



NRCan NDTCB COVID-19 Temporary Extension Policy Notice

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The Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) National Non-Destructive Certification Body (NDTCB) implemented a policy for the temporary extension of certification and examination expiry dates to accommodate select candidates that were likely to be broadly affected by the coronavirus pandemic. As the situation evolved, adjustments to the policy have been made—further temporary accommodations and extensions may be amended or applied as required.

This notice is an informative guide for NDTCB clients about the accommodations that are granted due to the coronavirus pandemic. The Affected Candidates (defined below) are encouraged to use this notice as supplementary certification status verification along side their NRCan NDTCB certification photo ID cards by downloading and printing or forwarding this notice to employers, contractors, customers or other stakeholders as needed. We advise clients, certificate holders and candidates to [check our website](#) regularly for further updates to this policy. A new version of this notice may be released on our website if significant changes are made to this policy.

Starting Date of Impact: March 16, 2020

Broad-Based Extension Accommodation Allowance:

A **24-month extension** has been applied to original expiry dates noted below for the Affected Candidates/Certificate Holders and Expiry Dates. These extension accommodations **will be applied automatically (no need for candidate to submit a request), without re-issuance of the corresponding paperwork or documents.**

Note: At this time, candidates and expiry dates **not included** in the summary below **have not** been granted a broad-based extension accommodation allowance. Please read the “Additional Accommodations and Important Information” section for full information regarding the extension accommodations.

Affected Candidates/Certificate Holders and Expiry Dates:

1. NDT initial certification candidates with certification examinations in process who have examination attempts/results with expiry dates of **March 16, 2020 - December 31, 2024**
 - These affected candidates will have an **additional 24 months** added to the expiry dates listed on their most recent examination results letters.
Example: An initial certification candidate has successfully passed her written examinations, and her results expire on June 23, 2023. She still has to complete her re-examination for her practical examination, and her re-examination attempts expire on October 18, 2023. With the extension accommodation applied her written examination results now expire on June 23, 2025, and her practical re-examination attempts now expire October 18, 2025.
Example: An initial certification candidate has successfully passed all of his certification examinations but he is still in the process of obtaining his required qualifying work experience hours to complete the certification process. His certification results and his application expire on December 4, 2024 with the extension accommodation applied his examination results and his application now expire December 4, 2026.
2. NDT renewal and/or recertification candidates with certification expiry dates of **April 15, 2020 - December 31, 2022**
 - These affected candidates will have an **additional 24 months** added to their certification expiry dates (renewal and recertification due dates) as specified on their certification ID card and the NRCan NDTCB’s [Directory of Certified Personnel](#). A 24-month extension is also added to the expiry date of the 1-year “grace period” during which a candidate can complete the renewal/recertification after the certification expiry date.
Example: A recertification candidate is required to complete his MT2 and PT2 recertifications (applications and examinations) by August 15, 2022. With the extension accommodation applied, his recertifications for MT2 and PT2 are now due by August 15, 2024. If he does not complete the recertification requirements by August 15, 2024, his certifications will become invalid, and he will have until August 15, 2027 to complete the requirements and have his certifications reactivated.



- The affected candidates who also have examinations in process, and have a 6-month (levels 1 & 2) or 12-month (level 3) period to complete their re-examinations before the successful exam parts (and/or practical subparts) expire will have an **additional 24 months** added to the expiry date of their re-examination attempts/exam results.
Example: The same candidate attempted his MT2 recertification exam on January 12, 2022 but failed one specimen. The candidate's 6-month time period to complete the re-examination attempts expires July 12, 2022. However, with the extension accommodation applied his re-examination attempts will now expire July 12, 2024.
3. NDT certificate holders due to complete their annual visual acuity test (i.e. vision test) from **March 16 2020 - December 31, 2022**
- These affected candidates will have an **additional 24 months** added to their due date for their annual vision test. Please note that the extension accommodation for annual visual acuity test does not supersede or augment the extension provided for NDT renewal or recertification candidates. (i.e. if a candidate's renewal or recertification is due prior to their annual vision test due date, the candidate must still provide a completed and up-to-date vision test report form with their renewal/recertification application prior to their certification expiry date.)
Example: A certificate holder (not due for renewal until 2025) is due to complete her annual vision test by August 28, 2022. With the extension accommodation applied, she now has until August 28, 2024 to complete her annual vision test.
Example: A certificate holder (due for renewal June 15, 2022—now July 15, 2024 with the extension) is due to complete his annual vision test by August 10, 2022. With the extension accommodation applied, he technically will have until August 10, 2024 to complete his annual vision test, but will likely need to complete the vision test sooner in order to submit an up-to-date vision test report with his renewal application by July 15, 2024.
4. XRF renewal and recertification candidates with certification expiry dates of **March 16 2020 - December 31, 2022**
- These affected candidates will have an **additional 24 months** added to their certification expiry date for renewal or recertification as specified on their certification ID card and the NRCan NDTCB's [Directory of Certified Personnel](#).
Example: An XRF renewal candidate is required to submit and pay for his renewal application by his certification expiry date on May 29, 2022. With the extension accommodation applied, his renewal application is now due May 29, 2024.
5. EDO photo ID card renewal candidates with expiry dates of **March 16 2020 - December 31, 2022**
- These affected candidates will have an **additional 24 months** added to the NRCan NDTCB photo ID card expiry date as specified on their certification ID card.
Example: A certified EDO's NRCan Photo ID card expires on July 14, 2022 and she is required to submit and pay for the renewal application by that date. With the extension accommodation applied, her photo ID card now expires July 14, 2024.

Additional Accommodations and Important Information

Extension accommodation applied to recertification "grace period" for NDT and/or XRF recertification candidates whose certifications expired between January 15, 2020 and March 15, 2020

- These affected candidates will have an **additional 24 months** added to their 1-year recertification "grace period" (which begins upon certification expiry). Note: This extension accommodation **does not** apply to NDT or XRF certified personnel who were due for renewal between the dates of January 15, 2020 - March 15, 2020; it only applies to NDT or XRF candidates who were due for recertification during those dates.
Example: A recertification candidate whose NDT certifications expired February 15, 2020 has a 1-year "grace period" (i.e. until February 15, 2021) during which he must complete **all** recertification requirements in order to reactivate/revalidate his certifications. With the extension accommodation applied, he had until February 15, 2023 to complete **all** recertification requirements in order to reactivate/revalidate his certifications.

Extension accommodation applied to NDT recertification re-examination attempts/results (in process) for recertification candidates whose certifications expired January 15, 2020, February 15, 2020 or March 15, 2020:

- These affected candidates who have recertification re-examination **attempts/results that expire(d) March 16, 2020 and later** will have an **additional 24 months** added to the expiry date of their re-examination attempts/exam results. Please note that the accommodation for results **does not** supersede the recertification "grace period" after the certification expiry date—these recertification candidates must still complete their recertifications within the time period of the "grace period" as described above.
Example: A recertification candidate who expired January 15, 2020 attempted her UT2 recertification examination on October



19, 2019. She failed one specimen and had until April 19, 2020 to complete the re-examination for the failed specimen. With the extension accommodation applied, she had until April 19, 2022 to complete the re-examination for the failed specimen. Regardless, she must have completed **all** recertification requirements by January 15, 2023 in order to have her certification reactivated/revalidated.

Admittance Form validity for examinations and re-examinations for the Affected Candidates and Expiry Dates:

- Affected candidates who have examination registration and admittance forms for their examinations/re-examinations that fall under an extension accommodation **do not need to have their admittances forms re-issued**—they can be used as-is accompanied by a copy of this notice. Authorized examination centres will recognize admittance form validity for the affected candidates. We advise that candidates print out a copy of this notice and attach it to their admittance form when registering for their examination, and when appearing for examination. Candidates and examination centres are advised to contact the NDTCB immediately if there are any issues.

Criteria and conditions for accommodation and ongoing application and certification maintenance:

- Certification requirements and processing that can be completed via form-filling and document submission (with mail or electronic communication) or remote access should be pursued and supported by all candidates, employers, and the NDTCB network.
- Affected candidates/certificate holders shall maintain continuity and competence in the method(s) for which they are certified and must recertify or renew by the end of their (extended) period of validity.
- Affected candidates/certificate holders shall perform certification//renewal/recertification requirements and examinations as soon as possible, even if they are still temporarily covered by the extension period.
- The original certification expiry and validity time cycle period will be unaffected by the extension accommodation policy; the NDTCB is providing a **temporary** extension. For example, a candidate that was originally due for recertification April 15, 2022 that now has an extension until April 15, 2024 to complete recertification, will still be due to renew by April 15, 2027, and after that will still be due to recertify by April 15, 2032.
- Individual and employer responsibilities as detailed in CAN/CGSB-48.9712-2014 and other requirements remain unchanged.
- Of note, certification status can be affected and may still be invalid if:
 - the individual's performance is found to be deficient;
 - the individual has partaken in any breach of the NRCan NDTCB Code of Conduct.
- The employing organization and/or company always has the responsibility to determine whether additional job-specific training and or examinations (covering the employer's products and inspection processes) are required. The employing organization shall verify and confirm that the personnel certification meets the requirements of the company's written practice or quality system for the purposes of carrying out and certifying NDT inspections on an employer's or customer's product.
- The NDTCB shall be informed immediately of developments and incidents that can affect any of the above criteria.

Please [check our website](#) regularly for program updates. If you have any questions, please contact our office by email or telephone:

For all **telephone inquiries**, please call our main telephone line: **1-866-858-0473**

For **email inquiries**, utilize our inboxes below (Note: other NDTCB email inboxes may not be monitored at this time.):

NRCan NDTCB main inbox: ndt-end@nrcan-rncan.gc.ca

NRCan renewal and recertification: ndtrecertification-endrecertification@nrcan-rncan.gc.ca

EDO written examination: cedo-oaea@nrcan-rncan.gc.ca

Public health and safety is a priority for the NDTCB—we appreciate your understanding and support.

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