



The Chartered
Society for Worker
Health Protection

Update on LEV Qualifications

What we do

**BOHS promotes the science and practice
of occupational hygiene via:**

- **Membership:** provision of services and support to members
- **Faculty Membership:** Faculty of Occupational Hygiene ([FOH](#))- Chartered Membership and Faculty of Asbestos Assessment and Management ([FAAM](#)) supporting experienced professionals to achieve recognition in the industry and further develop their careers
- **Qualifications:** the provision of qualifications and competency schemes

What we do

- BOHS awards qualifications rooted in Occupational Hygiene and has been the sole awarding body for LEV qualifications for several years.
- BOHS is a professional body for the field of Occupational Hygiene
- Through the Faculty of Occupational Hygiene, the BOHS administers the Register of Occupational Hygiene Professionals for British Occupational Hygiene professionals.

Where are we now?

Since the launch of the P600 series of qualifications in 2005:

- 3393 candidates have successfully completed P601: Thorough Examination and Testing of Local Exhaust Ventilation Systems.
- Only 1547 secondary qualifications have been awarded :
 - P602: Basic Design Principles of Local Exhaust Ventilation Systems (949)
 - P603:Control of Hazardous Substances – Personal Protective Equipment (227)
 - P604:Performance Evaluation, Commissioning and Management of Local Exhaust Ventilation Systems (372)
- Since its launch in 2013, just 35 people have been awarded the Certificate of Competence in Control of the Working Environment (CoC Control).

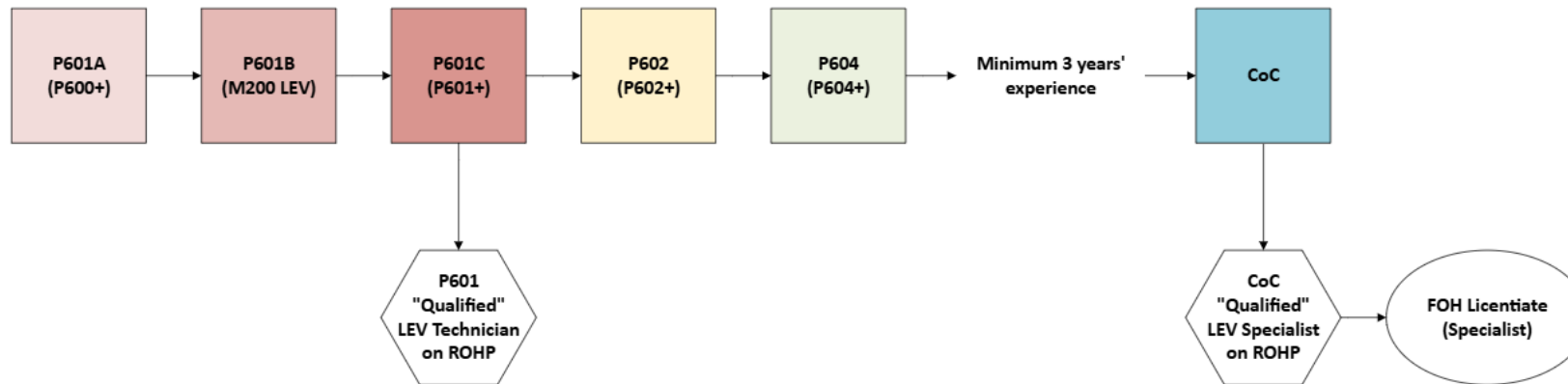
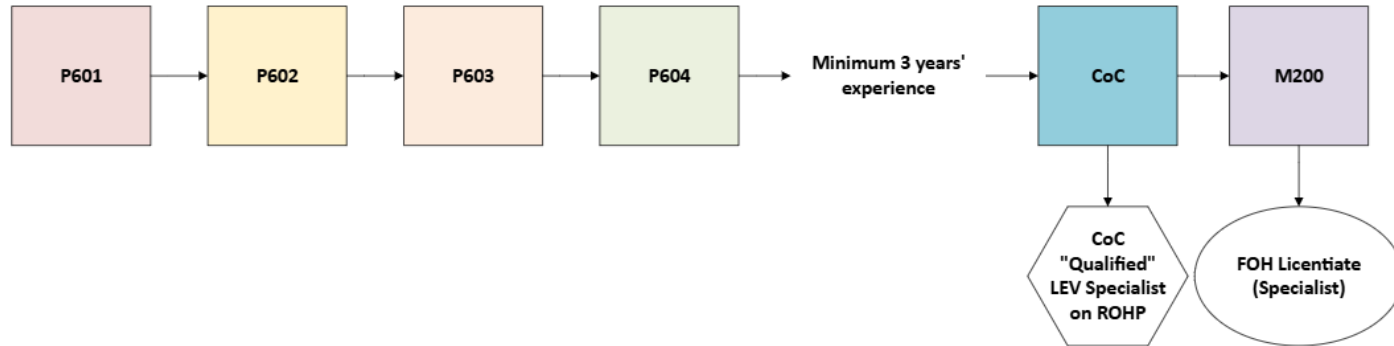
Where are we going?

- Revised qualification structure.
- Integration with the Register of Occupational Hygiene Professionals through the introduction of listings for LEV Technicians and LEV Specialists.
- Improved integration between qualifications and BOHS membership structure.

Revised Qualification Structure

- Minimal progression and development.
- Notable issues within the industry, specifically with regards to poor quality work and failure to identify risks.
- As such, the BOHS has decided to revise the learning process for LEV professionals creating a learning pathway with clear educational targets, delivered via a structured collection of qualifications. The end goal will be to have LEV practitioners with a deeper understanding of what adequate control is.

Revised Qualification Structure



Register of Occupational Hygiene Professionals

- The Register of Occupational Hygiene Professionals is the UK's regulated professional register of individuals competent to practise Occupational Hygiene and provide the necessary advice and expertise to help protect the health of workers. It is administered by the Faculty of Occupational Hygiene, the Professional Standards Body for the British Occupational Hygiene Profession.
- The Register enables duty holders to check an individual's level of expertise and to see whether they have been independently verified as meeting the requirements outlined in Regulation 7 of the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999.
- There are currently two grades for LEV professionals on this register "LEV Technician" and "LEV Specialist".

Accreditation by the Professional Standards Authority

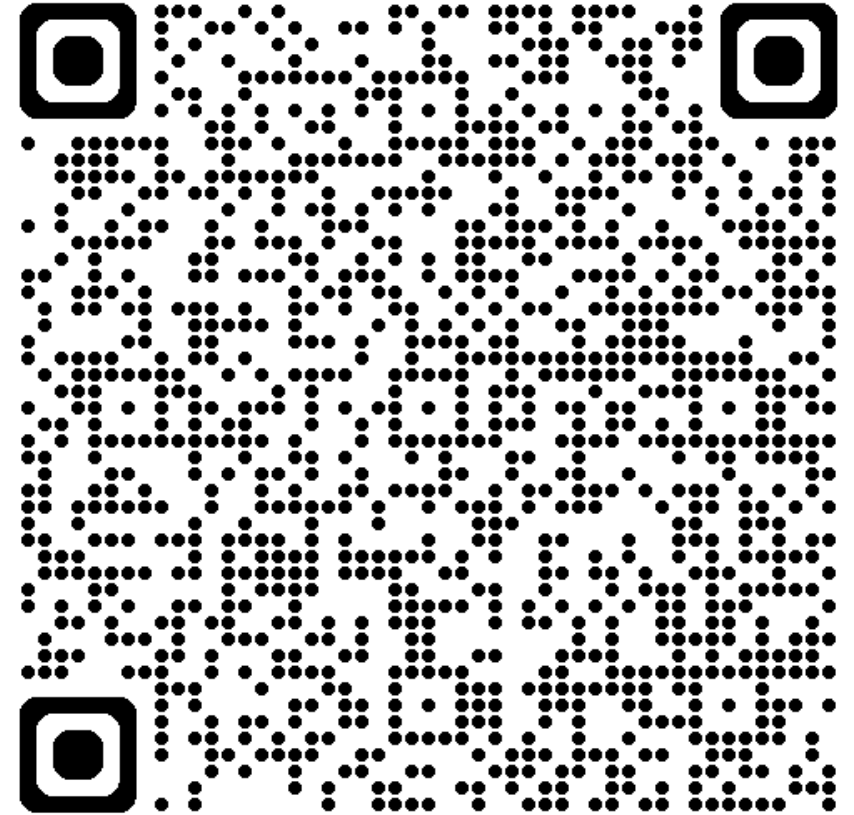
- The Register of Occupational Hygiene Professionals has recently been accredited by [the Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care](#). The accreditation recognizes the Society's commitment to the highest standards in professional practice in the field of Occupational Hygiene.
- Occupational Hygiene is the first of the occupational health professions to have obtained statutory accreditation.
- The accreditation contributes to fostering consistent standards of practice within associated professions and trades and provides assurance to users and duty holders that professionals on the register meet high standards of competence and conduct.
- This will be a statutory register maintained in the public interest to provide clear, objective and impartial information about individuals who are professionally competent to provide Occupational Hygiene Services

BOHS Membership

- Membership of BOHS is open to both professional Occupational Hygienists and to those with an interest in worker health protection and a healthier work environment. Membership provides a wide range of benefits including professional development opportunities and discount offers.
- We have a diverse membership profile, including occupational hygienists, occupational health nurses, occupational physicians, health and safety advisors, environmental scientists, epidemiologists, toxicologists, ergonomists, acousticians, physicists, chemists, biologists, psychologists, engineers and academics.
- There are many advantages to joining BOHS. Becoming a member offers the opportunity to increase knowledge, improve skills and enhance professional competence, as well as supporting BOHS' efforts in raising the awareness of worker health protection.

Membership of the Faculty of Occupational Hygiene

- Currently LEV practitioners can only join the Faculty of Occupational Hygiene as a Specialist Licentiate, once they have been awarded the Certificate of Competence in Control of the working Environment.





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Thank you