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# FOREWORD

This Recommended Practice establishes the general framework for a qualification and certification program. In addition, the document provides the educational, experience, and training recommendations for the different test methods.

This recommended practice is not intended to be used as a strict specification. It is recognized, however, that contracts require programs, which meet the intent of this document. For such contracts, purchaser and supplier must agree upon acceptability of an employer's program.

The verb "should" has been used throughout this document to emphasize the recommendation presented herein. It is the employer's responsibility to address specific needs and to modify these guidelines as appropriate in a written practice. In the employer's written practice, the verb "shall" is to be used in place of "should" to emphasize the employer's needs.

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The certificate shall indicate that the certification is in accordance with the requirements of the employer's written practice.

See Section 9.5 for further guidance on properly issued certification certificates and wallet cards.

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