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UK NANDTB Policy on Certification of Responsible Level 3's and Recertification of Level 3 Personnel using the Credit System in Accordance with EN 4179

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Responsible Level 3 shall be certified in accordance with EN4179.
- 1.2 EN4179 permits level 3 personnel to be recertified at intervals not to exceed five years in accordance with Annex A (credit system) or by successful completion of specific and practical examinations equivalent to initial certification.
- 1.3 In the UK, all examinations shall be conducted by organisations under the general control of the UK NANDTB.

2. Current Rules for the Responsible Level 3

- 2.1 The Responsible Level 3 shall be certified in accordance with EN4179 as a Level 3 in one or more NDT methods and shall have a thorough knowledge of the written instructions, codes, specifications and standards used by the employer. He/she shall also have a thorough knowledge of the materials, components, product technologies, NDT methods and NDT techniques used by the employer.

3. Current Rules for Recertification using the Credit System

- 3.1 Documentation for recertification shall be submitted to the Responsible Level 3 or NANDTB at least 14 days prior to the expiration date of the certification. Application for recertification of the Responsible Level 3 shall be made directly to the applicable regulatory agency, NANDTB, or employer for review by a designated Level 3.

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4.1 Responsible Level 3's shall hold and maintain independent and external qualification in accordance with EN4179. This may include but not be limited to possession of a PCN/AERO Level 3 certification or level 3 qualifications via a BINDT Approved Outside Agency. Alternatives should be agreed by the UK NANDTB.

4.1.1 Where the employer contracts a Level 3 from an Outside Agency to act as Responsible Level 3 and the Level 3 is internally qualified by the Outside Agency, the contracting employer may deem this as independent and external qualification.

4.2 Responsible Level 3's shall review and approve credit system documentation submitted to recertify level 3 individuals on behalf of the employer or make a recommendation to the employers representative authorising the certification.

Note: This relates to organisations that may employ multiple Level 3's under the control of a Responsible Level 3.

4.3 Responsible Level 3's cannot recertify themselves and shall be recertified in accordance with one of the following as directed by the UK NANDTB:

4.3.1 Independent validation by an BINDT Approved Outside Agency of re-qualification based on the EN4179 credit system; or

4.3.2 Independent re-certification, via the PCN/AERO scheme.

4.3.3 Notwithstanding recertification using the credit system per 4.3.1, EN4179 permits recertification via examination. Recertification examinations shall be administered by a BINDT Outside/Inside Agency or AQB (Approved Qualifying Body).



Signed for the Board
Jon Biddulph
Chairman of the NAndtB

Changes table:

Issue	Summary of Change	Date
1		
2	Added to 4.3.3 Outside/Inside Agency or AQB (Approved Qualifying Body).	28-05-2015 reviewed 20-06-2017 just BINDT address and contact details updated