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## **1. SCOPE**

1.1. This procedure sets out the minimum training Qualification and certification requirements of Non-destructive Testing personnel as per ASNT Recommended Practice SNT-TC-1A -2024. The procedure also includes details of how the certification process is controlled by International Reliability Services (referred to as SARA SAE PRIVATE LIMITED or "the Company").

## **2. REFERENCES**

2.1. **ASNT Recommended Practice No. SNT - TC - 1A -2024 of the American Society of Non - Destructive Testing (ASNT).**

2.2. Training Course references include the following;

- ASNT NDT Hand books - 3 rd edition
- ASNT Metals Handbook Volume 11 - Eighth Edition
- ASNT Question & Answer Books (Level I, II & III)
- ASNT Classroom Training Handbooks
- API Specification 6A/16A/16C/16D

2.3. Training courses shall be based on the recommendations of ASNT;

- Radiographic Testing - RT-TC-1
- Magnetic Particle Testing - MT-TC-2
- Ultrasonic Testing - UT-TC-3
- Liquid Penetrant Testing - LP-TC-4
- Visual Testing - VT-TC-9

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### 3. DEFINITIONS

- 3.1. **False Call:** when an indication and/or grading unit is incorrectly identified as being a defect.
- 3.2. **Detection Rate:** the number or percentage of false calls allowed for a test specimen as defined by the NDT Level III.
- 3.3. **Standardization, Instruments:** the adjustment of an NDT instrument using an appropriate reference standard, to obtain or establish a known and reproducible response. (This is usually done prior to an examination, but can be carried out anytime there is concern about the examination or instrument response.)
- 3.4. **Certification:** Written testimony of qualification
- 3.5. **Certifying authority:** HOD (QA).
- 3.6. **Documented:** The condition of being in written form.

### 4. METHODS OF NON - DESTRUCTIVE EVALUATION

Qualification & Certification of NDT Personnel in accordance with this procedure shall be applicable to each of the following methods.

- **Liquid Penetrant Testing**
- **Magnetic Particle Testing**
- **Radiographic Testing**
- **Ultrasonic Testing**
- **Visual Testing**

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## 5. LEVELS OF QUALIFICATION

There shall be three (3) levels of Qualification.

- 5.1. NDT Level I - Technicians shall have the skill and knowledge to properly perform specific calibrations. The NDT Level I Technician shall receive the necessary instruction and / or supervision from a certified NDT Level or NDT Level III Technician. Evaluation for acceptance or rejection purpose and recording of the results shall always be done by a certified Level II & Level III.
- 5.2. NDT Level II - Technicians shall be qualified to set up & standardization of equipment, and interpret and evaluate test results in accordance with the applicable codes, standards or specifications, and prepare a written report of the test results. Each Level II Technician shall be familiar with the scope of work and limitations of the NDT method he is certified for. He shall exercise the assigned responsibility for on-the-job training and supervision of "Trainees and Level I Technicians." The level II will be able to prepare written instructions, and organize and report the results of test examination.
- 5.3. NDT Level III - Technicians shall be capable and responsible for establishing techniques and procedures, interpreting code standards and specifications and shall designate the particular test method and technique to be used. Where no acceptance criteria are available, the Level III shall assist in establishing the acceptance criteria for the NDT. He shall be qualified to train and examine NDT Level I, II and III personnel for certification in those methods.
- 5.4. NDT Trainee's - All NDT personnel shall be considered as trainees until they have satisfied the requirements of **Para 13.0** "Minimum Requirements of Training and Experience." A trainee shall work with a certified level II or III individual. A trainee will not independently conduct tests, evaluate, interpret or report test result.

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**Limited Qualifications:**

5.5. Level II Limited UT: The same description as a Level II Ultrasonic Testing Technician expect, it will not include angle beam testing (Shear Wave or refracted longitudinal wave) or immersion UT. The limited Level II technician certification shall include contact testing employing straight beam (longitudinal Wave), clad bond integrity UT, and thickness testing.

**6. EDUCATION TRAINING & EXPERIENCE REQUIREMTN FOR INITIAL QUALIFICATION**

6.1. All personnel considered for certification in Non-Destructive evaluation shall satisfy the minimum requirements for qualification, training and experience, as per **Para 13.0**.

6.2. The minimum requirements for NDT trainees in all disciplines shall be school graduation or equivalent with demonstrated proficiency or documented technical training.

6.3. the minimum requirements for the Level I and II personnel are as per **Para 13.0**

6.4. For Level II certification, the required experience shall consist of work time as Level I. If a- person is being qualified directly to level II with no time spent at Level I, the required experience shall consist of the sum of the time required for Level I and II.

6.5. Credit for experience may be gained simultaneously in two or more disciplines provided the candidate works at least 25% of the time on each discipline for which experience is being claimed.

6.6. Work Experience in months based on a 20-day work month. Work Performed in excess of a 20-day work month will be credited to total days required for certification.

6.7. Experience time will be calculated to include set - up time through report completion.

6.8. The Level III will provide an NDE experience log sheet for each applicable individual covering NDT method employed, the date, the amount of time it took to complete the job in hours and project name.

6.9. NDT Level III

- Graduate from a minimum four-year college or university curriculum, with a degree in engineering or science, plus one-year experience NDT, comparable to a Level II in the applicable NDT method(s). OR
- Completed with passes, two years of engineering or science at a university, college or technical school plus two years NDT experience, comparable to a Level II in the applicable NDT method(s). OR

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- Four Years' experience comparable to that of an NDT Level II in the applicable test methods.
  - Liquid Penetrant Testing
  - Magnetic Particle Testing
  - Radiographic Testing
  - Ultrasonic Testing
  - Visual Testing

## 7. EXAMINATION

7.1 Company ASNT NDT Level III, or an independent ASNT NDT Level III examiner or an ASNT NDT level III belongs to an approved external agency shall conduct and grade all examination for NDT Level I, II and III personnel. **Training should be provided to the individual administering the examinations.** For NDT Level I and E personnel, a composite grade should be determined by simple averaging of the results of the General, Specific, and Practical examinations described in the following sections. For NDT Level III personnel, the composite grade should be determined by simple averaging of the results of the Basic, Method, Specific, and Practical (if applicable) examinations described in the sections. This training and qualification shall be documented. The examination process consists three [3] parts. Each candidate must successfully complete all three (3) parts, with a composite grade of 80% with general & specific examination and individual exam passes not less than 70%. The parts shall be as follows: The practical examination should have a passing grade of at least 80%.

### 7.2 General Examination - (Level I & II)

- 7.2.1 General examinations shall be closed book written test, pertaining to the basic principle of the applicable NDT method described in written practice and elements of the outlines in ASNT CP-105
- 7.2.2 The number of test questions shall be as shown in Paragraph 12.0 of this document for the applicable NDT method.
- 7.2.3 A valid ACCP, ASNT NDT, or ASNT 9712 Level II certificate may be accepted as fulfilling the General examination criteria for each applicable method if the NDT Level III has determined that the ASNT examinations meet the requirements of the employer's written practice.

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### 7.3 Specific Examination - (Level I & II)

- 7.3.1 Specific examination's shall be a written test, either closed book or open book at the discretion of the NDT Level III examiner. It shall cover the equipment, operating procedure, **NDT techniques**, Codes, standards and / or specification that the candidate may encounter during his employment.
- 7.3.2 **A valid ACCP, ASNT NDT, or ASNT 9712 Level II certificate may be accepted as fulfilling the Specific examination criteria for each applicable method if the NDT Level III has determined that the ASNT examinations meet the requirements of the employer's written practice.** This acceptance should be documented. If this assessment cannot be accomplished, an employer-administered Specific examination should be completed.
- 7.3.3 The number of test questions shall be as per **Paragraph 13.0** of this procedure.

### 7.4 Practical Examination - (Level I & II)

- 7.4.1 Each candidate shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Level III examiner, familiarity with and operation of the necessary test equipment. The candidate must be able to analyze test results to the level necessary and ensure compliance with the requirements of the applicable code, standard and / or specification.
- 7.4.2 At least one (1) selected specimen shall be tested for the applicable NDT Technique within the method and results of the test recorded by the candidate attempting to qualify.
- 7.4.3 The description of the specimen, the test procedure, including at least 10 check points for level I & level II, and the result of the examination shall be recorded. The checkpoints requiring an understanding of test variables and the procedural requirements should be included in practical examination. The candidate should detect all discontinuity and conditions specified by the NDT Level III. Standard Checklist format has been attached for practical examination (**Appendix – A Ref. SNT-TC-1A-2024**).
- 7.4.4 Practical examination shall have detection rates 80% min. and the maximum number of false calls shall not be more than 10%.
- 7.4.5 **A valid ACCP, ASNT NDT, or ASNT 9712 Level II certificate may be accepted as fulfilling the Practical examination criteria for each applicable method if the NDT Level III has determined that the ASNT examinations meet the requirements of the employer's written practice.** This acceptance should be documented. If this assessment cannot be accomplished, an employer-administered Specific examination should be completed.

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## 7.5 NDT Level III Examinations

### 7.5.1 Basic Examination (required only once when more than one test method is being undertaken)

- a) (15) questions relating to the understanding of ASNT-TC-1A document.
- b) (20) questions relating to applicable materials, fabrication & product technology.
- c) (20) questions selected from or similar to the Level II published by ASNT for the applicable NDT methods.

### 7.5.2 Method Examination (for each method)

- a) (30) questions relating to the fundamentals and principles of NDT, similar to the ASNT Level III questions for each method.
- b) (15) questions relating to the application and establishment of techniques and procedures, similar to the ASNT Level III questions for each method.
- c) (20) questions relating to the interpretation of codes, standards and specifications relating to the test method.

### 7.5.3 Specific Examination (for each method)

(20) Questions relating to specifications, equipment, techniques and procedures applicable to the test methods employed, in accordance with this written practice.

### 7.5.4 Waiver of NDT Examinations.

Company may waive the Level III examinations, if the candidate has a valid ASNT certificate in the applicable NDT methods. Candidate with NDT Level III qualification from any other nationally accredited society other than mentioned above, has to follow the format and guidelines described in **section 7.5.**

**Remarks: Specific examination of ASNT Level III is applicable.**

Company may waive the Level II examinations, if the candidates have a valid Third party SNT-TC-1A /ISO 9712 Level II & for the marking & training requirement shall follow the valid certificates.

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#### 7.6 Vision Examinations.

At time of examination or re - certification, and annually thereafter, a qualified oculist or Optometrist or ASNT NDT level 3 shall carry out the following eye tests;

- a) Natural or corrected near distance acuity, in at least one eye, as determined by the ability to read the Jaeger No. 1 eye chart or equivalent, at a distance of 12" or 30.5 cm on a Standard Jaeger Test Chart.
- b) Color vision examination to verify their capability of distinguishing color and differentiating contrast between the colors normally used in the applicable method. Note: This test shall be at initial certification and then (5) yearly thereafter.
- c) Vision Examination expires on the last day of the month of expiration.

#### 8. GRADING OF EXAMINATION

- 8.1. A minimum grade of 70% shall be required for general, specific with a minimum composite grade of 80%. "Composite Grades" are determined by simple averaging. **The practical examination should have a passing grade of at least 80% .**
- 8.2. When examinations are administered by outside agencies and "Pass or Fail" is given, the employer may accept the pass as 80%.

#### 9. RE-EXAMINATION

Any candidate, who fails to obtain the required grades, must wait at least thirty (30) days or show documented evidence of having additional training by the Level III before re-examination.

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## 10. QUALIFICATION / CERTIFICATION

Certification of all candidates shall be the responsibility of the employer. If third party is used for examination and certification, the certificate issued by third party shall have the details of method, level, Type, technique, Category, material, date of issue and validity to satisfy the requirement of **Para 10.3.**

**10.1. Candidates who have successfully fulfilled the requirements of this procedure for education, training, experience and examination shall be eligible for Company certification.**

**10.2. Valid certification from ACCP Level II may be considered for acceptance by the company without general, specific and practical examinations, if the candidate is assessed by the Managing Director / Quality Manager or Operations Manager or company Level III and found to be suitable and competent for job. Candidate holding third party nationally accredited certificate if fails assessments has to fulfil requirements of this procedure for education, training, experience and examination.**

### 10.3. Qualification / Certification Records

**10.3.1. All certification records shall be controlled and maintained by company. These original records shall be maintained on file and updated or re-certified as required.**

**10.3.2. Qualification / Certification records shall include, but not be limited to the following:**

- Name of certified individual.
- Level of certification and NDT method and/or Technique.
- Education background and experience of certified individuals.
- Results of NDT training.
- Results of vision examinations.
- NDT examination results.
- Statement indicating satisfactory completion of training in accordance with the SARA written practice
- Suitable evidence of satisfactory qualifications.
- Details of method, level, Type, technique, Category, and material.
- Composite grades or suitable evidence of grades.
- Evidence of satisfactory qualifications when such qualifications are used in lieu of the specific examination prescribed in **7.5.4 and 10.2.**

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- Dates of certification and expiration.
  - The date of certification should be a date after which the employer's requirements for education, training, experience, and examinations have been met for each method and/or technique, as specified in the employer's written practice.
  - The date of certification is the date when the Certifying Authority signs the certification record.
  - The date of expiration should be five (5) years from the date established
- Signature of the employers certifying authority and stamp.
- Signature of NDT Level III & Company stamp.

#### 10.4. NDT Certificates

10.4.1. All Level I and II personnel who are certified by company shall be issued a certificate for each applicable test method.

10.4.2. The information contained on the certificate shall include details as in the sample certificate.

10.4.3. Upon termination of employment from company the certificate shall be annulled.

#### 10.5. Renewal of Certification.

10.5.1. All NDT personnel in the continuous employment of the Company shall be re-examined and recertified every (5) years.

10.5.2. At the discretion of the Quality Manager or Company Level III, re-certification may be granted without examination for uninterrupted service, provided that the concerned individual has demonstrated satisfactory performance in the methods certified for.

#### 10.5.3. Interrupted Service

Personnel who have been terminated and re-hired by the Company within a six (6) month period following termination, may be re certified without re-examination providing they can show documented proof of continuous, satisfactory performance in the applicable NDT methods during their period away from company. This requirement shall also apply to prospective new employees who have previous work experience. In this case, the concerned individuals shall be required to produce documented evidence of previous certification (if any).

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10.5.4. New certification, Renewal of certification for uninterrupted service or re-certification for interrupted service with or without examination shall be endorsed by company level III, or Re-certification shall be endorsed by a client approved independent third party ASNT NDT level 3 if any client requirements states in such a way.

10.5.5. The person in above case shall be re-examined / recertified as per **Sec. 7.4** of this practice.

#### 10.6. Level III Certification

10.6.1. Company shall appoint by issuance of a letter of appointment from the management, the NDT Level III who shall fulfil the requirements listed below:

10.6.2. Level III certification shall satisfy at least one of the following requirements:

- a) Complete, with a passing grade, a Level III General examination and Specific examination conducted by an independent ASNT, certified NDT Level III and Company Level III practical examination for each of the applicable disciplines.
- b) Complete, with a passing grade, company Level III General, Specific and Practical examination for each of the applicable disciplines.
- c) Have valid and concurrent certification to Level III certification, endorsed by a recognized body of NDT (Such as ASNT or equivalent) and documented evidence of relevant work experience.

#### 10.7. Technical Performance Evaluation:

- a) NDE personnel may be re - examined at any time, have their certification extended or revoked at the discretion of Quality Manager and/or certifying NDT Level III.
- b) A technical Performance evaluation to the requirements of practical examination, will be performed every One (1) year as a minimum.

#### 10.8. Termination:

- a) The employee certification shall be deemed revoked when employment with the company terminates.
- b) Level I and II technicians whose certification has been terminated, may be recertified to their former NDE Level based on examination, as described in **Section 7.0**, provided all the following conditions are met to the satisfaction of the Quality Manager and NDE Level III:
  - i) The employee has proof of prior certification(s)
  - ii) The employee was working in the capacity to which he was certified within the last six (6) months of termination

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- iii) The employee is being recertified within six (6) months of termination.
- iv) Prior to being examined for recertification, employees not meeting the above requirements should receive additional training as deemed appropriate by the NDT Level III.

## 11. SUBCONTRACTORS

- 11.1. NDT Sub-contractors may be used by the Company as deemed necessary and approved by Management & Client.
- 11.2. **Sub-contractors shall be required to submit their qualification procedures including the company's written practice for control and administration of NDT personnel and Level III documentation for approval**

## 12. MINIMUM REQUIREMENT OF TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Examination Method	Level	Training Hours	Minimum Hours Experience in Method	Total Experience in NDT
Ultrasonic Testing	I	40	210	400
Ultrasonic Testing	II	40	630	1200
Radiographic Testing	I	40	<b>220</b>	400
Radiographic Testing	II	40	630	1200
Liquid Penetrant Testing	I	4	70	130
Liquid Penetrant Testing	II	8	140	270
Magnetic Particle Testing	I	12	70	130
Magnetic Particle Testing	II	8	210	400
Visual Testing	I	8	70	130
Visual Testing	II	16	140	270

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#### 12.1. Limited Certification

Method	Limited Certification	Technician Starting Point	Formal Training	Minimum Work Experience in Methods (Hours)
UT	Thickness Measurement	Trainee	24	175

#### 13. MINIMUM EXAMINATION QUESTION REQUIREMENTS

13.1. The NDT Level III shall approve all questions used in Company examination

13.2. NDT Level I & II-Theory

NDT Test Methods	Number of Questions			
	General		Specific	
	Level I	Level II	Level I	Level II
Liquid Penetrant	40	40	20	20
Magnetic Particle	40	40	20	20
Radiography	40	40	20	20
Ultrasonic	40	40	20	20
Ultrasonic Limited	-	30	-	15
Visual testing	40	40	20	20

#### 14. APPOINTED ASNT Level III CONSULTANT'S

The company management as required in support of personal certification shall appoint ASNT NDT Level III Consultant. All relevant documentation shall be maintained on file for reference.

The responsible employer manager is responsible for verifying that the Level III is responsible and in charge of training, testing, documenting, and certification of all Trainees, Level I and Level II technicians. The responsible employer manager will sign the letter of certification and the certificate along with the Level III's signature, to include the date of certification and expiration date.

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#### **15. RESPONSIBILITY FOR TRAINING RECORDS AND CERTIFICATION**

The Quality Manager or designated person shall be responsible for maintaining records of training & certification to ensure that re-certification of operators are performed prior to the five (5) years duration. All training and experience received shall be documented on a regular basis.

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