



G23. Does the person authenticating Reports of Thorough Examination also need to hold lifting equipment examination qualifications?

This is a common misinterpretation of the requirements for the person authenticating a report of thorough examination.

The authenticator's responsibility **is not** to check the work of the Competent Person who carried out the thorough examination. It is simply a means of taking responsibility for declaring that the information contained in the final Report of Thorough Examination (ROTE) is a true and accurate reflection of the Competent Person's original report, and that it is free from errors or inconsistencies.

In many businesses the Competent Person will pass their reporting form to a member of an administration team to type up into a commercially accepted format, before submission to the client.

The Competent Person cannot and should not be held accountable for any errors made in the report during this process. However, someone must be, hence the requirement for the 'authenticator' to add their name and signature to the formal report.

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