

## Entry to the Scheme

### Introduction

This section will outline the 'Routes' or pathways onto the scheme and help you to determine what level you should apply for depending on your background and experience in rigging. It will also summarise some of the key knowledge and ability requirements for **Level 2 - Rigger and Level 3 - Supervising Rigger respectively.**

The assessment route an individual takes depends upon their proven industry experience. Below you will find further details of the skills and knowledge required for each level. If you are unsure about which level you should be registering for then this can be discussed further with PLASA. Following registration the assessment Centre will contact you and as part of this will ensure that you have chosen to take the correct level. We should stress however that the main difference between level 2 and level 3 is that of supervision. Many level 2 Riggers are as skilled as level 3 and choose not to take supervisory roles.

The direct entry assessment process for Level 2 and Level 3 will take two days at an assessment centre. In addition to this - for Level 3 only - there is a one-day workplace-based assessment, to assess supervisory skills only, which is directly observed by an assessor.

Please note that the 'prior experience' route will close on **30 September 2010**. Assessments on this route will need to have been taken by **31 January 2012**. Any registrations after 30 September 2010 will be classed as the 'New Entrant Route' - this would mean that if you are currently working as a Level 3 Rigger now you will have to take your Level 2 assessment first then the Level 3 incurring two sets of fees. Following the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010 to apply for Level 3 you must hold a Level 2 Certificate and current Level 2 ID Skills Card.

### Typical Assessment schedule at a centre -

The assessment centres will operate a similar schedule to that illustrated below:

#### Day 1

- Introduction
- Induction & Registration
- Assessment Planning
- Knowledge Questions
- Scenario 1 - Practical Induction/Planning/PPE Inspections
- Practical Assessment
- Close of Day 1

## Day 2

- Scenario 2 - Briefing & Planning
- Practical Assessment
- Review & Action Planning
- Evaluations
- Finish

Level 3 Candidates will be given more questions to answer than Level 2 Candidates and will also be required to complete a risk assessment on the day at the centre facilities.

### What types of things are being assessed?

To register for Level 2 or Level 3, a candidate would need to supply witness testimonies and other forms of evidence to provide confirmation of their experience. The Level 3 candidate is assessed on the core rigging skills of Level 2, as well as supervisory functions and greater technical knowledge.

During the assessment process, the candidates will be given a number of written questions relating to the rigging standards to assess their underpinning knowledge. They will also be given defined rigging tasks in the form of practical scenarios to complete within a specified time. The scenarios encompass the basic rigging skills required in rigging work using chain hoists, trusses and rigging accessories and are relevant within any sector where entertainment rigging work is carried out.

Outlined below are some of the skills and knowledge requirements:

### Level 2

- Understanding of basic legal requirements and personal responsibilities in rigging work.
- Knowledge and understanding of the terms used in entertainment rigging.
- Working safely and effectively under supervision as part of a team.
- Working from plans and marking out rigging points.
- Making pre-use checks of equipment.
- Preparing, marking out and assembling rigging.
- Making attachments to structures at height and at ground level.
- Knowledge of basket and choke hitches.
- Knowledge of dead-hangs and bridles.
- Using electric chain hoists (motors) and controllers safely.
- Using steel, chain and fibre slings, shackles and masterlinks correctly.
- Safe working at height, including using personal fall protection systems.
- Assembling, slinging and lifting trusses.
- Terminating steel wire rope using industry-standard methods.
- Setting up and using access equipment.
- Using ropes and the knots used for safe lifting with ropes.

## Level 3

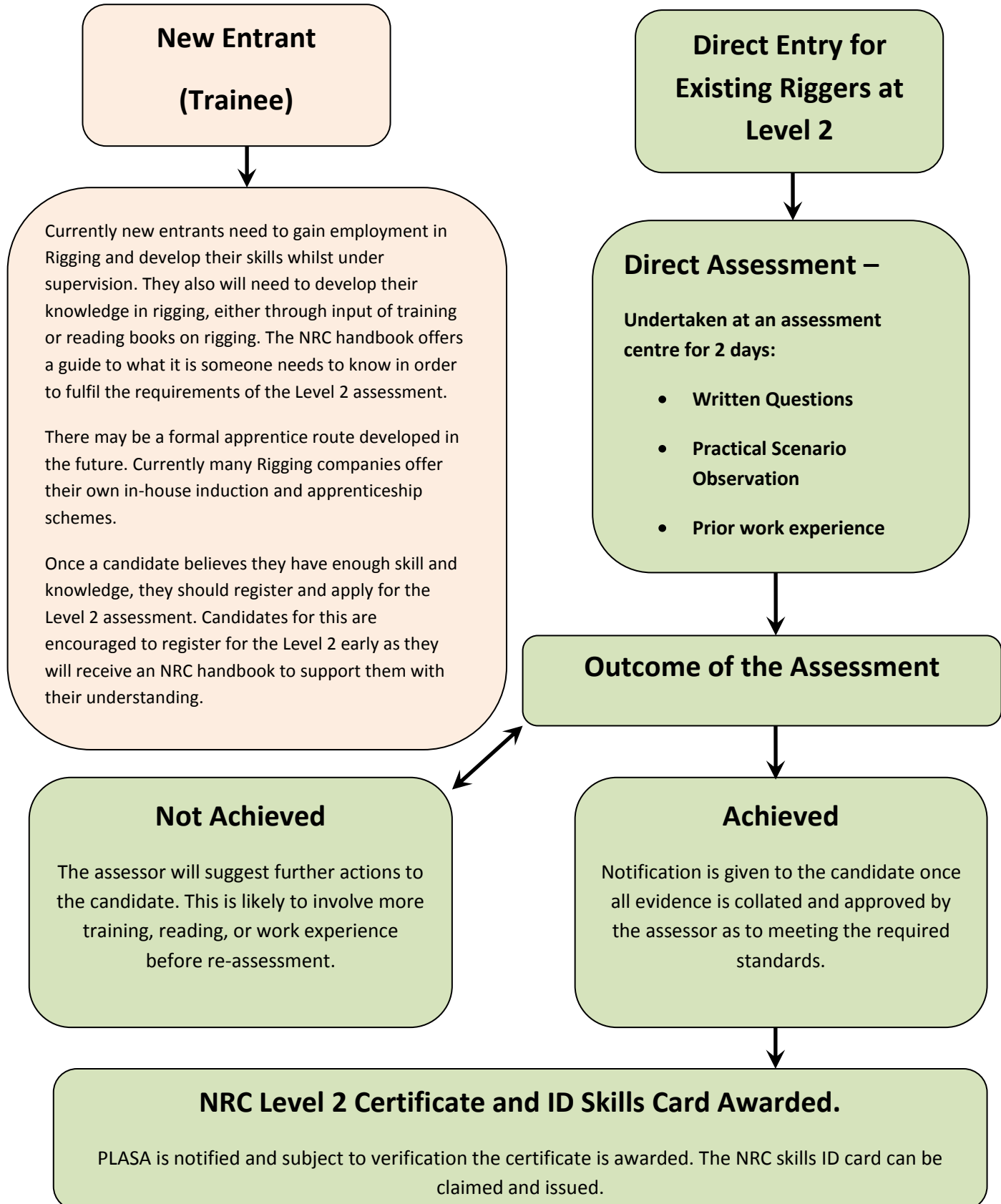
In addition to all the above for Level 2

- Writing risk assessments and implementing the control measures identified in them.
- Making rigging calculations and load estimations for trusses, bridles and slinging.
- Supervising other riggers on site and interpreting method statements.
- Understanding legal requirements, personal and organisational responsibilities in rigging work.
- Working safely, communicating effectively and supervising a team.
- Interpreting and devising plans and marking out rigging points
- Controlling the lifting operation.
- Confirming the correct use of lifting equipment.
- Supervising work at height and use of personal fall protection systems.
- Knowledge of appropriate rescue planning.
- Ensuring correct use of truss system.
- Supervision of the operation of access equipment.
- Knowledge of appropriate rope work and knots.

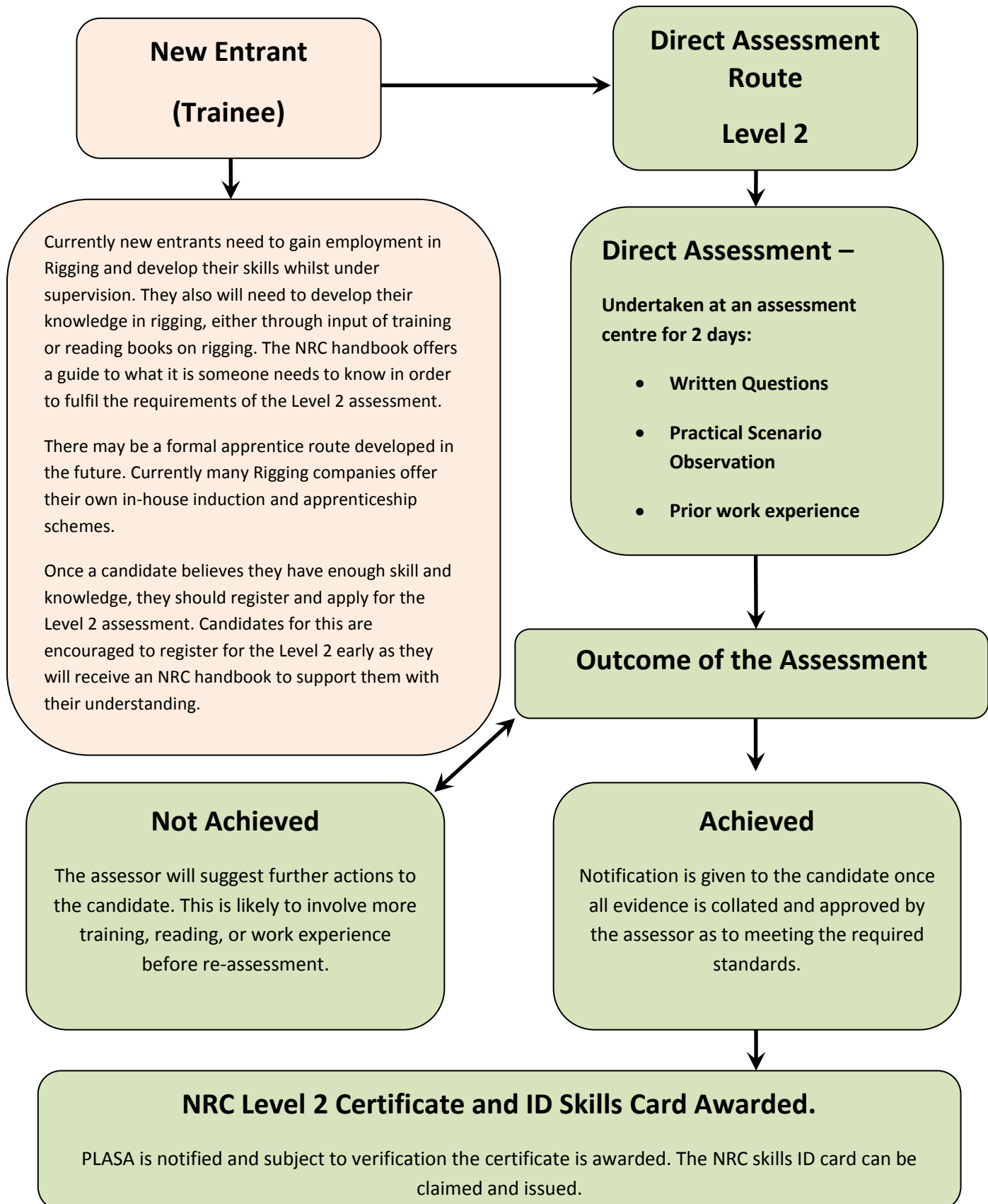
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## Routes of Entry for Registration and Assessment

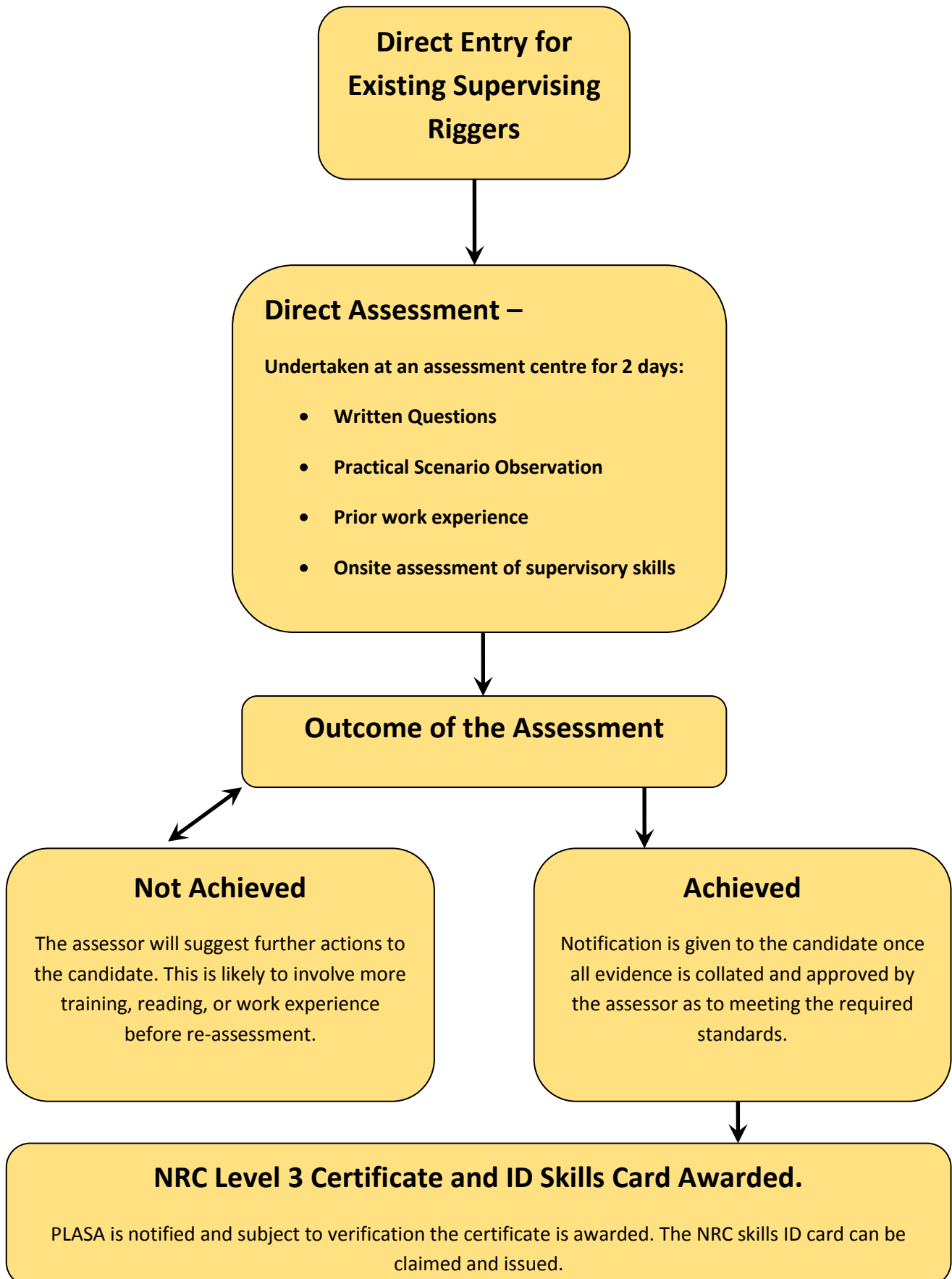
### Rigger Registration Route Level 2 up until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010



## Level 2 – Rigger Registration Route Level 2 from 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010



## Rigging Supervisor Registration Route up until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010



## Level 3 – Rigging Supervisor Registration Route from 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010

