



Yorkshire Dry Stone Walling Guild

Test Specification and Application form - Basic Certificate

The Basic Certificate is the first level skills test of the Guild. It is appropriate for those candidates wishing to work on their own property or undertake modest levels of paid work. Candidates may wish to progress to higher level qualifications within the Guild at a future date. It is a pre-requisite qualification for those wishing to progress to Master Waller.

It demonstrates that the holder is capable of building or repairing a basic wall to a satisfactory standard.

Application for the test may be made by contacting the Secretary either using this form or by telephone. Examination will be by an experienced waller at an agreed Practice Meet; no charge is made for the test.

Practical Test

The candidate will be required to strip out and rebuild a section of standard height wall (1.25 metres), of 2 metres in length, within the working day under observed conditions. The Examiner will be looking for soundness of building technique in particular and the safety of the site and operation in general.

Marks will be scored against the following stages of building on the marking scheme shown. The pass mark is an aggregate one unless the Examiner is concerned that a particular weakness in technique or practice is cause for failure. (An example might be nil marks for Foundations and Building, still leaving an apparent pass at 65 marks; such an example of workmanship might well collapse as the candidate left the field!)

Stripping out	10	
Foundations	15	
Building	20	
Throughstones	15 (Due allowance to be made if not available)	
Packing	10	
Topstones	15	
Use of lines	5	
Safety and tidiness of operation	10	
Maximum mark	100	Pass mark 60

I have read the specification and wish to be tested for the Basic certificate. I agree to abide with the Examiner's decision.

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Please return the completed tear off section to the Secretary:
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