

# How EFNDT Can Help in Accreditation or Recognition/Approval of NDT Certification Bodies?

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**Abstract.** The European Federation for Ndt (EFNDT) regroups 27 members a majority of which provide certification of NDT personnel in accordance with EN 473 and/or ISO 9712. These two standards require compliance to EN ISO/IEC 17024 which provide general requirements for bodies providing certification of personnel.

In Europe, this compliance is generally assessed by national accreditors. But certain Certification Bodies may not easily access to the service of accreditors (absence of such service in their country or countries outside Europe). In addition, the accreditation bodies are using IAF Guide 24 which is an interpretation document for EN ISO/IEC 17024, but may not always be well adapted to the particular case of NDT personnel certification.

To resolve these two issues, EFNDT has acted in:

- setting up a complete professional documented system of approval which may be used by Certification Bodies when accreditation is not available or reachable
- preparing a document similar to IAF Guide 24, but taking into account the particularities of NDT personnel certification (essentially due to the existence of the standards EN 473 and ISO 9712). This work has been transmitted to CEN with the aim of becoming a CEN Technical Report and of being used (together or in lieu of IAF Guide 24) by the accreditors assessing NDT personnel CBs

This presentation will describe the process of approval and the main aspects of the guide to accreditors