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*Keeping our Safety and Environmental Practitioners informed*

## Removal of the System Safety Practitioner (SSP) Exam

<b>When it takes effect:</b>	Immediately
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### Description

This SEB announces the removal of the System Safety Practitioner Examination (SSP Exam) provision. This update comes into effect immediately.

The SSP Exam is referenced within the System Safety Functional Competences<sup>1</sup> under the System Safety (SysSaf) breakdown. The SysSaf competencies are thereafter used as a point of reference across several areas within DE&S, including the [SEB 003](#) and DE&S Engineering Success Profiles for Safety Engineers<sup>2</sup>. This SEB documents the formal decision to remove the provision of the SSP Exam and therefore removes the requirement to complete the SSP Exam and superseded any reference made.

### Background

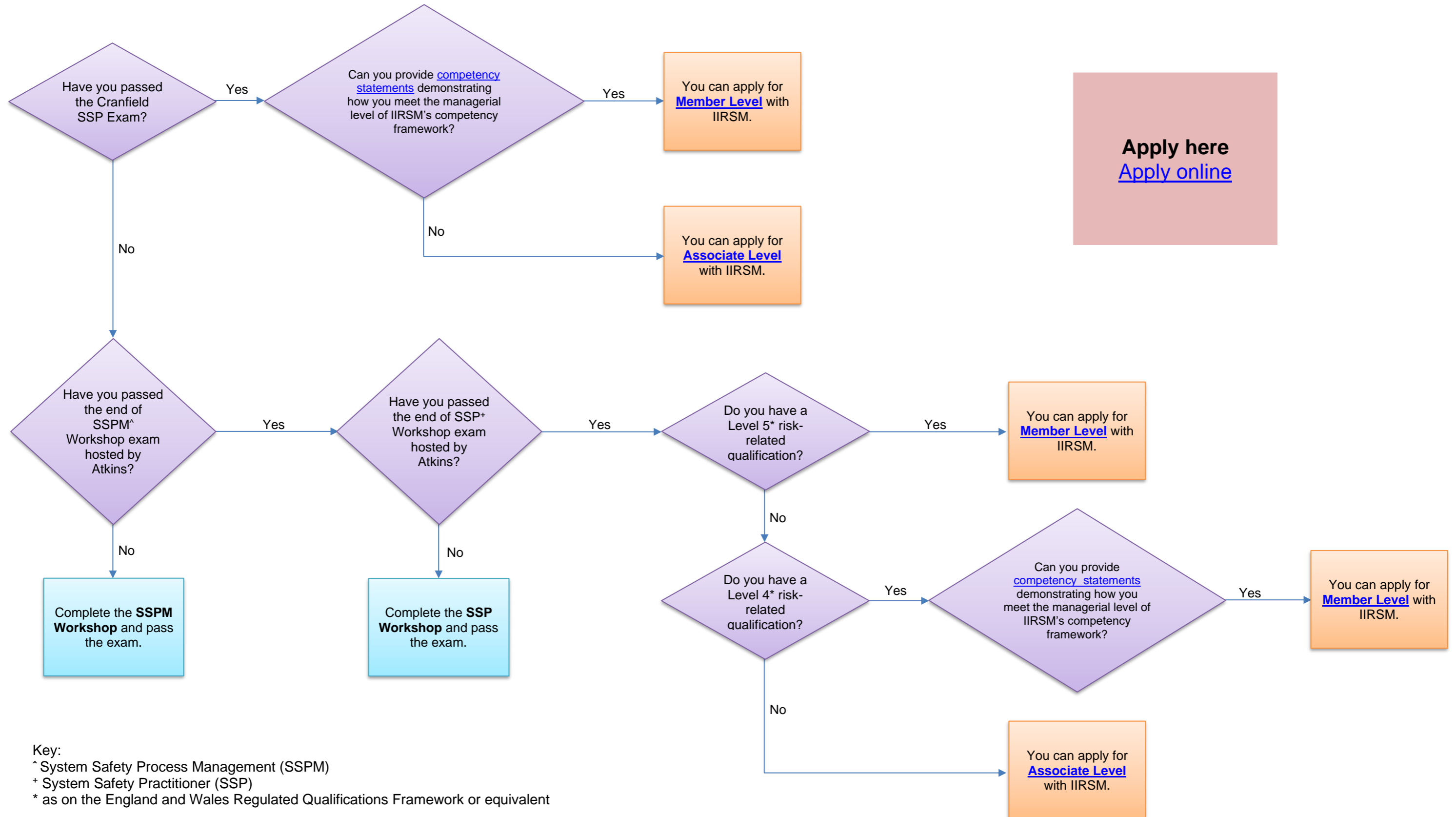
- The SSP Exam was facilitate by Cranfield University and was undertaken by individuals following completion of the suite of System Safety courses delivered by the Defence Academy.
- The exam has not been available since late 2019, when Defence Academy finished delivering the System Safety suite of courses on behalf of QSEP.
- Since 2020, the Systems Safety Process Management (SSPM) and SSP workshops have been delivered by Atkins on behalf of QSEP (using the Defence Academy material), but a final exam has not been part of the delivery requirement (noting that an exam is completed at the end of the both the SSP and SSPM courses, with certificates being issued as appropriate).

<sup>1</sup> Single Skills Framework – System Safety Functional Competences, April 2014: [Microsoft Word - Document in Copy of SOR Safety systems functional framework document.xls \(sharepoint.com\)](#)

<sup>2</sup> Engineering Function Success Profiles: [Success Profiles - Engineering - All Documents \(sharepoint.com\)](#)

## IIRSM membership options for DE&S Safety Practitioners

Historically the SSP Exam Certificate has been used to support membership applications with the International Institute of Risk and Safety Management (IIRSM). Noting that the IIRSM has changed their criteria for membership, the following flow diagram is provided to support DE&S Safety Practitioners when identifying potential membership routes with the IIRSM.



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Key:  
 ^ System Safety Process Management (SSPM)  
 + System Safety Practitioner (SSP)  
 \* as on the England and Wales Regulated Qualifications Framework or equivalent

**Actions to be taken**

1. For cascading as appropriate.
2. Further work will now be undertaken to reflect this change throughout material owned by the DE&S Engineering Function and QSEP where reference to the SSP Exam is made.
3. Removal of the SSP Exam in TLB/domain safety management documentation is required, as appropriate.

*Released under the Authority of*

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