

# NANDTB NEWS

## Web Site Update

The Board has prepared a short promotional "flyer", primarily for distribution at the AINDT conference. A reduced copy is shown here and may also be found on the Board's web site, [www.ndtboard.com](http://www.ndtboard.com). The flyer is a concise introduction to the Board's history, objectives and relationships, giving essential information including contact details through the web site. In June the CASA supported web site was updated to reflect recent changes to the Board and its operation. The minutes of the May meeting and all other meetings are shown on the site.



The flyer features the National Aerospace NDT Board of Australia logo at the top right, which consists of a stylized green and yellow swoosh above the text "National Aerospace" and "NDT Board of Australia". The background of the flyer is a light grey with a faint image of an aircraft. The flyer is divided into several sections with bold headings: "History", "Membership", "Rules", "MCU", "Business", and "Australian Standard AS 3628". Each section contains a short paragraph of text. At the bottom right, the website address "www.ndtboard.com" is printed in a bold, black font.

**History**  
The National Aerospace NDT Board had its beginnings in the Australian Institute for NDT Aerospace Technical Sub-committee of 1981. The committee was formed in recognition of the specialisation of the industry, but perhaps more importantly to undertake the task of producing a national standard for the qualification of aerospace NDT technicians.

In October 2006 the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) hosted a meeting to discuss the implications of the adoption of the Australian standard to its European and American equivalents. National airworthiness regulators across Europe and elsewhere where the European Airworthiness Safety Agency (EASA) rules apply, required aerospace sectors to form NANDTBs to ensure the standard of training and qualification of NDT personnel working in aerospace. CASA took a similar view. The NANDTB has matured quickly and was the first non-European member of the European forum for NDT Boards.

**Membership**  
The Board is comprised of nominated and elected representatives from within the Australian aviation industry such as manufacturing, major airlines, regional airlines, general aviation, MRO/NDT service providers, training providers and others. It is limited to 14 members, and at least six of these are current NDT Level 3. However all members have relevant technical aerospace background or knowledge. Currently, they come from across the country: Western Australia, Victoria, Queensland and New South Wales. CASA and the ADP also attend meetings as observers.

**Rules**  
The NANDTB is independent and chartered by the principal participants of the Australian aerospace industry. It is recognised by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority and EASA to provide oversight and recognition of employer issued NDT qualification and examination programs.

The Board also acts as a reference point for industry and the regulator in matters relating to the practice of non-destructive testing in aerospace. This includes the review of employer's written practices, and setting training and qualification means for the introduction of new technologies not covered by existing standards.

**MCU**  
In January 2006 the Board entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the AINDT. This agreement brings together two complementary organisations which will benefit from each other's expertise and profile. In fact many of the Board's members are already long standing members of the AINDT. The Board is also working on an MCU with CASA.

**Business**  
The business of the Board is conducted at regular meetings, usually twice each year and the full minutes of these meetings are published on the web site soon after. The Board has taken great care to demonstrate to the regulator and the industry that it operates with transparency and follows a high standard of business ethics. Members sign agreements guaranteeing their adherence to rules of governance, processes of disclosure and fiduciary obligations.

**Australian Standard AS 3628**  
Once the 2006 revision to this standard had reflected the exact same technical requirements as NAS-410 and EN 4179. The Board has agreed that the relevance of AS3628 is largely diminished due to the transferring references to the other two standards in data used in the aerospace industry worldwide, including Australia. For this reason and prompted by fees costs applied by Standards Australia for a review process, the Board will be using the NAS-410 and EN 4179 instead of AS 3628.

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