Portable Firefighting Systems and Extinguishers

Note: This does not include pressure testing the cylinder

When new

Examination/Test	Category of Competent Person
In accordance with manufacturer's specification and fit for the purpose it will be used for	3 or 4

When in service

Examination/Test	Validity Period	Category of Competent Person
External visual examination plus check that any indicating device is reading within the acceptable range	6 months	I, 2, 3 or 4

Note:

- Part of the visual examination is to confirm that any security tag or similar is unbroken.
- When on board a ship or installation the normal hand held portable extinguishers are the responsibility of the vessel owner and will have to meet different requirements to those above. These will normally be the requirements of the marine legislation of the flag state.
- When specialised hyperbaric portable extinguishers are used inside deck chambers then the pressure cylinders will need to meet the requirements for wet internal service (see detail sheet 9.2).