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This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by August 2026, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by August 2026.

Attention is drawn to the possibility that some of the elements of this document may be the subject of patent rights. CEN shall not be held responsible for identifying any or all such patent rights.

This document supersedes EN 4179:2021.

This document includes the following significant technical changes with respect to EN 4179:2021:

- updated Table 5 and Table 6 education requirements;
- modified Table 7 vision requirements and specification of EN ISO 18490:2015;
- added basic examination as a pre-requisite for Level 3 examination;
- updated reinstatement of certifications;
- added Annex D - credit system for initial qualification to Level 3;
- updated subclause 1.2.3 methods;
- expanded Terms and definitions.

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## **Introduction**

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## 1 Scope

### 1.1 General

This document establishes the minimum requirements for the qualification and certification of personnel performing nondestructive testing (NDT), nondestructive inspection (NDI), or nondestructive evaluation (NDE) in the aerospace manufacturing, service, maintenance and overhaul industries. For the purposes of this document, the term NDT will be used and will be considered equivalent to NDI and NDE.

In Europe, the term “approval” is used to denote a written statement by an employer that an individual has met specific requirements and has operating approval. The term “certification” as defined in 3.3 is used throughout this document as a substitute for the term “approval”. Except when otherwise specified in the written practice, certification in accordance with this document includes operating approval.

### 1.2 Purpose

#### 1.2.1 Applicability

This document applies to personnel who:

- use NDT methods or equipment to test and/or accept materials, products, components, assemblies or sub-assemblies;
- are directly responsible for the technical adequacy of the NDT methods and equipment used;
- operate automatic interpretation or evaluation systems;
- approve NDT procedures or work instructions;
- audit NDT facilities; or
- provide technical NDT support or training.

This document does not apply to individuals who only have administrative or supervisory authority over NDT personnel or to research personnel developing NDT technology for subsequent implementation and approval by a certified Level 3. See Clause 8 regarding applicability to personnel performing specialized inspections using certain direct readout instruments.

#### 1.2.2 Implementation

This document addresses the use of a National Aerospace NDT Board (NANDTB). NANDTBs are only used as specified per Annex C and it is not mandatory to have such a board for compliance with this document. Personnel certified to previous revisions of NAS410/EN 4179 need not recertify to the requirements of this document until their current certification expires.

#### 1.2.3 NDT methods

This document contains detailed requirements for the following NDT methods:

eddy current testing	(ET)
penetrant testing	(PT)
magnetic particle testing	(MT)
radiographic testing	(RT)