



Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) National Non-destructive Testing Certification Body (NDTCB) official clarification concerning the changes at the CGSB

Recently, as outlined in Budget 2025, the Government of Canada announced its decision to wind down the operations of the Canadian General Standards Board (CGSB) effective April 1, 2026.

Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) would like to reaffirm that, despite this announcement, there is no change to the mandate, the operating plans or commitments of the NRCan National Non-destructive Testing Certification Body (NDTCB), and that all NDTCB programs, services, and operations will continue without interruption indefinitely.

To clarify, the Canadian General Standards Board (CGSB) **publishes** the CAN/CGSB-48.9712 (ISO 9712, IDT) standard; the NRCan NDTCB **certifies** NDT personnel to the CAN/CGSB-48.9712 (ISO 9712, IDT) standard.

While the PSPC-CGSB standards publishing operations are being discontinued, CGSB is currently developing a transition plan for the maintenance of this standard to ensure reliable continuity, minimize disruption for partners and interested parties, and uphold the integrity of this critical national standard.

Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) is also actively engaged in ongoing discussions with the CGSB and other key partners regarding the transition plan for the standard's development activities, while the NDTCB remains fully committed and our services unchanged. Our highest priority is to ensure that all current and future certificate holders can reliably access and maintain their certification with minimal disruptions or impacts during the changes at CGSB.

In summary, the PSPC-CGSB standards publishing operations are being discontinued, however the NDT personnel certification services provided by NRCan NDTCB are fully ongoing and will not be changed or interrupted. We appreciate the continued support and collaboration of our stakeholders as we work together to uphold the integrity and reliability of NDT certification in Canada.

Update from the CGSB relating to the validity and maintenance of CAN/CGSB-48.9712 (ISO 9712, IDT):

In accordance with the Standards Council of Canada's (SCC's) Requirement and Guidance – Accreditation of Standards Development Organizations, Clause 6.10.1 (Periodic Maintenance) states that “standards shall be kept current and relevant by technical committee review of the entire document.” In addition, SCC's Requirement and Guidance – National Adoptions of



International/Regional Standards and Other Deliverables (2017), Clause 5.3, requires Standards Development Organizations (SDOs) to follow the international maintenance review cycles for adoptions.

CAN/CGSB-48.9712, Non-destructive Testing — Qualification and Certification of NDT Personnel (ISO 9712, IDT), is due for periodic maintenance and review by the current technical committee by October 31, 2027. As a precautionary measure, CGSB requested a two-year extension from SCC in January for the maintenance timeline of CAN/CGSB48.9712 (ISO 9712, IDT), to be applied once ISO publishes either a reaffirmation or a new edition of the source standard. This request has been approved by SCC.

The new maintenance deadline for CAN/CGSB-48-9712 is now two years following the ISO publication of a confirmation or a new edition of ISO 9712. This extension will provide additional time for the review of the standard during CGSB's closure and transition period. Please note that ISO 9712 is scheduled to initiate a systematic review at ISO in October 2026.

This information regarding the extension for the maintenance timeline of the CAN/CGSB-48.9712 (ISO 9712, IDT) therefore confirms that there will be a two-year extension applied to the maintenance timeline, extending the validity of the standard beyond October 31, 2027, allowing additional time for the CAN/CGSB-48.9712 (ISO 9712, IDT) transition plan to be finalized and implemented.