Thank you for your interest in the PRI QualificationSM program, a special process personnel qualification program created by and for the aerospace industry. Using the combined technical expertise of the participating organizations, the PRI Qualification program:

• Develops free special process Bodies of Knowledge: documents which capture the knowledge and skills required by personnel operating in specific manufacturing areas.
• Validates personnel competency through theoretical and practical assessments.
• Approves Training Providers to deliver technical courses aligned with the Bodies of Knowledge.

We look forward to welcoming you into the program.

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WHAT IS PRI QUALIFICATION?

A global, industry-managed program for special process personnel qualification in the aerospace industry, the PRI Qualification program empowers all parties to influence, collaborate and be part of the change taking place in the industry. The PRI Qualification program leverages the combined knowledge of industry experts to develop Bodies of Knowledge (BoKs) and assessments (online theory and practical). The program also approves Training Providers to deliver courses aligned with the Bodies of Knowledge which then support candidates in their preparation for their assessments.
THE INDUSTRY CHALLENGE

There is a critical shortfall of qualified special process personnel in the aerospace industry, as well as a skills gap created by an increasingly globalized workforce. This has increased pressure on all organizations to reduce the time required to train new personnel and ensure they achieve adequate standards of competency at all levels.

PRI QUALIFICATION IS THE SOLUTION

**Aerospace Manufacturers** benefit from utilizing an existing industry-managed program to support internal training and assessment or validate personnel capability within their supply chains, and support compliance to 9100 (8.5.1.2).

**Industry Technical Experts** can help safeguard the future of aerospace manufacturing by contributing to the industry’s efforts to increase personnel capability and capture the knowledge and skills associated with complex special process activities.

**Training Providers** can have their training courses approved by industry technical experts to increase exposure within the aerospace industry and win new business.

**Individuals** can take a PRI Qualification program assessment to evidence their competency at all levels within their chosen field and source superior Training Providers through the PRI Qualification program database.
For those not yet involved in this area, this is a great opportunity to network and learn about how the industry intends to utilize the framework of the PRI Qualification program to address the difficulties we all face with the recruitment, training and qualification of aerospace special process personnel.”

“Honeywell uses the PRI Qualification program assessments as part of our special process control to comply with 9100 requirements. We believe that having qualified personnel is a core element of quality.”

“The PRI Qualification program provides a way for Solar Atmospheres to train chosen employees to an industry-consensus Body of Knowledge, evaluate the candidate’s understanding of the pertinent information, and provide for a document attesting to their competence that is recognized around the world.”
INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT

AN INCREASING NUMBER OF COMPANIES ARE ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN THE PRI QUALIFICATION PROGRAM.

AEROSPACE MANUFACTURERS & SUPPLIERS
Abbey Metal Finishing Company
BAE Systems
Barnes Aerospace
Bodycote
The Boeing Company
Bombardier
C-Fan
Collins Aerospace
Ellison Surface Technologies
Eirtech Aviation Services
GE Aviation
GKN Aerospace
Honeywell
Lockheed Martin
Magnetic Inspection Laboratory, Inc.
Metal Tech
Nycote Laboratories Corporation
Paint Services Group
PPG Industries
Raytheon Company
Rolls-Royce Plc
Saint Clair Systems
Solar Atmospheres
Textron

MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND OVERHAUL
Honeycomb Aircraft Repair Center

TRAINING PROVIDERS
Abaris Training Inc.
PRI Training
Embry Riddle
EWF
Osprey Tech
SAE
SpaceTEC
TWI
BODIES OF KNOWLEDGE & ASSESSMENTS

The PRI Qualification program’s goal is to fill gaps in the industry by creating new Bodies of Knowledge (BoKs) and assessments where they have not previously existed. As a result, the PRI Qualification program has focused its development efforts on Planner Level as this is where the PRI Qualification program Management Council has found the biggest opportunity to provide new special process personnel qualifications.

PROCESS OPERATOR/TECHNICIAN
Understand and perform the hands-on operations of the special process

PROCESS PLANNER
Capable of creating manufacturing processes and interpreting process procedures to conform to customer specification and requirements. Capable of problem solving and resolving day-to-day issues.

PROCESS OWNER
Capable of writing, reviewing and approving processes, procedures and qualifications of Process Operators and Process Planners. Capable of designing new processes and resolving issues among other levels.
THE PROGRAM ALSO OFFERS A MEANS OF SUCCESSION PLANNING IN THE AEROSPACE WORKFORCE. THE KNOWLEDGE THAT IS CAPTURED THROUGH THESE BOOKS IS COMPREHENSIVE AND WILL BENEFIT THE INDUSTRY GREATLY AS THERE IS NOTHING SIMILAR IN OUR FIELD OF EXPERTISE.”

MARTIN DAY
ENGINEER PRINCIPAL, PRODUCT DESIGN
HONEYWELL
PRI Qualification has developed Bodies of Knowledge (BoKs) and assessments in a number of manufacturing areas and is actively developing more, according to industry need.

**Bodies of Knowledge**

**Chemical Processing**
- Anodizing
- Cleaning
- Conversion / Phosphate Coatings
- Etch and Etch Inspection
- Painting
- Plating

**Coatings Applicator**
Preparing to deliver Aerospace Coatings Applicator Specialist (ACAS) qualification system in accordance with SAE AS7489

**Brazing**
- Vacuum and Non-Vacuum Furnace Braze
  *Torch Braze

**Composite Repair**
- Aerospace Composite Bonded Repair
- General Composite Repair
  *Metal Bond Repair

**Heat Treating**
- Aluminum Alloys
- Carbon and Alloy Steel
- Heat Resisting Alloys
- Pyrometry (Calibration and Test)
- Pyrometry (Process)
- Stainless and PH Steel
- Titanium Alloys

**Welding**
- Electron Beam
- Fusion
- Resistance Spot and Seam

*Bodies of Knowledge (BoKs) currently in progress with expected release in 2020.*
Aerospace industry leaders have identified the following special process technologies for future development.

Additive Manufacturing
Coatings
Composites
  • Manufacturing
  • Bolted Repair
Conventional Machining
Electronics
Materials Testing
Measurement & Inspection

Metallic Materials Manufacturing
Nonconventional Machining
Non Metallic Materials Manufacturing
Sealants / Elastomers
Surface Enhancement
  • Shot Peening
Welding
  • Laser
Industry Collaboration
Through the PRI Qualification program, industry representatives work together as equals, sharing best practices for the benefit of the industry as a whole. The opportunity to meet with other industry members and build advantageous working relationships cannot be underestimated.

Knowledge Transfer
The PRI Qualification program Bodies of Knowledge (BoKs) are developed with extensive industry input and review. They are designed to share the best practices and technical norms that any competent technician should know.

Global Recognition
The PRI Qualification program is an international qualification program, with companies actively participating from all around the world. Being awarded a PRI Qualification certificate signifies a universal acknowledgement of competency to industry standards.
Our involvement with the PRI Qualification program has given Abaris the opportunity to enhance the content of our aerospace training courses and build lasting relationships with aerospace industry stakeholders. Our membership is invaluable because it gives us the opportunity to work alongside our customers (and potential customers) and have a voice in shaping the training requirements for Composite Repair. By collaborating with other industry experts, we help develop the Composite Repair Bodies of Knowledge (BoKs) and then refine and improve our training courses to ensure they are fully aligned.

Our membership is invaluable because it gives us the opportunity to work alongside our customers...

Serving as the Vice Chair of the Composite Repair Review Board, I can apply what is discussed during our industry-wide meetings to our training courses. In 2016, one of our flagship courses, Composite and Bonded Structure Technician/Specialist was the first to receive approval from the PRI Qualification program. This means anyone who wishes to achieve the PRI Qualification program General Repair Technician can be confident that by attending our training course they will be fully prepared to take the theory examination. Our second course for Aerospace Composite Bonded Repair Technician training was approved in 2018.

Abaris has been involved with the PRI Qualification program for over 6 years now, in which time I believe that we have been able to enhance our relationships with the aerospace industry and improve our training programs. We look forward to our continuing collaboration with the program and seeing more Training Providers joining us.”
PRI Qualification Membership is open to aerospace manufacturers, airlines, maintenance, repair & overhaul organizations and training providers.

PRI Qualification Members have the opportunity to get closely involved in program development and can save money through our assessment packages. Members sign agreements which commit them to safeguarding the assessment content.

**Membership Benefits:**

- Right to oversee the content of assessments in any commodity for a single annual fee
- Assessment package:
  - Complimentary assessments for your employees or customers
  - Discounted assessments for your employees or customers

*For more information on Membership, please speak to the PRI Qualification team.*

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