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Introduction

The use of natural gas (NG) as compressed natural gas (CNG) or liquefied natural gas (LNG) is considered risky because of how the fuel is stored on board of vehicles (compressed at pressure higher than 200 bar or cryogenic at a temperature of $-160\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$). Furthermore, operations on systems subjected to very high pressure or very low temperature can seriously injure or cause the death of persons not competent in activities dealing with natural gas vehicles (NGVs). Also, users can be badly affected in the same manner as a consequence of activities conducted by not competent persons.

Since the effectiveness of any application depends upon the competence of the persons who perform or are responsible for the activities, a procedure has been developed to provide a means for qualifying the competence of personnel involved with different levels of liability in the NGVs operations as well as a certification scheme for those professional figures that are subjected to high risk activities.

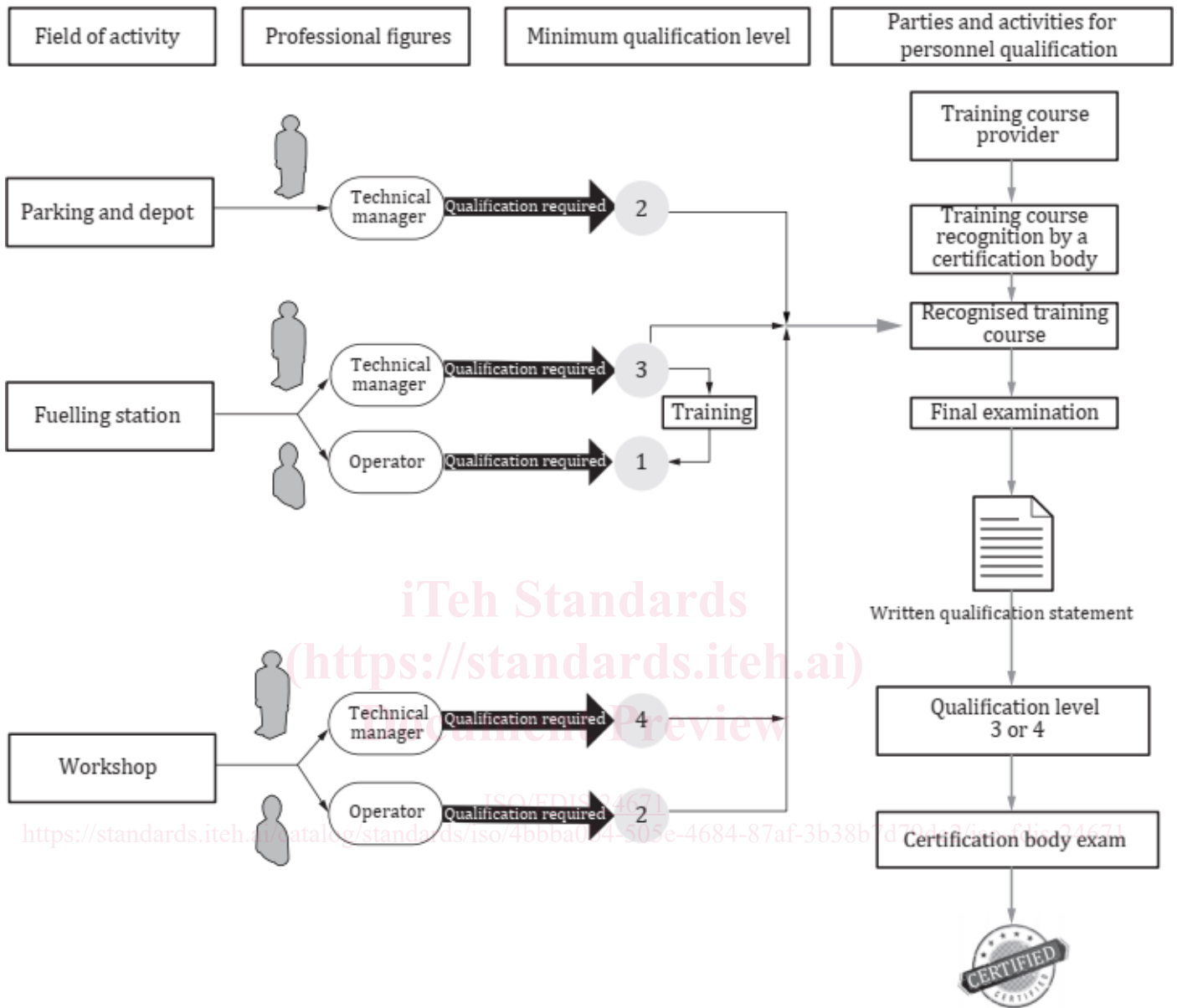
Thus, this document, as well as other standards dealing with high risk activities associated with NGVs, also aim to provide to the certification bodies precise requirements for a certification scheme when certification is required to verify the competence of level 3 and 4 (see [5.3-5.3](#)). On this matter, methods and techniques that should be adopted for a standardized competence assessment of technicians involved with the operations on NGVs are provided. This is to avoid discrepancies and different criteria in competence assessment. A synthetic scheme on how this document shall be applied in conjunction with other standards covering training and qualification of technical personnel dealing with natural gas vehicles is provided in [Figure 1](#).[Figure 1](#).

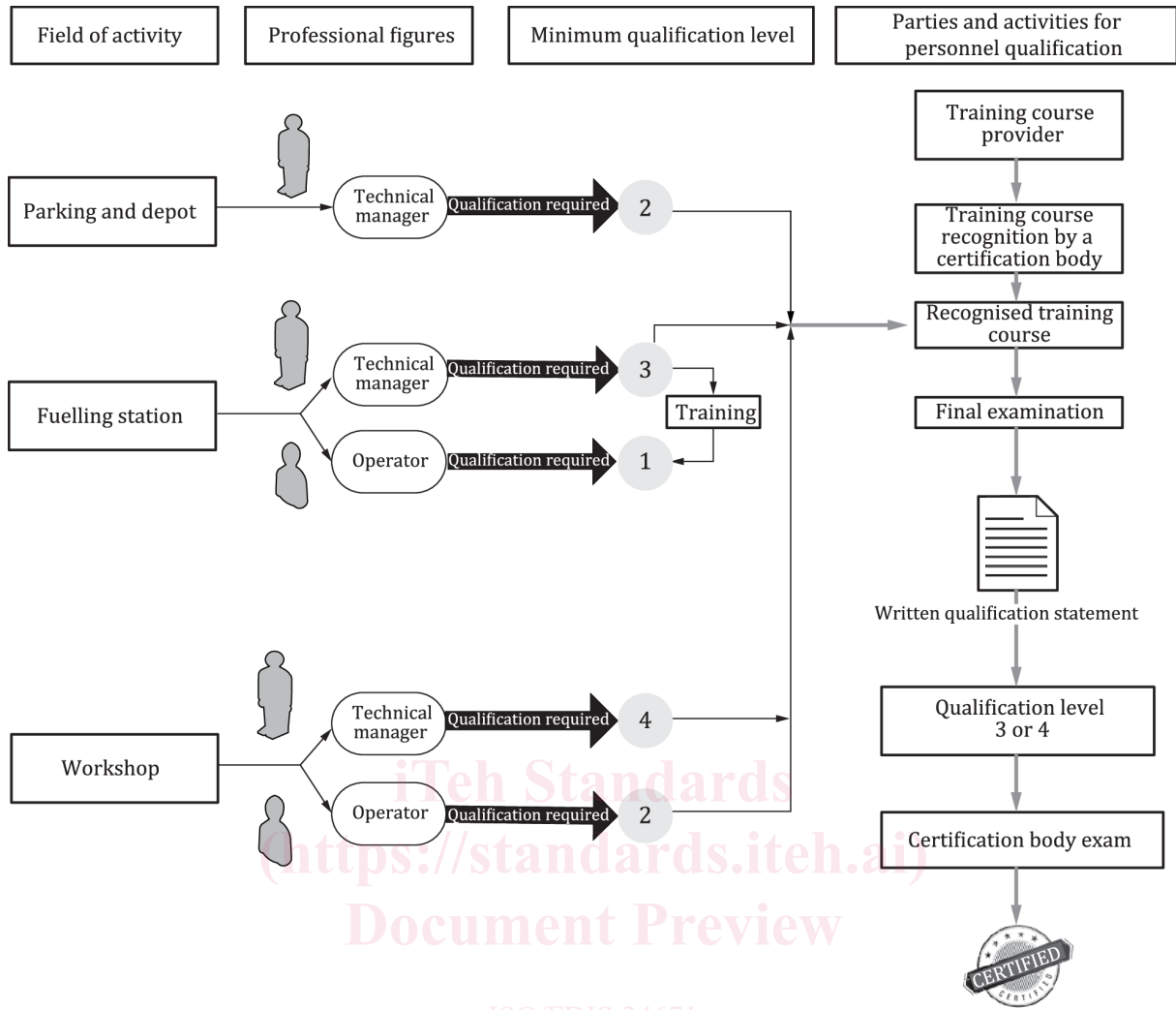
When certification of personnel working on NGVs is required in product standards, regulations, codes or specifications, it is important to certify the personnel in accordance with this document.

When there is no requirement by legislation, standards or in certification of NGVs personnel, it is upon employers of such personnel to decide how to assure themselves that they are competent to do the work assignments. Thus, they may employ people who are already certified or they may apply their own expertise so as to assure themselves that their employee has the necessary competence.

This document is mainly directed to:

- ~~workshop~~ workshop personnel;
- ~~CNG, LNG and L-CNG fuelling station owner/personnel~~ CNG, LNG and L-CNG fuelling station owner/personnel;
- ~~first responders~~ first responders;
- ~~inspectors~~ inspectors;
- ~~training course providers~~ training course providers;
- ~~certification bodies~~ certification bodies;
- ~~original equipment manufacturer (OEM)~~ original equipment manufacturer (OEM);
- ~~system manufacturer~~ system manufacturer;
- ~~workshop owner/personnel~~ workshop owner/personnel;
- ~~CNG and L-CNG fuelling station owner/personnel~~ CNG and L-CNG fuelling station owner/personnel.





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→ **Mandatory path for qualification and certification**

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Figure 1.— Certification and qualification scheme of personnel dealing with NGVs activities

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Road vehicles — Qualification and certification of technical personnel dealing with natural gas vehicles (NGVs)

1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for the qualification and certification of personnel who perform operations on NGVs, according to the level of safety required by the role and/or position.

NOTE 1 The certification is required for the level 3 and 4 of competence as defined in ISO 23684.

NOTE 2 This document specifies requirements for what are, in effect, third-party conformity assessment schemes. These requirements do not directly apply to conformity assessment by second or first parties, but relevant parts of this document can be referred to in such arrangements.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/IEC 17024, *Conformity assessment — General requirements for bodies operating certification of persons*

ISO 23684:2023, *Road vehicles — Technical personnel dealing with natural gas vehicles (NGVs) — Training and qualification*

3 Terms and definitions

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- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>
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3.1 ability

capacity and human attribute to perform an activity

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC TS 17027:2014, 2.1]

3.2 applicant

person who has submitted an application to be admitted into the *certification process*

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 17024:2012, 3.13]