INITIAL VERIFICATION OR PERIODIC INSPECTION?

CERTIFICATE OR REPORT?

These three are about the basic difference between the two jobs. You should be able to answer them **without the book**.

> **The golden splitInitial verification** = you've **done work** (new or altered) → you issue a **certificate**.
> **Periodic inspection and testing** = checking **existing** work is safe for **continued use** → you issue a **report** (the EICR).
> Even swapping one broken switch like-for-like counts as work, so it gets a certificate.

Q1Knowledge · book backs it up
What's the main purpose of initial verification?

1. **a**To prove the work matches the quotation
2. **b**To confirm the installation is safe to be put into service
3. **c**To find out how far it has deteriorated
4. **d**To show the client the job is finished

Answer b. "How far it has deteriorated" is the **periodic** idea. If you want to check it, the answer is near the **start of section 2**, initial verification. You can also get there from the contents: initial verification, then "purpose of", which points to 2.1.

GN3 · Section 2 initial verification · 2.1 purpose

Q2Elimination + book
Which of these jobs calls for an Electrical Installation Condition Report (EICR) rather than a certificate?

1. **a**Adding a fused spur to an existing ring
2. **b**A rented flat, between one tenant moving out and the next moving in
3. **c**Replacing the consumer unit
4. **d**A new circuit for an outdoor socket

Answer b. Get rid of a, c and d straight away. They all involve **new work** (adding, replacing, a new circuit), so they get a certificate. A new tenant is a **change of occupancy**. Section 3.2 on the need for periodic inspection says one should be considered on a **change of occupancy** or a **change of use** of a building.

GN3 · Section 3 periodic inspection starts · **p.111**

GN3 · 3.2 necessity for periodic inspection and testing · change of use / occupancy

Q3Knowledge
An inspector has good records from the last periodic. What do those records mainly help them decide?

1. **a**How much of the new work to sample
2. **b**How much of the existing installation to sample
3. **c**Which certificate the new work needs
4. **d**Which type of condition report to use

Answer b. Remove a and c because they mention **new work**, and a periodic doesn't involve doing work. Between b and d: there's **only one kind of condition report**, the EICR. (Initial verification has two certificates, the EIC and the Minor Works.) So there's no "type of report" to decide, which leaves b. Good previous records let you do **less sampling**. The guidance runs through section 3.8.

GN3 · Section 5 · the EICR (only one type of report)

GN3 · around **3.8** · sampling and use of previous records

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