

Summary of Changes in the 2018 Edition of PAS 43:2018

The main amendments include clarity over the definition used for competent trainer and competent person. In Annex C the vehicle equipment tables have been aligned better to the varied fleet in use today within the industry and any normative requirements (must do) have been moved to either Clause 10 Technician Requirements, or Clause 11 Training Competence and Behaviour of Road Recovery Technicians. The working group has also removed duplications between the Best Practice Guidelines and PAS 43. Likewise, any non-safety specific requirements have also moved to the best practice guidelines

An improved explanation is included of what training each technician must receive. The requirement within PAS 43 for induction training is to either attend VR modules (VR01 Basic Health and Safety, VR02 Customer Service and VR03 Assess the Roadside situation - dynamic risk assessment), or document a clear link between other induction training programmes and ongoing assessments to the National Occupational Standards.

The table below sets out the changes within each section of the PAS with the timescales for implementation.

Document Section	Details of change	Date for Implementation of change
Scope	Removal of reference to "at the roadside" and note added that the PAS may apply at locations other than at the roadside which may be controlled by other regulations and best practice	Immediate
3.3	Addition of definition of competent assessor added	Immediate
3.4	Competent person - change of wording to clarify definition - no changes to requirements	N/A
3.5 and 10.1.2	Competent trainer - change of definition to include requirement for recognised training qualification	2 years from publication of the 2018 Edition of the PAS (i.e. 1 October 2020)
3.11	Definition of removal changed to that contained in SURVIVE Best Practice Guidelines	Immediate
6.1	Requirement for MOT or Certificate of Roadworthiness included as a mandatory requirement - previously a note (a note being a recommendation)	Immediate
6.2	Requirement for vehicles to be maintained, examined and inspected as laid out in the Guide to Maintaining Roadworthiness included as a mandatory requirement- previously a note (a note being a recommendation)	Immediate
7	Requirement for vehicle inspection records to be held for an additional 3 years removed	Immediate
10	Technician Training - Rewritten to make requirements clearer and presented in more logical format - no change to requirements	N/A
11	Standard Operating Procedures - additional requirements documented in this section - taken from elsewhere in document - no change to requirements	N/A
12	Summary of duties under Equality Act added	Immediate
Annex C	Guidance relating to working at the roadside removed as this was a duplication of Best Practice Guidelines. Guidance on example of suitable training - (VR modules) simplified - no change to requirements	N/A
Annex D	Guidance relating to disabled and vulnerable customers, children pets and domestic animals and livestock removed to BPG - no change to requirements	N/A
Annex E	UKAS annual head office assessment added and number of witness visits changed to 2 witness visits in 3-year cycle - previously 1 per annum up to 50 certificates and 2 over 50 certs	Immediate
Annex F	Rewritten to provide clarity. Requirement for certification and inspection body assessors to have demonstrable expertise in leading assessment teams removed. Minimum training content for certification and inspection bodies documented	Immediate