

Withdrawal of NANDTB recognition of AS3669 Non-destructive Testing – Qualification and approval of personnel–Aerospace.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 01 Nov 2021

The NANDTB has submitted proposals to maintain *AS3669 Non- Destructive Testing – Qualification and approval of personnel-Aerospace* to Standards Australia via the Prioritisation and Selection Process. These proposals have been rejected by the Standards Development Advisory Committee (SDAC).

The primary reasons for rejection are the lack of impartiality as training and certification of persons is or can be within the same legal entity. Standards Australia quotes from AS/NZ ISO IEC 17024:2013 *Conformity assessment – General requirements for bodies operating certification of persons*. It points out when a certification is given to a person it employs; the certification body/entity shall adopt procedures to maintain impartiality.

It is now apparent that without significant and fundamental changes to the standard it will not be approved, for reasons outlined above.

Significant changes to AS3669 to adequately satisfy the SDAC would isolate Australia away from the international NDT community and have negative impact on aviation operations both here and overseas for Australian aviation companies and service providers.

After a review of numerous NDT Standards for NDT technical qualification and approvals the NANDTB supports and recognises the *EN4179 Aerospace Series- Qualification and approval of personnel for non-destructive testing* and the *NAS410 Certification & qualification of non-destructive test personnel* as the primary standards for approval of personnel for Aerospace Non-destructive Testing.

NANDTB level 3 NDT recognitions

Effective **01 Nov 2021** NANDTB will no longer provide recognition to AS3669 and any applications for Level 3 recognition to AS3669 under Board procedure NA019 will be dated with an expiry date of 01 Nov 2021 NANDTB.

NOTE: Board procedure NA-024 is available for NDT Level 3 recognition to EN4179/NAS410.

