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**Geotechnical investigation and  
testing — Qualification criteria and  
assessment —**

**Part 3:  
Qualified enterprise**

*Reconnaissance et essais géotechniques - Critères de qualification et  
évaluation —*

*Partie 3: Entreprise qualifiée*



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## Foreword

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## Introduction

The ISO 24283 series specifies the qualification criteria for geotechnical investigation and testing and has three parts:

- Part 1: Qualified technician and qualified operator
- Part 2: Responsible expert
- Part 3: Qualified enterprise

The fulfilment of the technical criteria by the enterprise or the individual can be proven by:

- a) a declaration of conformity by a contractor (first party control);
- b) a declaration of conformity by a client (second party control);
- c) a declaration of conformity by a conformity assessment body (third party control).



# Geotechnical investigation and testing — Qualification criteria and assessment —

## Part 3: Qualified enterprise

### 1 Scope

This document specifies the qualification criteria for enterprises performing sampling, testing, measuring, monitoring and installation of equipment (e.g. piezometers, borehole heat exchangers, inclinometers and extensometers) in the framework of geotechnical investigation.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/TS 24283-1, *Geotechnical investigation and testing — Qualification criteria and assessment — Part 1: Qualified technician*

ISO/TS 24283-2, *Geotechnical investigation and testing — Qualification criteria and assessment — Part 2: Responsible expert*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

#### 3.1

##### **enterprise**

public or private organisation providing services

#### 3.2

##### **qualified enterprise**

*enterprise* (3.1) having documented competence to perform specified parts of sampling, laboratory and field testing, measuring, monitoring and installation of equipment

### 4 Qualification criteria

The enterprise carrying out sampling, laboratory and field testing, measuring, monitoring and installation of equipment should be able to demonstrate adequate competence and have:

- a) experienced and qualified personnel and facilities to manage and to perform specified types of services complying with the relevant standards (see Bibliography);
- b) items of equipment complying with the relevant standards (see Bibliography);