



The World Organisation for NDT

ICNDT Conformity Assessment of PCB

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BACKGROUND

- The International Committee for NDT seeks to enhance the applications of NDT in industry through a number of initiatives, including:
 - ◆ A bank of >6,000 multi-choice questions (EQB) for use by registered NDT personnel certification bodies (PCB) in qualification examinations
 - ◆ A Multilateral Recognition Agreement (MRA) made between NDT societies and PCB– world-wide
 - ◆ Conformity Assessment of NDT PCB through ‘recognised’ accreditation bodies (AB) or by direct assessment conducted by ICNDT using qualified and registered systems assessors

ICNDT MRA

- MRA depend upon assurance of compliance with applicable standards, such as EN ISO 9712, which mandates compliance with ISO/IEC 17024
- Compliance can be demonstrated through ICNDT 'recognised' accreditation, e.g., by an AB that is signatory to the EA MLA for ISO/IEC 17024 accreditation
 - ◆ Involves peer review in accordance with [ISO/IEC 17040](#)
 - [Conformity assessment - General requirements for peer assessment of conformity assessment bodies and accreditation bodies]
 - Similar system long overdue in the International Accreditation Forum (IAF)
- If ICNDT 'recognised' accreditation is not available ...
 - ◆ ICNDT offers a conformity assessment service for PCB, conducted in accordance with ISO/IEC 17040

ICNDT Conformity Assessment of PCB

- A service that is provided principally in support of its Multilateral Recognition Agreement (MRA)
- Arises from a perception that accreditation assessments:
 - ◆ are variable between AB within the IAF(as stated previously, there is presently no IAF MLA based upon [ISO/IEC 17040](#))
 - ◆ are *usually* not conducted by knowledgeable NDT experts
 - ◆ do not fully address the technical requirements of EN ISO 9712
 - ◆ do not provide a strong technical harmonising influence, and
 - ◆ are not, in many cases, considered cost-effective
- ICNDT PCB Conformity Assessment can be used to replace or compliment assessment by an AB

ICNDT PCB CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT

- Conducted against same criteria as applied by AB, i.e. ISO/IEC 17024, but also includes detailed assessment against EN ISO 9712 criteria
- Assessment 'team' comprises one or more experts (NDT Level 3) with relevant auditor qualifications and experience
- Time on assessment similar to that of AB, e.g. three days - one or two days at HQ, and one day at Authorised Examination Centre (AEC)
- Provides the harmonising influence lacking under IAF accreditation
- Fee structure is similar or less than that charged by AB

APPLICATION AND ASSESSMENT

- To demonstrate conformity under the ICNDT system, the applicant PCB shall:
 - ◆ make formal application to ICNDT for assessment against EN ISO 9712 (and normative reference ISO/IEC 17024)
 - ◆ undergo assessment by an ICNDT appointed team of expert assessors to demonstrate compliance with the relevant criteria.
 - ◆ sign an undertaking to comply with the ICNDT Code of Practice (COP) for NDT PCB,
- Audits of PCB must adequately assess compliance with the applicable standards, and will include ...

ASSESSMENT OF PCB

- Test Specimens
- Specifications
- Master reports



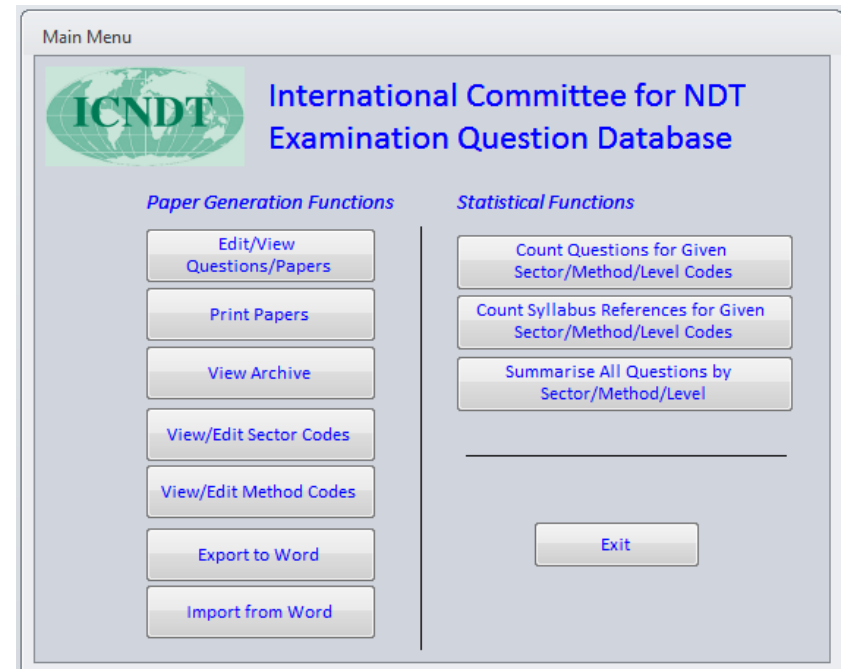
ASSESSMENT OF PCB ...

- Security
- Examination facilities
- Personnel
- Fairness, validity and reliability of examinations



FAIRNESS, VALIDITY AND RELIABILITY

- Are functions of
 - ◆ Specifications for specimens
 - ◆ Validation of questions
 - ◆ Compilation of examinations
- Continuous improvement



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Which of the following answers is correct if a human being is subjected to low doses of X or gamma radiation?

- a) the cumulative effect and maximum permissible dose is to be taken into consideration
- b) radiation is useful because it improves the immune system
- c) it has no effect on human beings
- d) it has only short term effect on living tissue



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ANNOUNCEMENT AND OBLIGATIONS

- A '[certificate of conformity](#)' is awarded by ICNDT following a final review of the application and assessment reports.
- The PCB which have been assessed and confirmed in conformance with specified standards by the ICNDT will be listed and published at www.icndt.org
- Once certified as in conformity with defined standards by the ICNDT, PCB are obliged to:
 - ◆ Register under the ICNDT MRA
 - ◆ Comply with the ICNDT [Code of Practice for NDT PCB](#)

VALIDITY AND REASSESSMENT

- Provided obligations are complied with, the ICNDT [certificate of conformity](#) is valid for a period of three years from the date of issue (or when accreditation expires – whichever is sooner)
- Extensions to scope, e.g., to include additional NDT methods, or to serve additional industry or product sectors, are confined to establishing compliance with relevant technical standards.
- Certification is renewed following a further full ICNDT assessment.

CONCLUSIONS

- ICNDT PCB Conformity Assessment is:
- Conducted in accordance with recognised standard ([ISO IEC 17040](#))
- Provided principally to underpin the [ICNDT MRA](#)
- Relevant to the needs of industry
- Appropriate in terms of applicable standards
- Conducted by registered assessors having relevant NDT and quality systems assessor qualifications
- Cost effective
- Less intrusive (three yearly full system assessment with no annual surveillance)
- More likely to provide a beneficial harmonising effect
- Possibly of interest to ASME NDE?
- Detailed in documents at [ICNDT.ORG](#)