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Use of Level 2 Limited personnel
An Overview

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• EN4179 p5.1
  The employer may subdivide, add or limit the levels as appropriate….

• EN4179 p4.4.2
  Permits the use of a NANDTB, whose responsibility it is to produce processes and guidelines to ensure compliance to the standard.

The UK NANDTB permit the use of Level 2 limited as an essential enabler to full level 2 qualification where low volume/scope of parts makes attaining a direct L2 approval challenging within the normal bounds of the standard.
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- NANDTB-17 was revised in 2018 for better to clarity to users and provide essential guidance including examples on when a level 2 limited qualification can be used.

TERMINOLOGY:

**TECHNIQUE** – The definition of technique in this document aligns to that in the Standard (both EN4179 & NAS410):

“a category within a method; for example, ultrasonic immersion testing or ultrasonic contact testing”.

EN4179 does not define techniques within the method, so it is the responsibility of the RL3 to do so within their WP to suit their requirement.
APPLICATION

- The use of Level 2 limited is not mandatory, but is an option intended to SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT of an individual to FULL Level 2 approval.

- It allows inspectors to be become ‘productive’ at an earlier stage in their development.

- Level 2 limited can be used, with the exception of RT, for ALL common & other methods currently in the standard.
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APPLICATION

- Individuals are restricted to 1 technique per method
- They may however hold multiple Level 2 limited approvals in different methods
- It is recommended that the most simple Technique in the method be identified as the Level 2 limited approval
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APPLICATION

- A level 2 limited is limited only by the technique boundaries

i.e. they are comparable to a full level 2 in that particular technique within the method!

- Standardise equipment and process parts
- Interpret and evaluate for acceptance or rejection
- Document results
- Be thoroughly familiar with the scope and limitations of the technique
- Provide guidance/training to level 1 and trainees in the technique
- Be familiar with codes and standards that control the technique
- Be capable of developing work instructions in the technique
- Have a basic understanding of relevant manufacturing and inspection methods
- Have an understand, where required, of aircraft maintenance
Organisations wishing to use Level 2 Limited as the qualification standard to enable the issuance of a Certificate of Release to Service under Part 145, shall seek prior agreement from the UK CAA/MAA.
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REQUIREMENTS

- ALL training and examination to Level 2 limited shall be under the control of the UK NANDTB

- The use of Level 2 limited shall be documented within the WP and by the permission of the Cognizant Engineering Authority
  - You can use it, but you must seek permission first.
EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS

- Examination requirements shall be documented in the WP and shall meet the following as minimum:
  - General examination, as for Level 2.
  - Specific examination, as for Level 2 covering all techniques required by the employer (not just the technique sought for Level 2 Limited).
  - Practical examination, consisting of at least two test samples of differing configurations for the technique being sought.

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EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS

- Experience shall not be less than that required for level 1
  - The RL3 should consider the complexity of the technique remembering the scope of the Level 2 limited is limited only by that of the technique and must be defined in the WP

- Recertification shall be achieved by re-examination equivalent to initial at intervals not exceeding 1 year

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PROGRESSION TO LEVEL 2

- The company should provide the resource, opportunities and encouragement to enable progression to full level 2
  - It is not intended for level 2 limited to be a long term level of approval

- Experience must be gained in line with Table II of the standard covering all other techniques (as deemed appropriate by the RL3)

- Practical examination as per the standard for level 2.
  - Refer to NANDTB-17 for those that only use one technique

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EXAMPLES OF WHEN USED

- NANDTB-17 rev 5 has several worked examples
- If you are considering using Level 2 limited and are unsure of an applicable scheme, please contact the UK Board for advice.
QUESTIONS?