

FrANDTB French Aerospace NDT Board



Réf : AF-20.045/BM

Suresnes, le 01^{er} avril 2020

Recipients : Attention to the Responsible Level 3's and ADER contacts

FrANDTB - TECHNICAL NOTE EXPIRATION OF CERTIFICATIONS₍₁₎ as per EN 4179

Given the COVID-19 health events affecting Europe and particularly France, the recommended government containment measures are leading to the closure of training and qualification examination centers. (Decree of 15 March 2020).

With this in mind, the expiry dates of the level 1, level 2 and level 3 certificates (Level 1 "limited" not concerned by the extension) expiring to an end, the qualifications are extended for a period of 4 months from 1 April 2020 (1st end of validity on 31 March 2020) until 31 July 2020.

The certification remains the responsibility of the employer and it is required to ensure that the following conditions are met:

- No significant activity interruption > 12 consecutive months.
- No suspension in progress, nor revocation pronounced.
- The vision examination is the responsibility of the employer solely, if expired, it is to be performed as soon as the situation allows it (link to the Tumbling E charts <http://www.bindt.org/NANDTB/NANDTB-Vision-Requirements>). If necessary, contact AFENDA for any modality of use.
- The annual maintenance / performance review is the responsibility of the employer solely, if expired, it is to be performed as soon as the situation allows it.
- In case of failure of the requalification exam, paragraph 8.3.2. of EN 4179 shall apply (immediate suspension).

The anniversary date of the current qualification will be the same as the initial date (+ 5 years) at the time of requalification.

This decision was taken in relation with the members of the FrANDTB Technical Committee, approved by the Civil Aviation Authorities (EASA & DGAC) and in consultation with the European NANDTB's Forum (ANDTBF) see Letter rev 30032020.

It is requested to register all recertification extensions on the attached form on our website - reference AF-20.047/BM. Each organization sends the list of concerned staff to OSAC and FrANDTB for registration. For companies not monitored by OSAC, they shall also send the list to their customer(s).

As soon as the situation improves, the accredited examination centers will set up sessions to make up the backlog. Re-certification examinations will be prioritized.

We wish everyone good luck in getting through this delicate period, of which we know neither the end nor the outcome, we will see if it is necessary to make other period of extensions (for a maximum of 4 months).



Bernard MARLOYE
C.T. FrANDTB Chairman

(1) : For the definitions "qualification" and "certification" refer to the procedure "CER FrANDTB_PR_001"