First edition 2017-05

# Cathodic protection — Competence levels of cathodic protection persons — Basis for a certification scheme

Protection cathodique — Niveaux de compétence des personnes en protection cathodique — Base pour un dispositif particulier de certification



### ISO 15257:2017(E)

This is a preview of "ISO 15257:2017". Click here to purchase the full version from the ANSI store.



### COPYRIGHT PROTECTED DOCUMENT

 $\, @ \,$  ISO 2017, Published in Switzerland

All rights reserved. Unless otherwise specified, no part of this publication may be reproduced or utilized otherwise in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopying, or posting on the internet or an intranet, without prior written permission. Permission can be requested from either ISO at the address below or ISO's member body in the country of the requester.

ISO copyright office Ch. de Blandonnet 8 • CP 401 CH-1214 Vernier, Geneva, Switzerland Tel. +41 22 749 01 11 Fax +41 22 749 09 47 copyright@iso.org www.iso.org

Cont	tents	Page
Forew	ord	iv
Introd	luction	v
1	Scope	1
_	Normative references	
2		
3	Terms and definitions	1
4	Levels of competence	
	4.1 General	_
	4.2 Level 1, cathodic protection data collector (or tester)	
	4.3 Level 2, cathodic protection technician	
	4.4 Level 3, cathodic protection senior technician	
	4.5 Level 4, cathodic protection specialist	
	4.6 Level 5, cathodic protection expert	
	4.7 Designation of competence levels	
5	Application sectors	4
	5.1 General	4
	5.2 On-land metallic structures	
	5.3 Marine metallic structures	
	5.4 Reinforced concrete structures	
	5.5 Inner surfaces of metallic structures containing an electrolyte	6
6	Requirements for competence of persons at various levels and for various	
	applications sectors	6
	6.1 General	
	6.2 Knowledge required for all application sectors and all levels	
	6.3 Tasks to be fulfilled in all application sectors for Levels 1 to 4	
	6.4 Specific tasks for on-land metallic structures application sector for Levels 1 to 4	
	6.5 Specific tasks for marine metallic structures application sector for Levels 1 to 4	
	6.6 Specific tasks for reinforced concrete structures application sector for Levels 1 to 4	14
	6.7 Specific tasks for inner surfaces of metallic structures application sector for Levels	
	1 to 4	
	6.8 Requirements for Level 5 CP persons	16
Annex	A (normative) Certification scheme: Eligibility for competence assessment for Levels	
	1 to 4	17
Annex	B (normative) Certification scheme: Examination and assessment	22
Annex	C (normative) Certification scheme: Certificate, validity, re-certification,	
	transition periods.	27
Biblio	graphy	

## Foreword

ISO (the International Organization for Standardization) is a worldwide federation of national standards bodies (ISO member bodies). The work of preparing International Standards is normally carried out through ISO technical committees. Each member body interested in a subject for which a technical committee has been established has the right to be represented on that committee. International organizations, governmental and non-governmental, in liaison with ISO, also take part in the work. ISO collaborates closely with the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) on all matters of electrotechnical standardization.

The procedures used to develop this document and those intended for its further maintenance are described in the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1. In particular the different approval criteria needed for the different types of ISO documents should be noted. This document was drafted in accordance with the editorial rules of the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2 (see <a href="www.iso.org/directives">www.iso.org/directives</a>).

Attention is drawn to the possibility that some of the elements of this document may be the subject of patent rights. ISO shall not be held responsible for identifying any or all such patent rights. Details of any patent rights identified during the development of the document will be in the Introduction and/or on the ISO list of patent declarations received (see <a href="https://www.iso.org/patents">www.iso.org/patents</a>).

Any trade name used in this document is information given for the convenience of users and does not constitute an endorsement.

For an explanation on the voluntary nature of standards, the meaning of ISO specific terms and expressions related to conformity assessment, as well as information about ISO's adherence to the World Trade Organization (WTO) principles in the Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) see the following URL: <a href="https://www.iso.org/iso/foreword.html">www.iso.org/iso/foreword.html</a>.

This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 156, Corrosion of metals and alloys.

# Introduction

This document enables the competence of cathodic protection (CP) persons carrying out cathodic protection survey, design, installation, testing and maintenance work to be defined and verified.

The relevant application sectors concern on-land metallic structures, marine metallic structures, reinforced concrete structures and the inner surfaces of metallic structures containing an electrolyte.

Demonstration of competence is possible by certification. This document offers a certification scheme in accordance with ISO/IEC 17024.

In preparation of <u>Clauses 4</u>, 5 and 6, a detailed job task analysis (JTA) was undertaken by consensus of the experts in ISO TC 156. This JTA was then subject to review by international experts during the ISO enquiry process. It is considered that <u>Clauses 4</u>, 5 and 6 constitute a rigorous JTA. The JTA is largely based on similar work performed by CEN/TC 219, which produced EN 15257, which has been in widespread use since 2007.