

COVID-19 TEMPORARY EXTENSION POLICY

Dated 17.06.2020



In response to the current global situation of national/international travel restrictions, employers' travel limitations and/or the closure of NDT training and examination centers globally as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the TÜV NORD Czech s.r.o. decided to use the following temporary extension policy.

These exceptional circumstances are required an action by TÜV NORD Czech s.r.o. with regard to expiring NDT certificates as per ISO 9712 and ISO 20807 requirements.

This policy shall be applied only to the countries/regions where the restrictions because of the COVID-19 pandemic situation are specified by local jurisdictional authorities or national government and are in force. The extension is granted to additional 6 month from restriction removal or 30.09.2020 whichever comes first.

Starting date of impact: 06.03.2020

Ending date of impact: 30.09.2020, check TÜV NORD Czech s.r.o. website for further updates.

An extension has been applied to original expiry dates as noted below for the affected candidates and expiry dates. The extension will be applied automatically and there is no requirement for application.

1. The validity of Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 qualifications expiring from 06.03.2020 will be automatically extended to 30 September 2020, provided that the following conditions are fulfilled by the certificate holder/their employer and the certificate(s) is/are eligible for extension:
 - 1.1 The certificate holder has maintained continuity in the method for which he/she is certified and is now applying for recertification.
 - 1.2 The certificate holder meets requirements vision requirements of ISO 9712/ISO 20807.
 2. Certification shall be invalid if:
 - 2.1 The individual becomes physically incapable of performing their duties based upon failure of the visual acuity examination taken annually under the responsibility of his/her employer or if his/her vision examination is expired;
 - 2.2 The individual's performance is found to be deficient in any manner;
 - 2.3 If a significant interruption¹⁾ takes place in the method for which the individual is certified;
 - 2.4 The individual fails recertification examination, until such time as the individual meets the requirements for recertification;
 - 2.5 If the individual fails to achieve passing grade of recertification examination taken before 06.03.2020.
- 1) Significant Interruption – absence or change of activity which prevents the certified individual from practicing the duties corresponding to the level in the method and the sector(s) within the certified scope, for either a continuous period in excess of one year or two or more periods for a total time exceeding two years

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3. The Certifying Body, TÜV NORD Czech s.r.o., which issued affected certificates, shall be informed immediately if any of the above requirements are not being met.
4. Postponed recertification examinations shall be performed as soon as possible, even if still covered by the extended period.
5. The original certification expiry date will be unaffected by the above actions. For example: a certificate that will expire on 30.05.2020 will, under these extension rules, require a recertification exam to be completed by 30.09.2020 and, if successful, will be revalidated for a further five-year period commencing from the original expiry date.
6. Employer responsibilities as detailed in ISO 9712 remain unchanged.
7. TÜV NORD Czech s.r.o. reserves the right to continually review the situation and will make further statements as and when required.

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