



G25. The competent person is required to add qualifications to the report of thorough examination, can the term “LEEAA qualified” be used?

No, LEEAA does not advise that the Competent Person should record their qualification as ‘LEEAA qualified’ and will take action against those that do. LEEAA auditors have identified that examiners using this phrase were not appropriately qualified for the examination of the equipment they were undertaking and, in some cases, only held basic entry level qualifications. **We therefore consider its use misleading.**

The advice from LEEAA is to record the individuals’ qualifications that are relevant to examination(s) being undertaken. However, we accept that many engineers have multiple qualifications, which can cause issues with paperwork. To this end and following discussions with our members at Technical Committee meetings and an enforcing authority, it was agreed that it would be acceptable to state **‘Company Appointed Examiner’** as the qualification. If further clarification is required, the company should be able to provide full details of the individual’s relevant qualifications and competence.

It was agreed with the enforcing authority that this approach is sensible, stating that the key point is the person carrying out the thorough examination is competent to do so. This means possessing the appropriate skills, experience, technical, practical and legal knowledge to carry out the thorough examination. This includes knowledge of the individual item of lifting equipment which is the subject of the thorough examination.

A competent person should have a technical or vocational qualification which can be used to demonstrate competency. In support of this they may also be a member of an association or institution which helps demonstrate competency and continuous professional development (CPD). When requested, the competent person should be able to provide evidence of his qualifications, experience and overall competency to undertake the specific thorough examination.

This evidence should demonstrate that their knowledge and experience are relevant to the type, function, and complexity of the lifting equipment being examined, as well as the environment in which it is used.

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