



INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR  
NON-DESTRUCTIVE TESTING

*The World Organisation for NDT*

## **ICNDT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PRESS RELEASE**

ICNDT is a non-profit organisation devoted to the international development of the science and practice of Non-Destructive Testing in conjunction with individual NDT Societies and recognised continental groupings of NDT Societies. With the approval of ICNDT Executive Committee Members, this Press Statement has been issued to report the recent actions of our full member “The British Institute of Non-Destructive Testing (BINDT)”, United Kingdom, relating to malpractice at one of its Authorised Qualifying Bodies (AQB), NDT International PTE Ltd.

The competence of those carrying out NDT is an essential pre-requisite for the achievement of quality and reliability. Qualification and Certification of NDT personnel in accordance with International Standards such as ISO 9712 (Non-Destructive Testing – Qualification and Certification of Personnel) and aligned standards help to ensure that people are competent and assist global business and safety standards.

Any possibility of certification being awarded as a result of the malpractices uncovered, including but not limited to eligibility of experience and/or the administration of candidate examinations by a test centre, must be dealt with seriously. Following the discovery of serious malpractice, BINDT has withdrawn the AQB status of NDT International PTE Ltd with immediate effect. All individuals holding PCN certification after examinations conducted at any of the NDT International PTE centres will have their certification withdrawn. A process to allow these individuals to undergo re-examination at other approved AQB has been established by BINDT. This process is necessary to provide confidence to the industry and end-users.

According to ISO 9712:2012, employers should conduct competence evaluation prior to issue of authorization to work. Any certificate holder whose competence is questionable should be reported to the appropriate certification body.

Individuals who accept advantage from an unethical examination centre are also violating the individual code of ethics provided by the certification body and are liable to appropriate action.

With respect to the incident, the ICNDT Executive Committee advises all Certification Bodies operated by National Societies (including Certification Bodies recognized in the ICNDT MRA) to take additional care in authorizing qualifying bodies and to ensure they have sufficient resources to monitor as well as audit the AQB/Examination centres.

On behalf of  
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