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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Scope and Purpose

This conversion document stipulates the requirements for rope access technicians certified by the rope access certification body: 'Society of Professional Rope Access Technicians' (SPRAT) to convert their qualification to the equivalent IRATA rope access certification.

1.2 Abbreviations

SPRAT	Society of Professional Rope Access Technicians
TACS	Training, Assessment and Certification Scheme
TMC	Trainer Member Company

1.3 Related Documents

TC-101ENG	Training, Assessment and Certification Scheme
FM-025ENG	Technician Assessment Form
FM-326ENG	Conversion Request Form
TP-350ENG	SPRAT Conversion Approval Letter

1.4 Responsibilities

It is the duty of all IRATA Assessors and IRATA TMCs to ensure that candidates are suitable for conversion and have met all the requirements stipulated in this document, prior to the provision of IRATA training and assessment.

The candidate is required to:

- Provide the IRATA TMC with their in-date SPRAT certificate, SPRAT ID card and SPRAT logbook, detailing their SPRAT Level and recorded work hours.
- Ensure their '*SPRAT Conversion Approval Letter*' [TP-350ENG] is present with the IRATA TMC at the commencement of training.

The IRATA TMC is required to:

- Complete and submit a '*Conversion Request Form*' [FM-326ENG], together with all necessary pre-requisite documentation to training@irata.org. Thereby, requesting a '*SPRAT Conversion Approval Letter*' [TP-350ENG].
- Inform the candidate when the '*SPRAT Conversion Approval Letter*' [TP-350ENG] has been received from IRATA Head Office.
- Not commence the candidate(s) training until the '*SPRAT Conversion Approval Letter*' [TP-350ENG] has been received.

The IRATA Assessor is required to:

- Check the '*SPRAT Conversion Approval Letter*' [TP-350ENG] and the candidate's SPRAT certificate are both valid and in-date, prior to the commencement of IRATA assessment.
- Ensure that SPRAT conversion candidates are assessed on all of the requisite manoeuvres on the '*Technician Assessment Form*' [FM-025ENG].

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2 CONVERSION CRITERIA – SPRAT

2.1 Pre-requisite Documents

SPRAT certified candidates intending to convert to IRATA certification shall contact an IRATA TMC who will complete a 'Conversion Request Form' [FM-326ENG] and collate the supporting documentation required, as detailed below.

- The candidate shall provide their SPRAT certificate, SPRAT ID card and SPRAT logbook with all work hours correctly logged to the TMC who will be providing their training.
- Prior to commencement of training, the IRATA TMC should complete and submit a 'Conversion Request Form' [FM-326ENG], together with all necessary pre-requisite documentation to training@irata.org.
- IRATA Head Office will verify the information provided on the 'Conversion Request Form' [FM-326ENG] and, subject to all conversion pre-requisites being met, issue a 'SPRAT Conversion Approval Letter' [TP-350ENG] to the TMC.
- SPRAT conversion candidates must ensure their 'SPRAT Conversion Approval Letter' [TP-350ENG] is present at the TMC at the commencement of their IRATA training.
- It is the responsibility of the IRATA Assessor to verify that the candidate has been issued a valid 'SPRAT Conversion Approval Letter' [TP-350ENG], prior to the commencement of IRATA assessment.
- Conversion fees are detailed in the 'Conversion Request Form' [FM-326ENG] found on the IRATA website.

2.2 Certification for Level 1 IRATA

Technicians currently certified to SPRAT Level 1 must comply with 'TACS' [TC-101ENG] requirements and complete a minimum of 4 days training at an IRATA TMC, followed by an IRATA Level 1 assessment as per the normal entry route to certification stipulated in the 'TACS' [TC-101ENG] document.

2.3 Certification for Level 2 IRATA

- Technicians currently registered as an in-date SPRAT Level 2 who have a minimum of one year (12 months) and 1000 hours recorded at SPRAT Level 2, are eligible to apply for conversion to IRATA Level 2. Conversion candidates must complete a minimum of 4 days training at an IRATA TMC followed by an IRATA Level 2 assessment, in accordance with the 'TACS' [TC-101ENG].
- SPRAT conversion candidates are required to be assessed on all of the Level 2 manoeuvres on the 'Technician Assessment Form' [FM-025ENG] i.e. be assessed on all Level 2 white boxes and ALL Level 2 grey boxes on the form.
- If a conversion assessment is failed, depending on the candidate's performance, the Assessor may continue the assessment to allow the candidate to attempt certification at a lower level, see 'TACS' [TC-101ENG] clause 9.4.6. Conversion candidates have 60 days to attempt reassessment, see 'TACS' [TC-101ENG] clause 4.7.
- Technicians currently registered as an in-date SPRAT Level 2 who do not have 1000 hours and/or one years' experience at this level are eligible to apply for IRATA Level 1 as above.

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2.4 Certification for Level 3 IRATA

- Technicians currently registered as an in-date SPRAT Level 3 who have a minimum of one year (12 months) and 1000 hours recorded at SPRAT Level 3, are eligible to apply for conversion to IRATA Level 3. Conversion candidates must complete a minimum of 4 days training at an IRATA TMC followed by an IRATA Level 3 assessment, in accordance with the 'TACS' [TC-101ENG].
- SPRAT conversion candidates are required to be assessed on all Level 3 manoeuvres on the 'Technician Assessment Form' [FM-025ENG] i.e. be assessed on all Level 3 white boxes and ALL Level 3 grey boxes on the form.
- If a conversion assessment is failed, depending on the candidate's performance, the Assessor may continue the assessment to allow the candidate to attempt certification at a lower level, see 'TACS' [TC-101ENG] clause 9.4.6. Conversion candidates have 60 days to attempt reassessment, see 'TACS' [TC-101ENG] clause 4.7.
- Technicians currently registered as an in-date SPRAT Level 3 who do not have 1000 hours and/or one years' experience at this level are eligible to apply for IRATA Level 2 as above.