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ACCEPTABLE QUALIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION FOR SUPERVISION OF CANDIDATES FOR PCN CERTIFICATION

INTRODUCTION

This document is provided for information to employers of NDT personnel and to PCN candidates seeking compliance with PCN/GEN (General Requirements for Qualification and Certification of Personnel engaged in Non-Destructive Testing).

The following is a list of certification acceptable to the British Institute of NDT (BINDT) as meeting its requirements for providing an acceptable standard of supervision during the period when a candidate is gaining the experience detailed in PCN/GEN prior to attempting a PCN qualification examination.

GENERAL

Certification satisfying the following standards and criteria:

- Any EN 473 or ISO 9712 compliant level 2 or level 3 NDT personnel certification issued by an independent certification body complying with ISO/IEC 17024.
- Any EN 4179, AIA-NAS-410 or MIL-STD-410 compliant level 2 or level 3 certification issued by an organisation which is recognised or approved by an EASA regulated national authority or by the FAA.
- SNT-TC-1A or ASNT-CP-189 level 2 or level 3 certification issued as a result of success in an examination which was conducted by an organisation independent of the employer. In this case the holder must work within a written practice which is reviewed and approved by the British Institute of NDT.
- ASNT Level III (issued as a result of success in an examination conducted by ASNT) or ACCP Level 2 or Level 3.

Where there are insufficient appropriately qualified persons in a country outside of the United Kingdom to satisfy the requirement, with the prior approval of BINDT, supervision of PCN candidates may be carried out by persons holding relevant qualification and/or certification issued by an agency independent of the employer of the supervised candidate.

It should be noted that supervisory certification held must be appropriate to the product or industry sector in which the supervised candidate is seeking PCN certification.

Verification of experience and/or of certificated supervision will be undertaken on a random basis. Any PCN certification issued as a result of a false declaration having been made will be cancelled and withdrawn.



The British Institute of Non-Destructive Testing is an accredited certification body offering personnel and quality management systems assessment and certification against criteria set out in international and European standards through the PCN Certification Scheme.



SPECIFIC CERTIFICATION

Radiography

In addition to the certification issued in compliance with the standards, specifications or guidelines detailed above (see references), personnel holding the following valid certification are acceptable to BINDT for the purposes of providing certificated supervision to candidates for PCN level 1 and level 2 radiography and radiographic interpretation certification:

1. CSWIP Radiologist and CSWIP Radiographer (phase 2) grade 1.
2. ERS or British Gas Scheme full radiographer.

BINDT does not necessarily regard any certification mentioned in this document as equivalent to its own, nor does it confer any recognition on the certification or of the competence of the person holding such certification.

Certification other than that mentioned may, in the future, be considered as acceptable to BINDT for the purposes of providing supervision to PCN candidates. Enquiries about the suitability of such certification must be addressed to the PCN Scheme Manager.

REFERENCES

The following are standards and guidelines on the qualification and certification of non-destructive testing personnel which are referenced in this document

- ISO 9712: Non-Destructive Testing - Qualification and Certification of Personnel
- ISO 17024: General criteria for certification bodies operating certification of personnel
- EN 473: Qualification and certification of NDT personnel - General Principles
- EN 4179: Aerospace series - qualification and approval of personnel for non-destructive testing
- ANSI-CP-189: ANSI/ASNT standard for qualification and certification of non-destructive testing personnel
- AIA-NAS-410: Aerospace Industries Association national Aerospace Standard for qualification and certification of non-destructive testing personnel
- SNT-TC-1A: ASNT recommended practice for the qualification and certification of non-destructive testing personnel. Periodically reviewed and republished by the American Society for NDT
- PCN/GEN: General requirements for the qualification and certification of personnel engaged in non-destructive testing. Published by the British Institute of NDT, 1 Spencer Parade, Northampton NN1 5AA, UK
- PCN/AERO Specific requirements for the qualification and certification of aerospace sector personnel engaged in non-destructive testing. Published by the British Institute of NDT, 1 Spencer Parade, Northampton NN1 5AA, UK