



## FIRE SERVICES EXAMINATIONS BOARD

### DANGEROUS PRACTICES IDENTIFIED DURING THE PRACTICAL TESTS

#### PROCEDURE

If during the practical tests a candidate applying, demonstrating or failing to recognise a 'dangerous practice' ie an action or procedure, if applied in the real world, would have resulted in the lives of firefighters and/or the general public being placed at serious and unacceptable risk, the following procedure has been agreed will be applied:

1. The examiners will bring the 'dangerous practice' they have witnessed to the attention of the Senior Examiner at the earliest opportunity once the test has been completed and the candidate dismissed.
2. If the perceived 'dangerous practice' is confirmed by the Senior Examiner, the examiners will make sufficient notes to identify what took place to enable the candidate to be effectively de-briefed and provided with guidance so that the candidate may then be able to perform their role effectively, safely, and minimise the risk of accidents and injuries to personnel.
3. On completion of the candidate's practical test, the examiner who initially recognised the 'dangerous practice' will be asked to de-brief the candidate and provide guidance before the candidate leaves the examination centre. During the de-brief, the candidate will be advised that the counselling being provided does not imply a failure result, and no view will be expressed as to whether the candidate has passed or failed the Part II practical test.
4. The Senior Examiner will decide if the matter should be further reported to the Chief Fire Officer/Firemaster of the candidate's brigade, to enable additional counselling, guidance and/or appropriate training to be considered and/or provided.
5. Information relating to the perceived 'dangerous practice' and the Senior Examiner's decision should be forwarded to the FSEB with the computer mark sheets relating to that set of tests.