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**Non-destructive testing — Guidelines for  
NDT personnel training organizations**

*Essais non destructifs — Lignes directrices pour les organismes de  
formation du personnel END*



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## Introduction

With this Technical Report, ISO/TC 135 and CEN/TC 138 present to the worldwide non-destructive testing (NDT) community their recommendations for the minimum technical knowledge to be required of NDT personnel. These recommendations provide means for evaluating and documenting the competence of personnel whose duties demand the appropriate theoretical and practical knowledge.

As part of the efforts to streamline and harmonize the training and certification of NDT personnel, ISO/TC 135 and CEN/TC 138 have been actively involved in developing guidelines for training syllabuses (ISO/TR 25107) and for NDT training organizations (this Technical Report). These documents are intended to serve those involved in training and to be useful in achieving a uniform level of training material and — consequently — in the competence of personnel.

This document, together with ISO/TR 25107, represents two years of effort for working groups of the two technical committees in the promotion of harmonization and mutual recognition of minimum requirements taken from the different existing certification schemes.

The content of this first edition has been based on the experience of the experts as well as on comments from the end-user industries, as well as the most recent edition of the International Committee for Non-destructive testing (ICNDT) recommended guidelines.

The time allotment for the different topics takes into account the latest developments in each method and, as a consequence, the total duration can be sometimes greater than the minimum duration required by ISO 9712 and EN 473.

This Technical Report is to be revised in the coming years in order to maintain a workable document in line with the development of NDT methods and techniques.

ISO/TC 135 and CEN/TC 138 wish to express their appreciation to all those who contributed to the production of this publication.

# Non-destructive testing — Guidelines for NDT personnel training organizations

## 1 Scope

This Technical Report gives guidelines for non-destructive testing (NDT) training organizations, with the intention of harmonizing and maintaining the general standard of training of NDT personnel for industrial needs.

It also establishes the minimum requirements for effective structured training of NDT personnel to ensure eligibility for qualification examinations leading to third-party certification according to recognized standards.

NOTE ISO/TR 25107 gives associated guidelines for NDT training syllabuses intended for the general part of training courses.

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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.

EN 1330 (all parts), *Non-destructive testing — Terminology*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 1330 apply.

## 4 Training organization management

The training organization should appoint a person to be responsible for the overall management of the training centre and courses.

A person should also be appointed to be responsible for establishing a quality management system covering all aspects of the training services provided.

## 5 Quality management system

The training organization should have a suitable quality management system, e.g. ISO 9001:2000.

The system should be controlled and periodically reviewed according to the stipulations in the quality management system. The organization should

- determine the necessary competence for personnel performing work affecting the NDT training quality,
- provide training or take other actions to satisfy these needs, and
- evaluate the effectiveness of the action taken, where the competence of an individual is based on appropriate education, training, skills and experience.