

Purpose and scope

The Certification Body for NDT Personnel at TÜV NORD Systems GmbH & Co. KG (Certification Body) expects of persons holding a certificate from the Certification Body, or who work on the certification programme at the Certification Body (NDT Technicians), that their conduct is compatible with the principles of professional ethics described below. These rules are described in this document.

Integrity

In their professional lives, NDT Technicians shall conduct themselves with impartiality in respect of all parties, and shall apply their NDT knowledge and skills in accordance with the state of the art and technology. They shall accept responsibility for such activities as they are qualified for by means of their training and experience. They shall act objectively, and shall evaluate their testing and measurement results on the basis of well-founded technical knowledge, and shall express this in their reports. They shall not sign any reports or other quality documents whose content they cannot confirm in its full scope to the best of their knowledge, or for which they are not responsible.

Thus, through the exercise of their professional activities they protect the well-being of the public, and contribute to the best of their knowledge and conscience to the avoidance of injury and property damage.

Use of certificates

NDT Technicians shall not alter the certificates that they hold, or copies thereof, and shall not knowingly permit these to be misused in their name.

Passing on information

Both test reports and publications that are issued or published by NDT Technicians shall be based on well-founded investigations and knowledge.

Conflicts of interest

NDT Technicians shall make decisions without deriving any personal advantage. They shall endeavour to avoid conflict situations. If however such a conflict situation should arise, the reasons for this shall be disclosed to the respective partner.

Relationship to the client

NDT Technicians are bound to their employer by a clearly defined employment relationship, the function, responsibilities and duties of which are clearly defined. This applies analogously to self-employed technicians.

Duty to report

NDT Technicians shall record all complaints that are made against them in connection with their certification, and shall report these to the Certification Body.

Breach of the code of professional ethics

Violations of this code of professional ethics that are discovered may lead to a certificate being declared invalid, in which case it shall be returned to the Certification Body.