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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Australian members of Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee MT-007, Non-destructive Testing of Metals and Materials to supersede AS 3998—2002. After consultation with stakeholders in both countries, Standards Australia and Standards New Zealand decided to develop this Standard as an Australian Standard rather than an Australian/New Zealand Standard.

This Standard is identical with and has been reproduced from ISO 9712:2005, *Non-destructive testing—Qualification and certification of personnel.*

The objective of this Standard is to specify a system for the qualification and certification of personnel in general industry who are involved in non-destructive testing.

The objective of this revision is to adopt the current edition of ISO 9712.

As this Standard is reproduced from an International Standard, the following applies:

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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 was developed to provide a means for evaluating and documenting the competence of personnel whose duties require the appropriate theoretical and practical knowledge of the non-destructive tests that they perform, specify, supervise, monitor or evaluate. An added incentive stems from the world-wide comparability of a wide range of industrial applications requiring common non-destructive testing approaches.

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

AUSTRALIAN STANDARD

Non-destructive testing — Qualification and certification of personnel

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the qualification and certification of personnel involved in non-destructive testing (NDT). It is applicable to proficiency in one or more of the following methods:

— acoustic emission testing;

— eddy current testing;

— infrared thermographic testing;

— leak testing (hydraulic pressure tests excluded);

— magnetic particle testing;

— penetrant testing;

— radiographic testing;

— strain testing;

— ultrasonic testing;

— visual testing (direct unaided visual tests and visual tests carried out during the application of another NDT method are excluded).

Certification to this International Standard provides an attestation of general competence of the NDT operator. It does not represent an authorization to operate, since this remains the responsibility of the employer, and the certified employee may require additional specialized knowledge of parameters such as equipment, NDT procedures, materials and products of the employer. Where required by regulatory requirements and codes, the authorization to operate will be given in writing by the employer in accordance with a quality procedure that defines any employer-required job-specific training and examinations designed to verify the certificate holder's knowledge of relevant industry code(s), standard(s), NDT procedures, equipment, and acceptance criteria for the tested products.

The system specified by this International Standard could also be applicable to other NDT methods, where independent certification programs exist.

NOTE Wherever the gender-specific word "his" or "he" appears in this International Standard, the feminine form "her" or "she" is equally applicable.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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/IEC 17024, *Conformity assessment — General requirements for bodies operating certification of persons*