

 <b>EF</b> European Federation for Non-Destructive Testing <b>NDT</b>	<b>GUIDANCE FOR EXTENSION OF CERTIFICATED CAUSED BY THE COVID 19 CRISIS</b>	
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TO BE USED for NANDTB harmonization		

Due recent circumstances (COVID-19), actions are required in regards to expiring NDT certificates per EN 4179. To reduce the global spread of the current virus pandemic, such expirations of certificates will be caused by e.g. national travel restrictions, employer's travel limitations or containment with very low access to companies because of closure.

The NANDTB of Europe will agree on the harmonized actions as follows:

1. Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 qualifications (Level 3 re-qualifying for examinations or needing an additional hands-on practical examination for accepting hardware) expiring at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 30<sup>th</sup> April, 31<sup>st</sup> May or 30<sup>th</sup> June will be extended to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020, unless otherwise specified, provided that the following conditions are fulfilled by the person entitled for extension:
  - a. Operative continuity in the method/level for which he/she is qualified and certified (EN4179/NAS410 para. 8.3.2);
  - b. During the actual certification, not having been suspended referring to "[...] *Individual's performance is found to be deficient in any manner [...]*" (EN4179/NAS410 para. 8.3.2);
  - c. During the actual certification, not having been revoked referring to "[...] individual's conduct is found to be unethical or incompetent [...]" (EN4179/NAS410 para. 8.3.3).

2. Employer has to inform the NAA, if affected by those actions.
3. If the NANDTB requests information regarding the herein described actions, it shall be informed accordingly.
4. Postponed recertification examinations shall be performed as soon as possible, even if still covered by the extended period.
5. The original certification date will be unaffected of those actions. For example: A certificate, which will expire on 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2020, extended to 31<sup>st</sup> of July 2020, will require a recertification at 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2025.
6. An extension takes precedence over possible future failed recertification examinations for any past period, which is covered by such extension. If recertification examinations take place during an extended certification period, and the individual fails such examinations, certification shall be suspended from that day on. (acc. to EN 4179 para. 8.3.2)

Possibility for a second extension beyond July 2020 will be agreed for additional four months, if the causes mentioned for initial extension are still given.

This letter will be distributed to each NANDTB being member of the forum, who shall inform their NAA about the herein described actions.



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