

EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS



IMPLEMENTATION OF CETOP EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS IN EUROPE CETOP RE 2015/06.02 - H/P

1. THE OUTCOME

This initiative will enable employers to identify the levels of competence, skills and knowledge achieved by a person holding a CETOP Qualification and will provide a greater guarantee of quality assurance throughout.

The proposal is for CETOP Qualifications to become the "bench mark" for fluid power education and training throughout Europe; whilst at the same time providing greater opportunities for employment and skills transfer within Europe.

2. HOW WILL THIS BE MANAGED?

The responsibility to implement and manage this harmonization programme will be that of the individual CETOP ASSOCIATION MEMBERS.

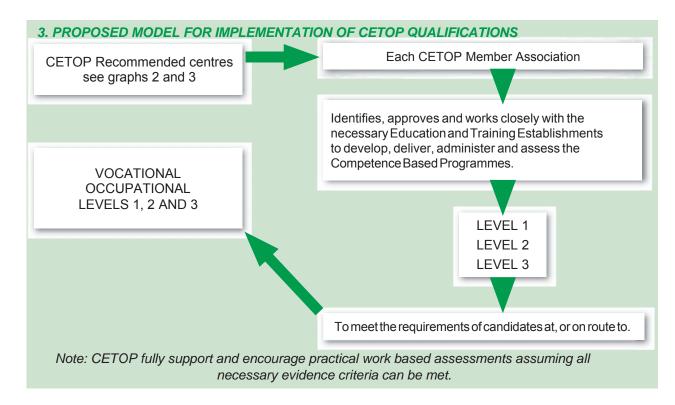
It is recommended that each member works closely with the various education and training organizations within their respective countries to ensure that all aspects of scheme quality assurance, validation and verification are maintained against CETOP RECOMMENDATIONS.

This guideline provides recommendations for achieving CETOP Qualifications including an explanation of competence based qualifications and the methodology associated with their acquisition.

The intention is for each CETOP ASSOCIATION MEMBER to achieve within their own educational systems the required outcomes, giving each organization total flexibility and freedom to develop and implement the necessary routes for achievement.

Association members will also be responsible for recommending and endorsing training organizations to deliver this proposal and assist through their member companies in providing and supporting the necessary resource.

Each CETOP ASSOCIATION MEMBER will award the necessary certificates recognizing an "individual's level of achievement".



The certificate will then be endorsed by a clear indication of the respective CETOP QUALIFICATION LEVEL achieved. This certificate will then represent a recognized qualification throughout Europe.

4. INDIVIDUAL RECORDS OF ACHIEVEMENT

Through their period of study and acquisition of competence based skills, all candidates will be expected to maintain their own individual RECORDS OF ACHIEVEMENT. This should form a portfolio of evidence covering both knowledge and competence based skills achieved, appertaining to their particular occupation level. All such records must carry a signature of authenticity and become the basis for "continued professional development".

5. PROVIDING THE CORRECT LEVELS OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING TO MEET BOTH INDIVIDUAL AND ORGANISATIONAL NEEDS

It will be the responsibility of the "Recommended Centeres" to provide advice and direction relating to individual needs, whilst taking into consideration their prior knowledge and experience.

It does not always follow, for example, that an "occupational level 3 person" is capable of dealing with a level 3 programme of study. Consideration should be given to "programme profiling" to enable candidates to proceed successfully to the required levels. Different people will require different breadths and depth of knowledge and associated competence based skills depending upon:

- a) their present knowledge, skills, experience and whether employed or unemployed
- b) the expectations of their employer relating to their position of employment or specialized skills level required (Example, a University graduate electronic person may only need to know a little about hydraulics and a level 1 programme may satisfy his or her needs)

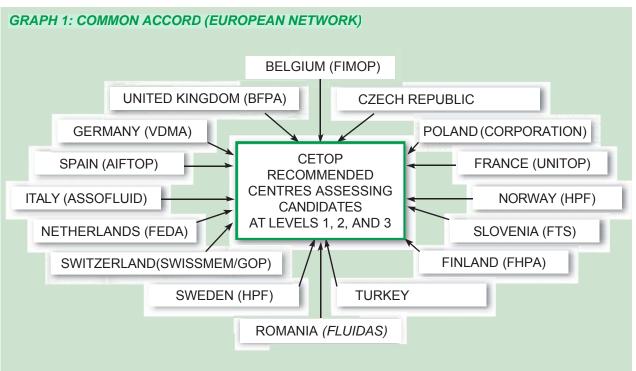
Recognized Centres must provide equal opportunities to candidates at all levels and provide a variety of learning opportunities, ranging from that of:

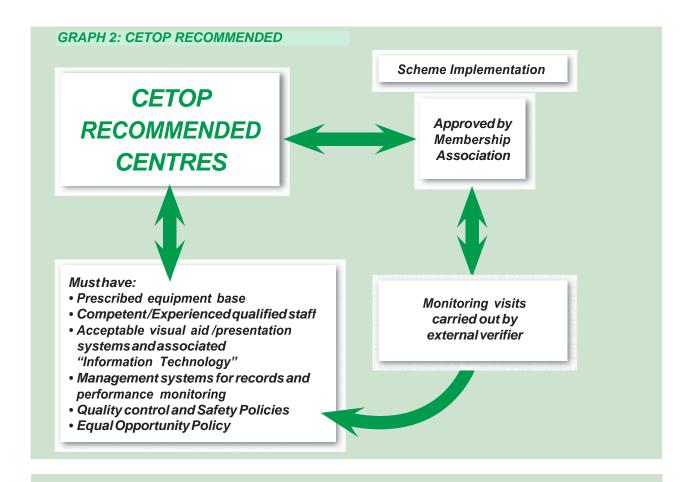
- Short Courses and Modules
- Flexible Distance Learning Programmes
- Personal Study

6. CONCLUSION

For this "Harmonization Initiative" to be successfully implemented and to be successful and effective, it is necessary for all CETOP ASSOCIATE MEMBERS to establish within their own countries, a series of competence based programmes, covering the various levels and associated subjects. They must work closely with educational establishments, industry lead bodies, OEM's and end users to ensure that the content continuously meets their needs, in light of changes in occupational standards and ever changing technology.

Relating to "Recommended Centres", CETOP Member Associations must play an active role in establishing, implementing and verifying all quality assurance procedures necessary to ensure "Parity" and standardization throughout.





GRAPH 3: RECOMMENDED ASSESSMENT METHODS

ASSESSMENT METHODS FOR COMPETENCE BASED QUALIFICATIONS

"Knowledge and understanding" is assessed through a series of written assignments leading to a WRITTEN EXAMINATION.

"Knowledge, understanding and APPLICATION" is assessed via a series of COMPETENCE BASED TASKS relating to a specific "key function" eg. installation, commissioning, fault diagnosis. This is performed on an INDIVIDUAL basis with the approved assessor. Success is based upon a minimum of two performances under different conditions and criteria.

Evidence will include direct observation by the assessor, questioning and written reports/data.
Success is based upon a satisfactory performance by the candidate being ASSESSED OBJECTIVELY.

Programmes can be NON-TIME based, or follow a TRADITIONAL EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM.
PRIOR KNOWLEDGE and EXPERIENCE should also be taken into account. Assessment is only carried out when the candidate is ready and the tutor/assessor is satisfied that sufficient knowledge and understanding of the subjects have been gained to ensure success.