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To: All Lifting Equipment Owners
Authorised Examiners (Lifting Equipment)
All Interested parties

Circular on Test and Examination Requirements for Statutory Lifting Equipment

The Ministry of Manpower has recently reviewed the test and examination requirements for Statutory Lifting Equipment ("LE"). The revised test and examination requirements are detailed in the appended table.

2. The following summarises the key changes made:
 - a) Removal of requirement to conduct overload test after the LE has been registered. This means that periodic overload tests are no longer required;
 - b) Allow the conduct of periodic Lifting Gear (LG) re-examination by competent persons appointed by workplace occupiers using the LG. Workplace occupiers may continue to appoint Authorised Examiners to conduct the re-examination or appoint other competent persons to do so;
 - c) Change the periodic test and examination for Hoists (LH) from once every 6 months to once every 12 months.
3. The revised requirements will take effect from 12 September 2025. For any queries or clarifications, please contact us at <https://www.mom.gov.sg/contact-us/feedback-and-enquiries>.

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TEST AND EXAMINATION¹ REQUIREMENTS FOR STATUTORY LIFTING EQUIPMENT

Statutory Lifting Equipment	Before First Registration/ Re-registration (conducted by Authorised Examiners)	While in Use	Location Change	After Major Repair/Modification/Re-assembly/Increase Safe Working Load (SWL) (conducted by Authorised Examiners)
		Visual examination and functional test (conducted by Authorised Examiners, unless otherwise specified)	(conducted by Authorised Examiners)	
Lifts ² (LL) Hoists ³ (LH)	Visual examination, functional and overload test ⁴	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LL: every 6 months LH: every 12 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visual examination, functional and load test⁵ 	Visual examinations, functional and load test
Lifting Machines (LM) • Tower Cranes • Fixed Cranes • Other LMs		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every 12 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visual examinations, functional and load test 	
Lifting Machines (LM) • Mobile Cranes • Piling Machines		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every 12 months Every 6 months for Mobile Cranes if used to lift personnel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not required (unless there is re-assembly of major lifting components such as wire rope, main boom, leader mast) 	
Lifting Platforms (LP)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Personnel work platforms: every 6 months Material-only platforms: every 12 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For LP that requires fixed structural anchorage: Yes⁶ Any others: Not required 	
Lifting Appliances (LA)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every 12 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not required 	
Lifting Gears (LG)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lifting cages used to lift personnel: every 6 months All others: every 12 months Conducted by Authorised Examiner or Competent Person⁷, appointed by workplace occupier 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not required 	

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¹ Test and examination refer to thorough visual examination, load/overload test and functional test of lifting equipment and safety devices, including overload cut-off devices where relevant.

² Lifts installed in a workplace that have been inspected and tested under the Building Maintenance and Strata Management (Lift and Building Maintenance) Regulations 2016, administered by the Building and Construction Authority (BCA), are exempted from the testing requirement under Regulations 19 of the Workplace Safety and Health (General Provisions) Regulations.

³ Hoist refers to a cage or platform that travels within a hoistway with its direction of travel restricted by guide(s) and is used to carry materials only.

⁴ Overload test refers to the lifting of a test load, which is normally at 125% of the safe working load (SWL) or otherwise stated in any WSH circular or otherwise stated in the relevant Singapore Standards. For overload test of cranes with SWL more than 100 tons, the following applies: (a) SWL above 100 tons but not more than 500 tons – 110% SWL; (b) SWL 500 tons and above - 100% SWL.

⁵ Load test refers to the lifting of a test load, in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations or otherwise stated in the relevant Singapore Standards or 100% of the SWL, whichever is higher.

⁶ After each lifting platform installation, a visual examination, functional and load test shall be conducted.

- (a) Due to frequent changes in location of **suspended scaffolds** (also known as gondolas), the above tests and examinations are not required if all the following conditions are met:
 - i. the suspended scaffold is re-sited within the same workplace;
 - ii. the design of the outriggers/anchorage is the same as the one previously examined and tested; and
 - iii. the Authorised Examiner has made an assessment and found that the suspended scaffold is safe to operate at the location(s) indicated in the plan attached to the certificate.
- (b) For **suspended scaffolds travelling on monorail or track systems**, Authorised Examiners are to test and examine the suspended scaffolds to travel along the entire completed track.
- (c) For **mast climbing work platform (MCWP)**, Authorised Examiners are to test and examine the MCWP at the new location within the same workplace or when there is a change in height.

⁷ Competent Person refers to someone who has the right training, knowledge and experience to inspect LGs, including manufacturer representatives or SAC-accredited Inspection Bodies or in-house appointed inspectors.

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