



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

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

To clarify, the Canadian General Standards Board (CGSB), as a Standards Development Organization (SDO), was responsible for **publishing** 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. 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.

In summary, the PSPC-CGSB standards publishing operations are winding down, however the NDT personnel certification services provided by NRCan NDTCB are fully ongoing and will not be changed or interrupted.

Important update from PSPC-CGSB and Natural Resources Canada on the transition plan for CAN/CGSB-48.9712 (ISO 9712, IDT):

Natural Resources Canada (NRCan), through CanmetMATERIALS (CMAT) is establishing a limited-scope Standards Development Organization (SDO) function to support the continuity of selected CGSB standards related to NDT, notably the **CAN/CGSB-48.9712-2022 Non-destructive testing — Qualification and certification of NDT personnel (ISO 9712:2021, IDT) standard**.

This transition and ramp-up plan is underway, with key progress having been reached such as:

- An intergovernmental Crown-to-Crown transfer between NRCan and PSPC providing the intergovernmental coordination and basis for NRCan-CMAT to assume custodianship of the relevant CGSB intellectual property and rights needed to support the targeted standards development, maintenance, and publication activities.
- The incumbent Standards Specialist from PSPC-CGSB responsible for the NDT portfolio has now been deployed and onboarded within NRCan-CMAT, and it will operate out of a Standards office *separate* from the National Non-Destructive Testing Certification Body (NDTCB). This ensures continuity of technical, procedural, and international standards expertise through the transition and establishment period.

NRCan-CMAT is initiating a phased formal ramp-up to establish a fully accredited limited SDO, as consistent and expected under Standards Council of Canada (SCC) processes and accreditation requirements. During this period, PSPC and NRCan-CMAT will continue to



transition and support relevant SDO-related functions, including secretariat and management functions for national and international committees, focusing on continuity, stakeholder stability, and alignment with SCC and international standards governance expectations.

Stakeholders should expect **continuity, reliability, and no interruption** in the applicability or recognition of the current standard during the transition period—the current **NDT standard CAN/CGSB-48.9712 (ISO 9712, IDT)** remains **active and valid**.

More information will be provided by CanmetMATERIALS in the coming months. The NDT Certification Body *will not* be directly responsible for operations relating to the limited scope SDO that is being established via NRCAN-CMAT. The NRCAN NDTCB will continue its services as a certification body (CB) only, and will continue to participate in the relevant standards committees as a participant as per the ongoing norms and expectations of its role as a national CB.

Update from the PSPC-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.