2016 Changes

Examinations
From 1 July 2016, all initial exam results notices will be issued from the date received by PCN and not from the examination date and will expire five years minus a day from the date received.

Post-experience
As of 1 July 2016, all correct post-experience applications received into PCN before the two-year deadline will be validated.

NOTE: If an application for post-experience is received into PCN with missing information and goes past the two-year deadline, the PCN holder will revert back to an initial candidate.

2017 Changes

Recertification examinations
From 1 January 2017, all recertification exams must be taken at least six weeks prior to the expiry date. Recertification results notices will be issued from the examination date and will expire five years minus a day from the original expiry date, unless a late or deferred has been received. The certificate will not be validated from the examination date if the recertification procedure is completed prior to 90 days before expiry; in this instance the certificate will be validated from a maximum of 90 days prior to expiry.

If the results notice is received after the expiry date, regardless of the exam being taken before the expiry date, a late application will be required and further fees will be incurred.

Renewal applications
From 1 January 2017, all complete renewal applications are required to be submitted at least six weeks prior to the expiry date, unless a late or deferred has been received.

Renewal applications not received at least six weeks prior to expiry will be rejected.

All renewals that are submitted will be issued from the date the application process is complete and expire five years minus a day from the previous expiry date. If the renewal is not completed/successful after the expiry date, regardless of the submission date, a late application will be required and further fees will be incurred. The certificate will not be validated from the processed date if the renewal procedure is completed prior to 90 days before expiry; in this instance the certificate will be validated from a maximum of 90 days prior to expiry.

Late renewal
PSL28 late renewal applications must be submitted to PCN six weeks prior to the latest date permitted.

Extension to retest
If an extension to retest is requested, the extension will be based on the exam date and not the date received by PCN.

Supplementary examinations
From 1 July 2017, all supplementary exams will need to be taken six months prior to the expiry date of the certificate being supplemented to ensure the results notice is received before the expiry date.

ANY RESULTS NOTICES RECEIVED AFTER THE EXPIRY DATE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

The PSL67 ‘56-day rule waiver’ form will also be withdrawn.

Distinction grading

Re-test examinations
Failed exams taken in 2015 will remain under 2015 examination rules; a candidate re-testing in 2016 must achieve a minimum of 80% for the failed part.

The most recent examination results will be valid. Previous results will not be used.

Supplementary examinations
The pass/distinction level will be awarded based on the latest examination result. This may result in the candidate gaining or losing the ‘D’ on their certificate.

If failure on the supplementary then the original certificate remains. Supplementary re-test must still be taken at least six months prior to expiry of certification.

Recertification examinations
Certificate holders may only recertify to the same grade awarded at initial examination. A certificate holder who was not awarded a distinction at initial examination may not be awarded a distinction at recertification.

If passed initially at 80%, you must recertify and pass at 80%.