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Relation to PED: PED Annex I 3.1.2	CABF Recommendation
Question:	A competent third party is approving a person to perform permanent joints as referred to in para. 3.1.2 of Directive 2014/68/EU. Q1: Is it mandatory for the competent third party to conduct a theoretical examination of the person? Q2: Who decides whether such an examination should be conducted?
Answer:	A1: No A2: The competent third party has to decide which examinations to perform based on ESR 3.1.2.
Reason:	EN ISO 9606-1:2017 is the current harmonized standard for welder qualification. The theoretical test in this standard is the “Job Knowledge” test of the informative Annex B. In section B.1 of this Annex it is stated that “The test of job knowledge is recommended, but is not mandatory”.
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Note:	Some Member State(s) have made the job knowledge test mandatory by way of a national foreword to the standard.