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Foreword

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 11484:2009), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- a) update of the candidate's vision requirements in 7.4;
- b) Table 1 has been aligned with the provision of ISO 9712;
- c) updated minimum required number of questions for three types of examinations;
- d) standardized calculation for the composite grade N for Level 1 and Level 2;
- e) added 9.3 regarding digital qualification records;
- f) added 9.4.2 regarding re-validation.

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Introduction

This document concerns the qualification of personnel engaged in the non-destructive testing (NDT) of steel products.

It has been recognized that within the steel industry worldwide there is a predominance of semi-automated/automated NDT equipment in use by NDT personnel to establish product integrity, as opposed to principally manual methods adopted in other industrial sectors. As a result, this document permits the employer qualification, subject to certain restrictions.

In the preparation of this document, the requirements of [ISO 9712](#) have been taken into account or adopted where they apply. However, it should be noted that the primary job-specific nature of the NDT tasks performed by NDT personnel on steel products is outside the scope of [ISO 9712](#) job-specific training performed by the employer (see [ISO 9712:2012](#), 3.13).

Thus, in the context of this document, the requirements of [ISO 9712](#) should not be taken as basic or additional minimum requirements. This does not preclude the right of any individual to apply for and obtain qualification/certification in conformity with [ISO 9712](#) as may be appropriate in another sector.

It is recognized that this document may be applied to steel product sectors and other specific product sectors, as appropriate. For product sectors, refer to [ISO 9712:2012](#), A.2.

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1 Scope

This document specifies an employer's qualification system for non-destructive testing (NDT) personnel performing the testing of the following steel products under the employer's responsibility:

- a) tubes/pipes (seamless or welded);
- b) flat products, long products, rails, bars, sections, rods and wires.

This document specifies qualification requirements for the competence of Level 1 and Level 2 NDT personnel to execute specific tasks in the NDT of steel products. The qualification is issued by the employer for a specific steel product and a specific test method.

This document is applicable to NDT personnel performing predominantly the automated testing of steel products, using any of the following NDT methods:

- a) eddy current testing (ET);
- b) leak testing (LT);
- c) liquid penetrant testing (PT);
- d) magnetic testing (MT);
- e) radiographic testing (RT);
- f) ultrasonic testing (UT);
- g) visual testing (VT).

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 9712:2012](#), *Non-destructive testing — Qualification and certification of NDT personnel*

[ISO 18490](#), *Non-destructive testing — Evaluation of vision acuity of NDT personnel*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in [ISO 9712](#) and following apply.

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