



## ACRIB Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Industry Board

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### Ozone Depleting Substances (R22 and blends) and Refrigerant Handling

The UK Ozone Depleting Substances Regulation was published in June this year (SI 1510/2006) to implement the requirements of the European ODS Regulation which came into force back in 2000.

The UK Regulation requires that anyone servicing, maintaining or dismantling refrigeration, air conditioning and heat pump equipment containing ODS refrigerants needs to hold appropriate qualifications (City & Guilds 2078 or CITB refrigerant handling equivalent).

Existing workers have until 9th April 2007 to gain the qualifications - if they do not already hold them.

Common Ozone Depleting refrigerants include: R22, R401A, R401B, R402A, R402B, R403A, R403B, R408A, R409A, R409B, R413A (Ozone depleting CFCs such as R12 and R502 cannot now legally be handled other than for disposal).

### TABLE OF MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

<i>Tasks</i>	<i>Equipment</i>	<i>Minimum Qualification</i>
Servicing and maintenance of equipment.	Refrigeration, air conditioning and heat pump equipment which is stationary at all times when in operation.  Commercial and domestic refrigerators and freezers which are stationary at all times when in operation.  Portable refrigeration, air conditioning and heat pump equipment.	(a) City & Guilds Certificate in Handling Refrigerants Scheme 2078  (b) Construction Industry Training Board Safe Handling of Refrigerants
Dismantling of equipment.	Refrigeration, air conditioning and heat pump equipment—  (a) which is stationary at all times when in operation; and  (b) which can only be dismantled at the place at which the equipment is used.	(a) City & Guilds Certificate in Handling Refrigerants Scheme 2078.  (b) Construction Industry Training Board Safe Handling of Refrigerants Reference 206710.
Decommissioning of equipment.	Fire protection systems and fire extinguishers.	British Fire Protection Systems Association Competence Certificate Course Class I

To download a copy of the Statutory Instrument which lays down the legal requirements see <http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2006/20061510.htm>