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Foreword

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This fifth edition cancels and replaces the fourth edition (ISO 9712:2012), which has been technically revised.

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

- clarified responsibilities for the certification body, the authorized qualification body, the examination centre and the employer;
- added and revised definitions;
- defined responsibilities for examiners and referees;
- revised requirements for the duration of training and industrial experience;
- modified requirements for visual acuity testing;
- revised requirements for examinations;
- included an option for the use of a psychometric process at the discretion of the certification body;
- revised requirements for the certification documents;
- revised requirements for the conditions of certification;
- added requirements for candidates for the renewal of certificates;
- revised structured credit system for Level 3 recertification;
- included a new [Annex F](#) for techniques;

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- included a new [Annex G](#) for psychometric principles;
- other minor technical and editorial changes.

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Introduction

Since the effectiveness of any application of non-destructive testing (NDT) depends upon the capabilities of the persons who perform or are responsible for the test, a procedure has been developed to provide a means of evaluating and documenting the competence of personnel whose duties require the appropriate theoretical and practical knowledge of the non-destructive tests they perform, specify, supervise, monitor or evaluate. An added incentive stems from the worldwide comparability of a wide range of industrial applications requiring common non-destructive testing approaches.

When certification of NDT personnel is required in product standards, regulations, codes or specifications, it is important to certify the personnel in accordance with this document. When latitude is provided in the criteria within this document, the certification body has the final decision in determining specific requirements.

When there is no requirement in legislation, in standard or in the order for certification of NDT personnel, it is for employers of such personnel to decide how to assure themselves that they are competent to do the work assignments. Thus, they may employ people who are already certified or they may apply their own expertise so as to assure themselves that their employee has the necessary competence. In this last case, prudent employers would no doubt use this document as a reference document.

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