

Testing and Certification Regulations for the approval of non-destructive testing personnel

TUV SUD BAPT Unlimited



These testing and certification regulation apply to the testing and approval of non-destructive testing personnel

according to the

Pressure Equipment (Safety) Regulation 2016 as amended by the (EU Exit) Regulations in the certification body of TUV SUD BAPT Unlimited.

1. Scope

This certification scheme applies to the testing and approval of personnel in accordance with EN ISO 9712:2022 "Qualification and certification of personnel for non-destructive testing" for the methods PT, MT, RT, UT and ET for the levels I and II regarding the testing of permanent joints and is based on the Technical Report CEN / TR 15589: 2014-02 "Non-destructive testing - Code of practice for the approval of NDT personnel by recognized third party organizations under the provision of Directive 97/23/EC".

Furthermore, the requirements of EN ISO / IEC 17024: 2012 "General requirements for bodies that certify persons" were taken into consideration.

2. Prerequisite

The applicant needs to fulfil the requirements according to EN ISO 9712 and provide documentary evidence

- of training in the industrial scope or product sector welds (w);
- that the required experience has been gained under supervision in the industrial scope or product sector welds (w);
- of vision satisfying the requirements.

3. Application procedure

The applicant needs to complete, sign, and submit the application form to the certification body with the necessary information and supporting documents.

The certification body reviews the application to confirm that the applicant meets the requirements for the approval scheme.

4. Assessment and review process

For route B (CEN / TR 15589: 2014-02) personnel who has been certified by a certification body according to EN ISO 9712 in the relevant sector (welding) following to the above-mentioned regulation, that is not an RTPO the assessment is based on the submitted EN ISO 9712 certificate and a valid contract between the certification body who has issued the certificate(s) and TUV SUD BAPT Unlimited.

For route C according to CEN / TR 15589: 2014-02 personnel who is qualified in a relevant sector according to criteria comparable to EN ISO 9712 the assessment procedure is divided into a theoretical part (expert knowledge examination) and a practical part (examination of technical skills) and is carried out in the presence of an inspector of the certification body.

Both examinations are based on the requirements of EN ISO 9712.

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5. Approval decision

If all approval requirements are met, approval is granted, and an approval attestation is issued to the approved personnel. The certification body remains the sole owner of the approval attestations.

6. Suspension, withdrawal

The validity of the approval starts with the date of issuance and ends with the validity date stated on the approval attestation.

The attestation may be withdrawn or becomes invalid if the holder does not comply with his declarations as

- the approval only remains valid with continuous NDT application and physical suitability
- the approval becomes invalid for an interruption of either a continuous period more than one year or two or more periods for a total time exceeding two years
- in case of false information, the misuse of the approval, or the breach of professional ethics

7. Re-certification process

After expiration the approval holder may apply for re-approval (renewal and re-certification respectively).

8. Complaints and appeals

If there are reasons for appeals against the approval procedure or complaints against an approved person, these may be submitted in writing to the certification body for the approval of non-destructive testing personnel at TUV SUD BAPT. Complaints are examined by the senior certification engineer of the certification body and appeals are examined by senior management personnel not involved in the approval process. The complainant will be formally informed at the end of the complaint or appeal procedure.

9. Use of approvals

The approval can be used as proof of valid approval. Claims of being approved after expiration, withdrawal, revocation, or expiry of the approval is not permitted.

10. Rights of the approval attestation holder

The attestation holder has the right to inspect the file on which the approval is based at TUV SUD BAPT Unlimited during normal working hours.

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