



Education requirements for Voting Membership

This table has been drawn up to assist candidates and those responsible for assessing applications to understand what qualifications can contribute to an acceptable level for the different membership grades. The table is based on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF), Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF), Scottish Credit and Qualification Framework (SCQF) and the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications (FHEQ).

Council may, at its discretion, accept into membership candidates without exemplifying education qualifications but who are assessed as exhibiting the appropriate level of knowledge and understanding in their work roles. Candidates may progress via the Individual Route to membership and this may be evidenced through an experiential assessment.

Education requirements matrix			
Grade	Exemplifying education level	NQF/QCF/FHEQ level	SCQF level
Fellow (FInstNDT)	Doctorate	8	12
	Master's degree	7	11
	Chartered Engineer (CEng)	7	11
Member (MInstNDT)	Bachelor's degree in engineering or science	6	9/10
	Incorporated Engineer (IEng)	6	9/10
	Foundation degree in engineering or science	5	8
	Higher National Diploma	5	8
	Diplomas of Higher Education	5	8
	PCN Level 3	4/5*	7/8*
	EN ISO 9712 Level 3	4/5*	7/8*
	ASNT Level 3	4/5*	7/8*
	EN 4179 Level 3	4/5*	7/8*
	SNT-TC-1A Level 3 (Note 1)	4/5*	7/8*
	API 510 Pressure Vessel Inspector	4/5*	7/8*
	API 570 Pressure Piping Inspector	4	7
	API 653 Tank Inspector	4 (NVQ) 5 (SVQ)	7 (NVQ) 8/9 (SVQ)
	EEMUA 159 Tank Inspector (European)	4 (NVQ) 5 (SVQ)	7 (NVQ) 8/9 (SVQ)
	Higher National Certificate	4	7
	NVQ Level 4, SVQ Level 4	4*	7*
	CSWIP SWI (3.2)	4*	7*
	3.4U Underwater Inspection Controller	4*	7*
	ASME Plant Inspector Level 2	4*	7*
	CSWIP Plant Inspector Level 2	4*	7*
	ABBE Level 4 Diploma in Built Environment Thermography	4*	7*
	Experiential route (complete the Professional Responsibilities section in the application form)		Technical Report Route (complete the Professional Responsibilities section in the application form)
Associate Member (AMInstNDT)	BTEC Diploma Level 3	3	6
	NVQ/SVQ Level 3	3	6 (NVQ) 6/7 (SVQ)
	Engineering Technician (Eng Tech)	3	6
	ITC Thermographer Level 3	3	6
	ABBE Level 3 Certificate in Domestic Infrared Thermography	3*	6*
	PCN Level 2	3*	6*
	EN ISO 9712 Level 2	3*	6*
	EN 4179 Level 2 (by examination**)	3*	6*
	SNT-TC-1A Level 2 (Note 1)	3*	6*
	CSWIP WI (3.1)	3*	6*
	ASME Plant Inspector Level 1	3*	6*
	BTEC Diploma Level 2	2	5
	NVQ/SVQ Level 2	2	5
	EN ISO 9712 Level 1/PCN Level 1	2*	5*
	EN 4179 Level 1	2*	5*
	SNT-TC-1A Level 1 (Note 1)	2*	5*
	CSWIP Visual WI (3.0)	2*	5*
ITC Thermographer Level 2	2	5*	

* estimated equivalence ** independent examination

Note 1 – Employer's written practice needs to demonstrate that SNT-TC-1A Levels 1, 2 or 3 meets the requirements of EN ISO9712 in terms of training, examination and experience and that the certification was achieved by external (third party) examination.