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**Abstract**

This standard applies to personnel whose specific tasks or jobs require appropriate knowledge of the technical principles underlying nondestructive testing (NDT) methods for which they have responsibilities within the scope of their employment. These specific tasks or jobs include, but are not limited to, performing, specifying, reviewing, monitoring, supervising, and evaluating NDT work.

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## Foreword

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An essential element in the effectiveness of nondestructive testing (NDT) is the qualification of the personnel who are responsible for and who perform nondestructive testing. Formal training and actual experience are important and necessary elements in acquiring the skills necessary to effectively perform nondestructive tests.

The American Society for Nondestructive Testing, Inc. (ASNT) has, therefore, undertaken the preparation and publication of this standard which specifies the procedures, essential factors, and minimum requirements for qualifying and certifying NDT personnel.

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