it is duplicated and covered within clause 7.9.

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4.7.2	Re-assessment shall take place within 60 days of the original assessment, after which candidates are required to attend a further training course in full.	Reassessment shall take place within 60 days of the original Assessment date, after which Candidates are required to attend a further Training course in full.	Updated for clarity.
4.7.3	Candidates shall provide a copy of their previous 'Technician Assessment Form' [FM-025] at the time of re-assessment. This allows the Assessor to check whether any recommendations for extra Training have been met. Candidates unable to provide a copy of their previous 'Technician Assessment Form' [FM-025] are required to attend a Training course in full before re-assessment.	Candidates reassessing for IRATA certification shall provide a copy of their previous 'Technician Assessment Form' [FM-025] at the time of reassessment. Candidates unable to provide evidence of their previous Training shall be required to attend a Training course in full before re-assessment.	The completion of 'further training' following a recommendation by an Assessor is not a mandatory requirement for technicians, as such it has been removed as a prerequisite check.
4.10.4	Any Level 2 or Level 3 rope access technician undertaking re-assessment after the expiry of their previous certificate, should contact an IRATA Trainer member company for further guidance. Further information can be found in the 'Procedures for IRATA Certification' [TC-032ENG].	Any Level 2 or Level 3 rope access technician undertaking revalidation after the expiry of their previous certificate, should refer to the 'Procedures for IRATA Certification' [TC-032] or contact an IRATA Trainer Member Company for further guidance.	Updated to the correct terminology. Clause restructured for clarity.
4.13.4	The Logbook shall be used to record the rope access technician's experience and Training undertaken, including the total hours engaged in rope access, the type and variety of work undertaken, and when the work took place. Rope access technicians wishing to upgrade to Level 2 or Level 3 cannot be considered for Assessment without a correctly maintained and up to date Logbook.	The Logbook shall be used to record the rope access technician's experience and Training undertaken, including the total hours engaged in rope access, the type and variety of work undertaken, and when the work took place. Rope access technicians wishing to revalidate or upgrade cannot be considered for Assessment without a correctly maintained and up to date Logbook.	Text removed for clarity, as all revalidating and upgrading candidates (including Level 1's) require their Logbooks to be correctly maintained.
4.13.9	Level 3 rope access technicians are responsible for the accuracy of their own Logbooks. Where possible, they should ask the Employer to countersign them. When signing the Logbooks of rope access technicians under their supervision, Level 3 rope access Technicians should ensure entries are completed correctly and logged hours are accurate.	Level 3 rope access technicians are responsible for the accuracy of their own Logbooks. Where possible, they should ask the Employer to countersign them. When signing the Logbooks of rope access technicians under their supervision, the verifier shall ensure that the entries are completed correctly and logged hours are accurate.	Updated to provide clarity and guidance.
4.13.10	Logbook entries should be made after the end of each period of qualifying rope access activities (see clause **4.14.5**). These entries shall be legible and made using a ball-point pen in either blue or black ink.	Logbook entries shall be made after the end of each period of qualifying rope access activities (see clause **4.14.5**). These entries shall be legible and made using a ball-point pen in either blue or black ink.	To reflect that this requirement is mandatory.

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4.13.12	Fraudulent misuse or alteration of an IRATA Logbook shall result in the suspension or withdrawal of the rope access technician's IRATA certification.	Fraudulent misuse or alteration of an IRATA Logbook may result in the suspension or withdrawal of the rope access technician's IRATA Certification.	Updated with the correct terminology.
4.14.9	2014	2023	Figure 2 updated examples
6.1.2	The three elements of competence are continuously assessed both during training by the Trainer and during an assessment by the Assessor upon completion of the training: a) knowledge is assessed by means of written and/or online examinations, by discussion during practical demonstrations, and observation of knowledge during practice; b) skills are assessed by the demonstration of practical elements of this syllabus; c) attitudes are assessed by observation of candidates' respect for safe practice.	The following elements of competence are assessed by the Assessor: a) knowledge is assessed by means of theory examination and by discussion during practical demonstrations; b) skills are assessed by the demonstration of practical elements of this syllabus; c) attitudes are assessed by observation of Candidates' respect for safe practice.	Updated for clarity.
6.1.3	A summary of the training syllabus is given in **Figure 3**. Syllabus elements covered at assessment are described in **6.1.3.1** to **6.1.3.14**. These syllabus elements vary, depending on the level being assessed.	A summary of the training syllabus is given in **Figure 3**. Syllabus elements covered at assessment are described in **6.1.3.1** to **6.1.3.12**. These syllabus elements vary, depending on the level being assessed.	References updated.
6.1.3.1	At Level 1, Candidates are assessed on all elements of the syllabus. At Level 2 and Level 3 it is not normally practicable to cover every element of the syllabus during Assessment. Assessors shall select a representative number of elements meeting the criteria given in clauses **6.1.3.2** to **6.1.3.11**.	At Level 1, Candidates are assessed on all elements of the Level 1 syllabus. At Level 2 and Level 3 it is not normally practicable to cover every practical element of the syllabus during Assessment. Assessors shall select a representative number of practical elements meeting the criteria given in clauses **6.1.3.2** to **6.1.3.8**.	Updated for clarity.
6.1.3.2 and 6.1.3.6	**6.1.3.2** Level 1 shall complete 20 Level 1 questions. **6.1.3.6** Level 2 shall complete 30 Level 2 questions.	**9.5.1.1** Level 1 and Level 2 Candidates shall demonstrate their theoretical knowledge of applicable 'TACS' [TC-101] syllabus items. These theory elements are designated as 'Awareness' items on the 'Technician Assessment Form [FM-025].	Clauses moved and amalgamated into clause 9.5.1.1. Updated to reflect the delivery of the theory element of the assessment, for Level 1 and 2 candidates.
6.1.3.2 – 6.1.3.14		Clauses renumbered	Clauses renumbered due to clauses 6.1.3.2 and 6.1.3.6 being removed from the section.
6.1.3.10	Level 3 candidates shall answer 10 Level 3 questions and 20 Level 2 questions.	**6.1.3.12** Level 3 Candidates shall answer 10 theory questions (see clause **9.5.2**).	Clause moved for improved flow of section and updated to reflect the delivery of Level 3 Theory Examinations, which is defined further in section 9.5.2

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Figure 3		*Note: For conversion Candidates, the required IRATA syllabus items in Figure 3 may vary depending on the certification scheme that they are converting from.*	Figure 3 updated with newer design, content remains unchanged. Addition of note under Figure 3 to provide clarification regarding conversions.
6.2.1.2.5	Level 3 Candidates shall demonstrate familiarity with the scope and content of the 'ICOP' [TC- 102], and may use it for reference when necessary.	Level 3 Candidates shall demonstrate familiarity with the scope and content of the 'ICOP' [TC-102].	Updated for clarity.
6.2.3.2.3	Use of the word 'desk based'.	Substituted for 'theory-based'.	Text amended to reflect the implementation of the Level 3 Theory Examination.
6.2.4.2.4, 6.2.5.2.4, 6.2.6.2.3, 6.2.7.2.3, 6.3.1.2.3, 6.4.2.2.5	Use of the word 'desk based'. Text 'practical or theory-based'.	Substituted for 'theory-based'. Changed to 'practical and/or theory-based.	Text amended for clarity and to reflect the implementation of the Level 3 Theory Examination.
6.2.9.2.3	Trainers shall emphasize in all rescue scenarios the potential for suspension intolerance and its effects. Trainers should ensure that rescue dummies or weight bags are used where possible. Where live casualties are used, the use of work seats should be encouraged, and the Trainer should ensure the casualty moves their limbs regularly, particularly the legs, to maintain blood flow (even when feigning unconsciousness or other immobility during exercises).	Trainers shall emphasize in all rescue scenarios the potential for suspension intolerance and its effects. Trainers should ensure that rescue Manikins or weight bags are used where possible. Where live casualties are used, the use of work seats should be encouraged, and the Trainer should ensure the casualty moves their limbs regularly, particularly the legs, to maintain blood flow (even when feigning unconsciousness or other immobility during exercises).	Updated to use the correct terminology which aligns with the 'IRATA Membership Requirements' [QP-300].
7.1.4	Only certified IRATA Trainer Member Companies are permitted to provide IRATA Training and Assessments.	Only certified IRATA Trainer Member Companies are permitted to conduct IRATA Training and provide for IRATA Assessments.	Updated for clarity.
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7.3.2	Training programmes shall comprise at least 30 hours Training over a minimum of 4 days. This time is specific to the level of course and will not normally include any refresher time for lower-level requirements. Trainer Member Companies shall ensure that Training programmes are suitable for the Trainee's ability and be aware that the minimum requirements may not be sufficient. The IRATA Assessment shall be conducted on a calendar date which is separate from the calendar dates of the Training provided and shall be independent of Training activities.	Training programmes shall comprise at least 30 hours Training over a minimum of 4 days. This time is specific to the level of course and will not normally include any refresher time for lower-level requirements. Trainer Member Companies shall ensure that Training programmes are suitable for the Trainee's ability and be aware that the minimum requirements may not be sufficient. The IRATA Assessment shall be conducted on a calendar date which is separate from the calendar dates of the Training provided and shall be independent of any Training activities. Further training shall not be provided to Candidates on the commencement and for the duration of their Assessment.	Updated for clarity.
7.3.3	Breaks in training, or between training and assessment, must not be longer than 60 days, after which candidates are required to attend a further training course in full. Evidence of qualifying prior training must be presented to the Training member company prior to assessment.	A minimum of 4 days Training and Assessment shall be completed within 60 days from the first date of Training, after which Candidates are required to attend a further Training course in full prior to Assessment. Evidence of qualifying prior Training must be presented to the Trainer Member Company and the Assessor prior to Assessment.	Updated for clarity and to the correct terminology.
7.3.6	Trainer Member Companies shall ensure that language issues are provided for in the delivery of Training. Training programmes can be severely affected by language problems and additional time should be allowed for both Training and Assessment. Training manuals, manufacturer's user instructions and other course resources are essential Training aids and also serve as reference material for technicians and should be provided in a suitable language. Translations of the IRATA 'ICOP' [TC-102] and other documents are available on the IRATA website. Training member companies should liaise with the Assessor regarding appropriate questions.	Trainer Member Companies shall ensure that language issues are provided for in the delivery of Training and Assessment. Training programmes can be severely affected by language problems and additional time should be allowed for both Training and Assessment. Training manuals, manufacturer's user instructions and other course resources are essential Training aids and serving as reference material for technicians and should be provided in a suitable language. Translations of the IRATA 'ICOP' [TC-102] and other documents are available on the IRATA website.	Updated for clarity regarding the provision of a translator for Assessments. Removal of 'Training member companies should liaise with the Assessor regarding appropriate questions' as it is no longer required.

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7.5.1	Third-party IRATA training permitted a non-member company to provide IRATA training under the membership certification of an IRATA Training member company. Third-party training is no longer permitted; therefore, all training must be provided by a certified IRATA Training member company at their audited and certified training venue(s).	Third-party IRATA Training is not permitted. IRATA Training can only be provided by a certified IRATA Trainer Member Company at their audited and certified training venue(s). For further information refer to the 'Training Venue Approval Policy' [QP-314].	Text amended to provide clarification and guidance regarding third-party training.
7.6	All training venues intended for the provision of IRATA training and assessment shall be subject to audit and approval by IRATA. Compliance with IRATA membership requirements will be verified at an IRATA audit and are subject to the approval of an IRATA audit panel. IRATA Training member companies shall ensure a pre-course risk assessment is carried out in accordance with the IRATA Pre-Training Course Checklist [FM-006] and is kept current. For further information refer to the Audit Checklist [FM-039] and the Training Venue Approval Policy [QP-314].	All training venues intended for the provision of IRATA Training and Assessment shall be subject to audit and approval by IRATA. Compliance with the 'IRATA Membership Requirements' [QP-300] will be verified at IRATA audit and subject to the approval of an IRATA audit panel. IRATA Trainer Member Companies shall ensure a pre-course risk Assessment is carried out in accordance with the IRATA 'Pre-Training Course Internal Audit' [FM-006] and is kept current. For further information, refer to the 'IRATA Membership Requirements' [QP-300] and the 'Training Venue Approval Policy' [QP-314].	Text updated to reference the membership requirements and supporting audit documents.
7.7.12	NOTE: The IRATA International Code of Practice [TC-102] is available in nine different languages from www.irata.org.	Note removed	Note removed as it is incorrect and not required.
7.7.15	Rescue dummies weighing at least 70 kg shall be available for rescue exercises. Manual handling precautions shall apply. Rescue dummies are particularly useful for rescue exercises as they give the Trainee rescuer experience of casualty handling without the risk of injuring a live 'casualty'.	Rescue Manikins weighing at least 70 kg shall be available for rescue exercises. Manual handling precautions shall apply. Rescue Manikins are particularly useful for rescue exercises as they give the Trainee rescuer experience of casualty handling without the risk of injuring a live 'casualty'.	Updated to use the correct terminology which aligns with the 'IRATA Membership Requirements' [QP-300].

-		**7.8.2** Prerequisite documentation and/or information shall be provided by the Candidate and/or TMC to the Assessor, to enable the Assessor to perform pre-assessment verification checks.	Additional text added to provide clarification and/or guidance.
		The Assessor shall verify the:	
		a) Candidate's identification by means of their government issued photo identification;	
		b) Candidate's date of birth by means of their government issued photo identification (Candidate shall be at least 18 years of age on the first date of Training);	
		c) Candidate's health declaration by means of the signed 'Candidate Disclaimer and Liability Release' [FM-014ENG];	
		d) IRATA certification of Candidates being assessed for an upgrade is still valid on the date of Assessment, or where expired the Candidate has met the additional requirements to undergo Assessment as stipulated in the 'TACS' [TC-101ENG];	
		e) Candidate's IRATA Logbook Working Hours meet the requirements stipulated in clause **4.3.3** by means of the technician's Logbook;	
		f) Candidate's Logbook has been correctly maintained;	
		g) Candidate's previous Training and Assessment record history, by means of the Candidate's Logbook and/or previous copy of the 'Technician Assessment Form' [FM-025] (if applicable);	
		h) TMC representative and the Candidate have signed the 'Technician Assessment Form' [FM-025] prior to commencing Assessment;	
		i) Translator (if required) has signed the 'Translator Declaration' [FM-294ENG] (provided by TMC);	
		j) (for conversion) IRATA Conversion Approval Letter (and checks as specified	

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		within the letter) to check the level being assessed to. Candidates who do not provide evidence to meet with the prerequisites and/or have not agreed and signed the 'Terms and Conditions of Assessment' on the 'Technician Assessment Form' [FM-025] are not permitted to proceed to Assessment.	
7.8.2 – 7.8.3		Clauses renumbered, comma after expired in d)	
7.9.2 – 7.9.12		Clauses renumbered	Section 7.9 restructured for an ease and to remove duplicated text.
7.9.1	The Assessor shall make a note of any missing documentation in the comments box of the assessment form.		Clause removed as there is no longer a requirement to update the 'comments' box, as the candidate is not permitted to proceed to assessment if prerequisite documents are not provided, as such a 'Technician Assessment Form' [FM-025] will not be completed by the Assessor.
-		**7.9.1** Trainer Member Companies shall enter the required information for each Candidate on the IOS Assessment Day Form (ADF), a minimum of 48 hours prior to the Assessment date.	New clause added to reflect timeframes for IOS ADF creation by TMCs.

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7.9.2	**7.9.2** The Assessor shall pass the completed question papers and assessment forms, whether or not they are marked pass or fail, to the IRATA Trainer member company without delay. Spoiled forms shall be retained by the Assessor.	**7.9.3** Following the completion of the Assessment, the Assessor shall distribute the 'Trainer Member Company' copy of the 'Technician Assessment Form' [FM-025] to the Trainer Member Company and the 'Candidate' copy of the 'Technician Assessment Form' [FM-025] to the Candidate. IRATA Head Office shall be notified by the Assessor of the Assessment serial numbers of any spoiled forms with reason(s), which shall subsequently be destroyed by the Assessor. Where the contingency paper-based Theory Examination has been used, the Assessor shall provide the signed and completed 'Examination Rules' and the 'Answer Sheet' to the Trainer Member Company.	Text from clause 7.9.2 moved to clause 7.9.3 for ease and clarity. Removal of question papers, as these are no longer a requirement. New text added regarding the distribution of the 'Technician Assessment Form' [FM-025] by the Assessor.
7.9.3	The IRATA Training member company shall process the forms through the IOS. *NOTE All completed assessment forms are processed through IRATA, including failures.*	Moved to clause **7.9.4**	Moved due to the restructuring of section 7.9 for ease.
7.9.4	The Technician Assessment Form [FM-025] is valid for a period of 60 days. Subject to verification the IRATA Head Office will formally register the outcome of the assessment and provide a certificate for the candidate. During this 60-day period, the completed assessment form may be used as evidence of the assessment outcome.	**7.9.8** The 'Technician Assessment Form' [FM-025] is valid for a period of 60 days and provides evidence of the practical Assessment outcome. IRATA Certification is subject to verification by IRATA Head Office. Certification will be granted to Candidates upon successfully meeting all certification requirements.	Moved to 7.9.9 due to the restructuring of section 7.9 for ease. Updated for clarity.
7.9.5	The completed white copy shall be held securely by the Training member company for a minimum period of four years. The Training member company shall issue the yellow copy to the candidate.		Clause removed as there is no longer the requirement for TMCs to issue the yellow copy of the 'Technician Assessment Form' [FM-025] to the Candidate. The retention of training and assessment records is covered in clause 7.10.3. Removed due to duplication of text.

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7.9.6	For the IOS, the required information for each Candidate shall be entered by the IRATA Trainer Member Company. A colour digital portrait photograph shall be uploaded for each Candidate, which meets the following requirements: a) the photograph shall be clear and sharp and show a true likeness of the Candidate; b) the file name shall include the Candidate's name; c) the file shall be saved in jpeg format; d) the file size shall be 300 pixels wide by 400 pixels high; e) the photograph shall not display company names or branding; f) hats or head coverings are not permitted except when worn for religious reasons and only if the full facial features are clearly visible.	7.9.2 The Trainer Member Company shall upload an up-to-date colour digital portrait photograph of the Candidate to the IOS, a minimum of 48 hours prior to the Assessment date. The photograph shall meet with the following requirements: a) the photograph shall be clear and sharp and show a true likeness of the Candidate; b) the photograph shall only include the Candidate's head and shoulders; c) the file shall be saved in jpeg format; d) the file size shall be 300 pixels wide by 400 pixels high; e) the photograph shall not display company names or branding; f) hats or head coverings are not permitted except when worn for religious reasons and only if the full facial features are clearly visible.	Part of clause 7.9.6 regarding the submission of assessment records has been moved to section 7.9.5 due to the restructuring of section 7.9. Updated for clarity and guidance. Clauses b) removed as the process for uploading technician photographs to the IOS has been updated and these requirements are no longer needed.
7.9.6	Each completed IRATA 'Technician Assessment Form' [FM-025] and the 'Assessment Day Form' [FM-042] shall be scanned by the IRATA Trainer Member Company and emailed to registrations@irata.org.	7.9.5 Trainer Member Companies shall submit the following completed document records to registration@irata.org: • the 'Trainer Member Company' copy of the 'Technician Assessment Form' [FM-025] (including those for failed Assessments); • the 'Assessment Day Form' [FM-042ENG]; • contingency paper-based Theory 'Examination Rules' and 'Answer Sheets' (if applicable); • 'Translator Declarations' [FM-294ENG] (if applicable).	Clause restructured for ease. Updated with additional documents that must be submitted by TMCs.
7.9.6	NOTE: Registrations entered online will not be processed until these forms have been received at IRATA Head Office.	7.9.6 Registrations entered on the IOS will not be processed until the forms stipulated in clause 7.9.5 have been received by IRATA Head Office.	Note from clause 7.9.6 updated to a clause to highlight its importance.

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7.9.7 and 7.9.8	**7.9.8** The cost of registration includes a certificate, an IRATA logbook and an ID card stating the current level attained. **7.9.7** Upon verification and approval of the documentation by IRATA Head Office, a certificate of competence, a photo identification card (ID card) and, for new technicians, a logbook is issued stating the level and type of certificate awarded and the expiry date. This documentation is issued directly to the candidate, unless requested otherwise by the IRATA Trainer member company.	**7.9.9** The cost of initial registration, revalidation and upgrade, are detailed in the 'IRATA Price List' [FM-200ENG]. Successful technicians shall receive a certificate, a photo identification card (ID card) and, for new technicians, a Logbook is issued stating the level and type of certificate awarded and the expiry date. This documentation is issued directly to the Candidate, unless requested otherwise by the IRATA Trainer Member Company.	Moved due to the restructuring of section 7.9 for ease. Updated for clarity.
7.9.9	A fee is charged for all replacement documents.	**7.9.10** A fee is charged for all replacement documents as detailed in the published 'IRATA Price List' [FM-200ENG].	Moved due to the restructuring of section 7.9 for ease. Updated for clarity.
7.9.10	Submission of documentation to the IRATA Head Office should be within 30 days after the assessment. Registration and the issue of certificates, logbooks and ID cards should be completed within a further 30 days. The period from the assessment date to the issue of a certificate is normally not more than 60 days.	Moved to clause **7.9.7**	Moved due to the restructuring of section 7.9 for ease.
7.9.11	Applications for registration submitted by the IRATA Trainer member company later than 30 days after assessment should be accompanied by a letter of explanation which will be reviewed by IRATA Head Office.	Removed	Removed as no longer a requirement.
-		**7.9.11** The Candidate's name that is registered with IRATA on the IOS shall be their legal name, as it appears on their government issued identification.	New clause added for clarity.
-		**7.9.13** Candidates shall ensure that they notify IRATA without undue delay, if their contact details change.	New clause added for clarity.

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7.10.3	Trainer Member Companies shall ensure all evidence used to meet Training and Assessment criteria is held for a minimum of four years. This shall include copies of: • Assessment forms; • 'Candidate Disclaimer and Liability Release' [FM-014] forms; • written assessment question papers; • evidence of language accommodations; • conversion and accelerated entry supporting documentation; • Trainer's first aid certification.	Trainer Member Companies shall ensure all evidence used to meet Training and Assessment criteria is held securely for a period of four years. This shall include records of: • 'Technician Assessment Form' [FM-025]; • 'Assessment Day Forms' [FM-042ENG]; • 'Candidate Disclaimer and Liability Release' [FM-014] forms; • conversion supporting documentation; • Trainer's first aid certification. • Contingency paper-based Theory 'Examination Rules' and 'Answer Sheets'; • completed 'Translator Declarations' [FM-294ENG].	Accelerated entry removed as this scheme is obsolete. Updates reflect the implementation of the contingency paper-based Level 3 theory examination and the 'Translator Declaration' [FM-294ENG] form. Updated for clarity.
8.2.1	All rope access technicians wishing to become Trainee Instructors are required to hold a current relevant first aid qualification.	All rope access technicians wishing to become Trainee Instructors are required to hold an appropriate and current first aid qualification.	Updated to align with the terminology used within the 'ICOP' [TC-102] and the 'IRATA Membership Requirements' [QP-300].
8.3.1	Eligible rope access Technicians should complete a Trainee Instructor Application form [FM-066], and return it to the IRATA Head Office. A registration fee will be charged in line with the published IRATA price list. Once the application has been received and processed, the IRATA Head Office will issue a uniquely numbered Trainee Instructor Logbook.	Eligible rope access technicians should complete a 'Trainee Instructor Application Form' [FM-066] and return it to the IRATA Head Office. A registration fee will be charged in line with the published 'IRATA Price List' [FM-200ENG]. Once the application has been received, verified, and approved, IRATA Head Office will issue a uniquely numbered Trainee Instructor Logbook to those successfully meeting the requirements.	Updated for clarity.

Clause	Issue 005	Issue 006	Reason for change
8.4.1	Trainee Instructors must meet several criteria before they are eligible to apply for Instructor status: a) hold a current IRATA Level 3 certificate; b) hold a current relevant first aid certificate; c) have been witnessed to competently deliver all 'TACS' [TC-101] syllabus items; d) have at least 400 hours total logged experience delivering IRATA Training courses; e) successfully train (i.e. pass at Assessment) at least 30 Candidates including at least 6 Candidates at each IRATA level; f) maintain an overall pass rate of at least 60% of Candidates; g) attend at least one Instructor/Assessor workshop per year. Items c) to g) are recorded in the Trainee Instructor Logbook, see clause **8.5**. for further guidance. After submitting the Logbook Candidates must then complete and pass the online Instructor examination, see clause **8.6**.	Trainee Instructors shall meet several criteria before they are eligible to apply for Instructor status: a) hold a current IRATA Level 3 certificate; b) hold an appropriate and current first aid certificate; c) have been witnessed to competently deliver all 'TACS' [TC-101] syllabus items; d) have at least 400 hours total logged experience delivering IRATA Training courses; e) successfully train (i.e. pass at Assessment) at least 30 Candidates including at least 6 Candidates at each IRATA level; f) maintain an overall pass rate of at least 60% of Candidates; g) attend at least one Instructor/Assessor workshop per year. Items c) to g) are recorded in the Trainee Instructor Logbook, see clause **8.5**. for further guidance. After submitting the Logbook, Candidates are required to pass the online Instructor examination, see clause **8.6**.	Text amended to the defined terminology and to align with the terminology used within the 'ICOP' [TC-102] and the 'IRATA Membership Requirements' [QP-300] (where applicable).
8.5.2.1	Trainee Instructors shall attend a minimum of one Instructor/Assessor workshop per calendar year (taken to be 1st April to 31st March). The logbook shall be taken to the workshop and countersigned by the chairperson to validate attendance. Workshops are listed on the 'Event Calendar' under 'News and Events' at www.irata.org. *Note: Trainee Instructors completing the requirements of clause **8.4.1** in less than a year may apply for Instructor status before attending an Instructor/Assessor workshop.*	Trainee Instructors shall attend a minimum of one Instructor/Assessor workshop per calendar year, between 1st April to 31st March. The Logbook shall be taken to the workshop and countersigned by the chairperson to validate attendance. Workshops are listed on the IRATA website www.irata.org. *Note: Trainee Instructors completing the requirements of clause **8.4.1** in less than a year may apply for Instructor status before attending an Instructor/Assessor workshop.*	Updated for clarity.

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Clause	Issue 005	Issue 006	Reason for change
8.8.4	If an Instructor loses their Logbook, they shall replace it immediately by contacting the IRATA Head Office. It is suggested that Candidates maintain either a scanned or photocopied back-up of their Logbook. *NOTE A fee is charged for replacement logbooks in-line with the published IRATA price list.*	If an Instructor loses their Logbook, they shall request a replacement immediately via the IRATA website www.irata.org. It is suggested that Candidates maintain either a scanned or photocopied back-up of their Logbook. *Note: A fee is charged for replacement Logbooks in-line with the published 'IRATA Price List' [FM-200ENG].*	Updated to reflect the use of the online document replacement request form.
9.1.8	The Assessor shall be fully conversant with the requirements of the level being assessed, including any additional requirements for expired, accelerated or conversion entry Candidates.	The Assessor shall be fully conversant with the requirements of the level being assessed, including any additional requirements for expired or conversion entry Candidates.	Accelerated entry removed as this scheme is obsolete.
-		**9.1.11** IRATA Assessors are required to deliver Assessments as per the Assessment requirements stipulated within the 'TACS' [TC-101] and the 'Delivery of IRATA Assessments' [TC-205].	New clause added for clarity and guidance.
9.3.2	Each of the sections on the assessment form, relevant for the level of assessment being undertaken, shall be marked in the appropriate box as follows: **P** - if the assessment is completed to an acceptable standard (P = pass); **Dis** - for Minor Discrepancies (Dis = discrepancy); **Fail** - if the assessment is unacceptable, if there has been a Major Discrepancy, or if the assessment has not been completed to an acceptable standard.	Each of the sections on the 'Technician Assessment Form' [FM-025], relevant to the level of Assessment being undertaken, shall be marked in the appropriate box as follows: **P** – if the Assessment is completed to an acceptable standard (P = pass); **Dis** – for Minor Discrepancies (Dis = discrepancy); **Fail** – if there has been a Major Discrepancy, a third Minor Discrepancy or the termination of an Assessment.	Text updated for clarity.

Clause	Issue 005	Issue 006	Reason for change
9.3.3	There are two possible overall results: pass or fail. Two ways of failing are by committing three Minor Discrepancies or one Major Discrepancy during the Assessment. **Minor Discrepancy**: A Minor Discrepancy is where a Candidate has not committed a Major Discrepancy, but can still be seen to have compromised their safety or the safety of others. Three Minor Discrepancies constitute a fail. **Major Discrepancy**: A Major Discrepancy is a critical safety issue, where the Candidate has put them self or others at risk. One Major Discrepancy constitutes a fail. This ends the Assessment. Discrepancies should be agreed and noted by the Assessor and candidate each time they occur.	There are two possible overall results: pass or fail. Two ways of failing are by committing three Minor Discrepancies or one Major Discrepancy during the Assessment. **Minor Discrepancy**: A Minor Discrepancy is where a Candidate has not committed a Major Discrepancy, but can still be seen to have compromised their safety or the safety of others. Three Minor Discrepancies constitute a fail. **Major Discrepancy**: A Major Discrepancy is a critical safety issue, where the Candidate has put them self or others at risk. One Major Discrepancy constitutes a fail. This ends the Assessment. The Assessor shall inform the Candidate of discrepancies and explain the safety issue(s) arising from the situation, when they occur and when safe to do so.	Updated for clarity and to align with the ASTACS.
9.3.6	Overall performance shall be indicated by the Assessor marking (ticking) one of the five overall attainment boxes on the assessment form. These are: 1 Unacceptable - this would constitute a fail; 2 Satisfactory - this would constitute a pass; 3 Good - this would constitute a pass; 4 Very good - this would constitute a pass; 5 Excellent - this would constitute a pass.	The overall outcome for the entire Assessment (practical and theory) is as follows: • Fail - Major Discrepancy • Fail - 3 Minor Discrepancies • Pass - 2 Minor Discrepancies • Pass - 1 Minor Discrepancy • Pass - no discrepancies	Updated for clarity, as approved by the Executive Committee.
9.3.7	All candidates begin the assessment at an assumed 'very good' standard. To retain this standard, the assessment has to be completed in good time with no minor discrepancies. Candidates who show exceptional competency may merit the 'excellent' standard. Any one minor discrepancy moves the candidate down to the 'good' standard. Two minor discrepancies moves the candidate down to the 'satisfactory' standard. One major or three minor discrepancies constitutes a failed assessment.	Removed	Removed as no longer a requirement.

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Clause	Issue 005	Issue 006	Reason for change
9.3.7-9.3.9		Clauses renumbered	Renumbered due to the removal of clauses within the section.
9.3.8	For Candidates who fail, the reason(s) for failure shall be explained by the Assessor. The Assessor shall write an explanation on the assessment form in the comments box. The explanation should highlight any additional experience or training needed in relevant aspects of the syllabus, and shall include any minimum time period before re-assessment can take place. Recommendations should be clear, directly relevant to the candidate and shall be fully explained to him or her.	Removed	Removed as text is covered in clause 9.4.2.
9.4.2	Where a Candidate fails an Assessment, the reasons for failure shall be explained by the Assessor. The Assessor shall write an explanation on the 'Technician Assessment Form' [FM-025] in the comments box and shall explain the options for re-assessment (see clause **4.7**). Any aspects of the syllabus relevant to the failure shall be discussed and recorded. Where appropriate, the Assessor should recommend further Training (1-4 days) and/or experience before re-assessment.	For Candidates who fail, the reason(s) for failure shall be explained to the Candidate by the Assessor. The Assessor shall record the reason(s) for failure on the 'Technician Assessment Form' [FM-025] in the comments box and shall explain the options for re-assessment (see clause **4.7**).	Updated for clarity. The provision of recommendations has been removed as it is no longer a requirement.
9.4.3	Where a Candidate fails a revalidation Assessment, the Candidate's existing certification shall not remain valid (see **9.4.5** and **9.4.6**).	Where a Candidate fails a revalidation Assessment, the Candidate's existing Certification shall not remain valid (see **9.4.6** and **9.4.7**).	References updated.
9.4.5	Revalidation and upgrade assessments resulting in a fail, due to a Major Discrepancy on any syllabus item, cannot be continued for the purpose of revalidating the technician to a lower level. In such cases the technician is permitted to be reassessed at the same level, or lower level, within 60 days of the failed assessment attempt without the requirement for further training.	Upgrade Assessments resulting in a fail, due to a Major Discrepancy or a third Minor Discrepancy on any syllabus item, cannot be continued, on the same calendar date, for the purpose of revalidating the technician to a lower level. In such cases the technician is permitted to be reassessed at the same level, or lower level, within 60 days of the failed Assessment attempt without the requirement for further Training.	Sentence restructured and updated for clarity. 'Revalidation' requirements removed and added to a new clause (9.4.7).

Clause	Issue 005	Issue 006	Reason for change
9.4.6	Level 2 and 3 revalidation Assessments resulting in a fail due to a third Minor Discrepancy can continue for the purpose of revalidating the ==technician== to a lower level, providing all the required syllabus items of the lower level are passed with a maximum of two Minor Discrepancies, subject to the following: a) All syllabus items performed during an unsuccessful revalidation Assessment shall be carried over to the downgraded Assessment unless the syllabus item is not performed at the lower level. b) All Minor Discrepancies identified during an unsuccessful revalidation Assessment shall be carried over to the downgraded Assessment unless the syllabus item is not performed at the lower level. c) All Minor Discrepancies for syllabus items that only require awareness (A) shall not be carried over to the downgraded Assessment and shall be reassessed at the downgraded level.	Level 2 and 3 revalidation ==or conversion== Assessments resulting in a fail due to a third Minor Discrepancy can continue for the purpose of revalidating the ==Candidate== to a lower level, providing all the required syllabus items of the lower level are passed with a maximum of two Minor Discrepancies, subject to the following: a) All syllabus items performed during an unsuccessful revalidation Assessment shall be carried over to the downgraded Assessment unless the syllabus item is not performed at the lower level. b) All Minor Discrepancies identified during an unsuccessful revalidation Assessment shall be carried over to the downgraded Assessment unless the syllabus item is not performed at the lower level. c) All Minor Discrepancies for syllabus items that only require awareness (A) shall not be carried over to the downgraded Assessment and shall be reassessed at the downgraded level.	Updated to cover conversion requirements.
-		==**9.4.7** Revalidation or conversion Assessments resulting in a fail, due to a Major Discrepancy on any syllabus item, cannot be continued, on the same calendar date, for the purposes of revalidating or converting the Candidate to a lower level. In such cases the Candidate is permitted to be reassessed at the same level, or lower level, within 60 days of the failed Assessment attempt without the requirement for further Training.==	Additional clause added for clarification regarding revalidation assessments and conversions.
9.5	**Written paper**	==**Theory Knowledge**==	Section header updated to reflect the Theory element of the assessment.
9.5.1 – 9.5.7		Clauses renumbered and section restructured	Clauses renumbered and section restructured
9.5.1	==Criteria for the successful completion of the written paper are given in **9.5.2** to **9.5.7**.==		Clause has been removed as it is no longer required.

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Clause	Issue 005	Issue 006	Reason for change
-		**9.5.1 Level 1 and 2 Awareness** **9.5.1.1** Level 1 and Level 2 Candidates shall demonstrate their theoretical knowledge of applicable 'TACS' [TC-101] syllabus items. These theory elements are designated as 'Awareness' items on the 'Technician Assessment Form' [FM-025].	Section added to reflect Level 1 and 2 theory requirements.
9.5.2	Level 1 candidates shall achieve at least 15 correct answers from the possible maximum of 20 to gain an outright pass (P). Between 10 and 14 is a minor discrepancy (Dis) and less than 10 is a fail (Fail).	Removed	Clause has been removed as it is no longer required.
9.5.3	Level 2 candidates shall achieve at least 22 correct answers from the possible maximum of 30 to gain an outright pass (P). Between 14 and 21 is a minor discrepancy (Dis) and less than 14 is a fail (Fail).	Removed	Clause has been removed as it is no longer required.
-		**9.5.2 Level 3 Theory Examination**	Section added to reflect Level 3 theory examination requirements.
9.5.4	Level 3 candidates shall achieve at least 15 correct answers from the possible maximum of 20 Level 2 questions and, in addition, shall achieve at least seven correct answers from the ten Level 3 questions to gain a pass (P) for the written questions. Between five and six correct Level 3 answers is a Minor Discrepancy (Dis). Less than 15 correct Level 2 answers, or less than five correct Level 3 answers, is a fail (Fail).	Examination outcome moved to clause **9.5.2.4** **9.5.2.4** Level 3 candidates shall undertake a Theory Examination and be awarded one of the following outcomes for their Examination: • Greater than or equal to 70% - Pass • Greater than or equal 50% but less than 70% - Minor Discrepancy • Less than 50% - Major Discrepancy	Text updated to reflect the implementation of the Level 3 Theory Examination.
-		**9.5.2.2** The Theory Examination and practical Assessment shall be conducted on the same calendar date. The Theory Examination should be conducted first to accommodate the provision of downgraded Assessments (if applicable).	New clause added to reflect the implementation of the Level 3 Theory Examination.

Clause	Issue 005	Issue 006	Reason for change
9.5.5	Level 3 candidates shall complete a written exercise (or exercises) covering the followingplanning and management topics (see 6.2): a) hazard identification and risk assessment (see 6.2.3); b) selection of access method (see 6.2.4); c) selection of personnel and competence (see 6.2.5); d) safety method statement (see 6.2.6); e) exclusion zones and protection of third parties (see 6.2.7); f) planning for emergencies, including evacuation and rescue (see 6.2.8); g) first aid and suspension intolerance (see 6.2.9).	Text moved to clause 9.5.2.1 9.5.2.1 The Theory Examination will cover the following: a) hazard identification and risk assessment (see clause 6.2.3); b) selection of access method (see clause 6.2.4); c) selection of personnel and competence (see clause 6.2.5); d) safety method statement (see clause 6.2.6); e) exclusion zones, protection of third parties and permits to work (see clause 6.2.7); f) planning for emergencies (see clause 6.2.8); g) first aid and suspension intolerance (see clause 6.2.9); h) equipment (see clause 6.3).	Details added regarding the content and delivery of the Level 3 Theory Examination and updated to match the relevant section headings that are referred to within the 'TACS' [TC-101].
-		9.5.2.3 The Level 3 Theory Examination shall be invigilated by the Assessor. In exceptional circumstances, if the IRATA Online Examination Platform cannot be accessed, a contingency paper-based theory examination shall be used. The examination papers shall be provided to the Candidate for completion and subsequently be marked by the Assessor.	New clause added to reflect the implementation of the Level 3 Theory Examination.
9.5.6	During an equipment inspection, candidates shall find any serious/dangerous fault in equipment with which they are familiar.	Clause moved to section 9.7.3	Clause moved from the 'Theory Examination' section to section 'Practical Assessment'. Deleted - "with which they are familiar".
9.5.7	Assessors may only adjust the result if candidates have clearly misunderstood the question or more than one correct answer can be successfully argued to the Assessor's satisfaction. Assessors shall not prompt or assist candidates in any way.	Removed	Clause removed Assessors are not permitted to adjust the Level 3 Theory Examination results.
-		9.5.2.5 The Assessor shall notify the Level 3 Candidate of the Theory Examination outcome (see clause 9.5.2.4) and record the outcome on the 'Technician Assessment Form' [FM-025].	New clause added to reflect the implementation of the Level 3 Theory Examination.

Clause	Issue 005	Issue 006	Reason for change
-		**9.5.2.6** If a Candidate's primary language is not English, a translator may be used for the Assessment, provided the translator meets the requirements stipulated in the 'Translator Declaration' [FM-294ENG] and has signed the declaration. Translators must not offer or provide training, nor assist Candidates during the Theory Examination, outside that of providing language translation activities.	New clause added to reflect the use of translators.
9.6	**Practical**	**9.7 Practical Assessment**	Section 9.6 'Practical' moved to section 9.7 and renamed 'Practical Assessment'.
-		**9.6 Permissible Accommodations for the Theory Examination** Eligibility for accommodations for the theory examination is detailed on the IRATA website (www.irata.org). If a Candidate is eligible for an accommodation, a request shall be submitted by the Trainer Member Company via the IOS ADF. Due to the inherent risks associated with industrial rope access, and safety being a priority, accommodations are not permitted to the defined 'TACS' [TC-101] requirements for the practical Assessment.	Addition of new section providing clarity and guidance regarding accommodations.
9.6.1 - 9.6.4		Renumbered to **9.7.1 - 9.7.5**	Renumbered as section 9.6 has been moved to section 9.7 and a clause has been added.
9.6.2	In any exercise or manoeuvre, Assessors should consider the time taken to complete each task. Where candidates remain entirely safe throughout the task, time taken may help to determine the overall standard awarded; e.g. the difference between gaining a 'good' or an 'excellent' pass. Where excessive time taken may place the candidate (and any casualty being rescued) in danger, excessive time taken may be considered a discrepancy, minor or major, depending on the circumstances and at the Assessor's discretion.	**9.7.2** In any exercise or manoeuvre, Assessors should consider the time taken to complete each task. Where excessive time taken may place the Candidate (and any casualty being rescued) in danger, excessive time taken may be considered a Minor or Major Discrepancy, depending on the circumstances.	Updated for clarity and to reflect the new grading system stipulated in clause 9.3.6.

Clause	Issue 005	Issue 006	Reason for change
9.5.6	During an equipment inspection, Candidates shall **find** any serious/dangerous fault in equipment **with which they are familiar.**	**9.7.3** During an equipment inspection, Candidates shall **identify** any serious/dangerous fault in equipment.	Clause moved from 9.5.6 to a more appropriate section 'Practical Assessment'.
9.6.3	**Major Discrepancies** The following is a non-exhaustive list of Major Discrepancies (Fail): a) only one point of safety attachment while in suspension; b) unable to complete the task; c) excessive time period; d) no back-up to protect against a potential out-of-control swing that may cause injury or damage in the event of failure of an item of equipment; e) harness unsecured; f) anchor lanyards and device lanyards, e.g. cow's tails, tied or attached dangerously; g) no helmet at height; h) critical harness connectors unfastened or unsecured, e.g. screw links (maillon rapides); i) misuse causing damage to equipment; j) unsuitable choice of rope protection measures; k) uncontrolled descent during rescue; l) descending device threaded incorrectly and used in that manner; m) back-up or other devices used upside down; n) no safety attachment close to an exposed edge; o) excessive slack in connection to an ascending device used as a point of attachment; p) critical safety issues **as defined by the Assessor;** q) a swing that could cause injury to personnel or damage to equipment or property.	**9.7.4** **Major Discrepancies** The following is a non-exhaustive list of Major Discrepancies (Fail): a) only one point of safety attachment while in suspension; b) unable to complete the task; c) excessive time period; d) no back-up to protect against a potential out-of-control swing that may cause injury or damage in the event of failure of an item of equipment; e) harness unsecured; f) anchor lanyards and device lanyards, e.g. cow's tails, tied or attached dangerously; g) no helmet at height; h) critical harness connectors unfastened or unsecured, e.g. screw links (maillon rapides); i) misuse causing damage to equipment; j) unsuitable choice of rope protection measures; k) uncontrolled descent during rescue; l) descending device threaded incorrectly and used in that manner; m) back-up or other devices used upside down; n) no safety attachment close to an exposed edge; o) excessive slack in connection to an ascending device used as a point of attachment; p) critical safety issues; q) a swing that could cause injury to personnel or damage to equipment or property; r) **attaining less than 50% on the Theory Examination (Level 3 only).**	Updated for clarity. Addition of item r), clarifying that attaining < 50% on the Theory Examination constitutes a Major Discrepancy.

Clause	Issue 005	Issue 006	Reason for change
9.6.4	**Minor Discrepancies** The following is a non-exhaustive list of Minor Discrepancies (Dis): a) descending device not locked off or no control of the tail rope; b) attachment connectors not secured; c) critical personal fall protection equipment dropped; d) rope protection incorrectly placed; e) no braking karabiner used when required; f) harness incorrectly adjusted; g) helmet chinstrap unfastened; h) critical personal fall protection equipment missing from the harness set-up; i) tangles of Ropes; j) poor management of back-up device (major if critical); k) work positioning lanyards such as cow's tails positioned greater than fall factor 1; l) excessive slack in connection to an ascending device used as a point of attachment (major if critical); m) considerable time taken to perform the task; n) unconventional or untrained techniques used; o) a small out-of-control swing.	**9.7.5 Minor Discrepancies** The following is a non-exhaustive list of Minor Discrepancies (Dis): a) descending device not locked off or no control of the tail rope; b) attachment connectors not secured; c) critical personal fall protection equipment dropped; d) rope protection incorrectly placed; e) no braking karabiner used when required; f) harness incorrectly adjusted; g) helmet chinstrap unfastened; h) critical personal fall protection equipment missing from the harness set-up; i) tangles of Ropes; j) poor management of back-up device (major if critical); k) work positioning lanyards such as cow's tails positioned greater than fall factor 1; l) excessive slack in connection to an ascending device used as a point of attachment (major if critical); m) considerable time taken to perform the task; n) unconventional or untrained techniques used; o) a small out-of-control swing; p) attaining greater than or equal to 50% but less than 70% on the Theory Examination (Level 3 only).	Updated in accordance with clause 9.5.2.4.
9.7	**Procedure to become an IRATA International Assessor, Assessor rules and maintenance of status**	**9.8** The information for becoming an IRATA Assessor is detailed in the 'Assessor Selection, Training and Certification Scheme' [TC-122ENG].	The procedure for becoming an IRATA Assessor is covered within the 'Assessor Selection Training and Certification Scheme' [TC-122ENG], therefore clauses 9.7.1-9.7.3 are not required within the TACS [TC-101].

Clause	Issue 005	Issue 006	Reason for change
9.9		**Conditions for Termination of a Candidate's Assessment** The Assessor may terminate a Candidate's Assessment if they: a) perform a Major Discrepancy; b) perform three Minor Discrepancies; c) act to endanger the safety of themselves or others; d) become physically unable to continue; e) become abusive or threatening; f) are obstructive or refuse to comply with reasonable requests; g) are in breach of the Candidate examination or Assessment rules. The Candidate is entitled to terminate their Assessment at any stage during the Assessment and is not obliged to provide a reason for their decision to terminate their Assessment.	Added for clarity regarding termination of assessments.