

Irish Engineering Services Certification

Assessment Process

Certification of Persons (ISO 17024)

General Overview

Irish Engineering Services provides a service for the approval of welding personnel and personnel undertaking non-destructive testing (NDT) of permanent joints for pressure equipment in categories III and IV of the Pressure Equipment Directive (PED).

NDT Personnel

The three methods for approval by Irish Engineering Services for the approval of NDT individuals is detailed in the three sections below:

Method 1 Certification / Attestation by RTPO

If the NDT individual holds valid Certification or Attestation of compliance with European Harmonised Standard EN ISO 9712, in a relevant sector covering permanent joints of pressure equipment, issued by a Certification Body also recognised as a third party organisation (RTPO), the individual is considered to be already approved.

Method 2 Certification by a Third Party Body which is not an RTPO

Certification Bodies that are not a RTPO may apply to Irish Engineering Services for Approval Attestation.

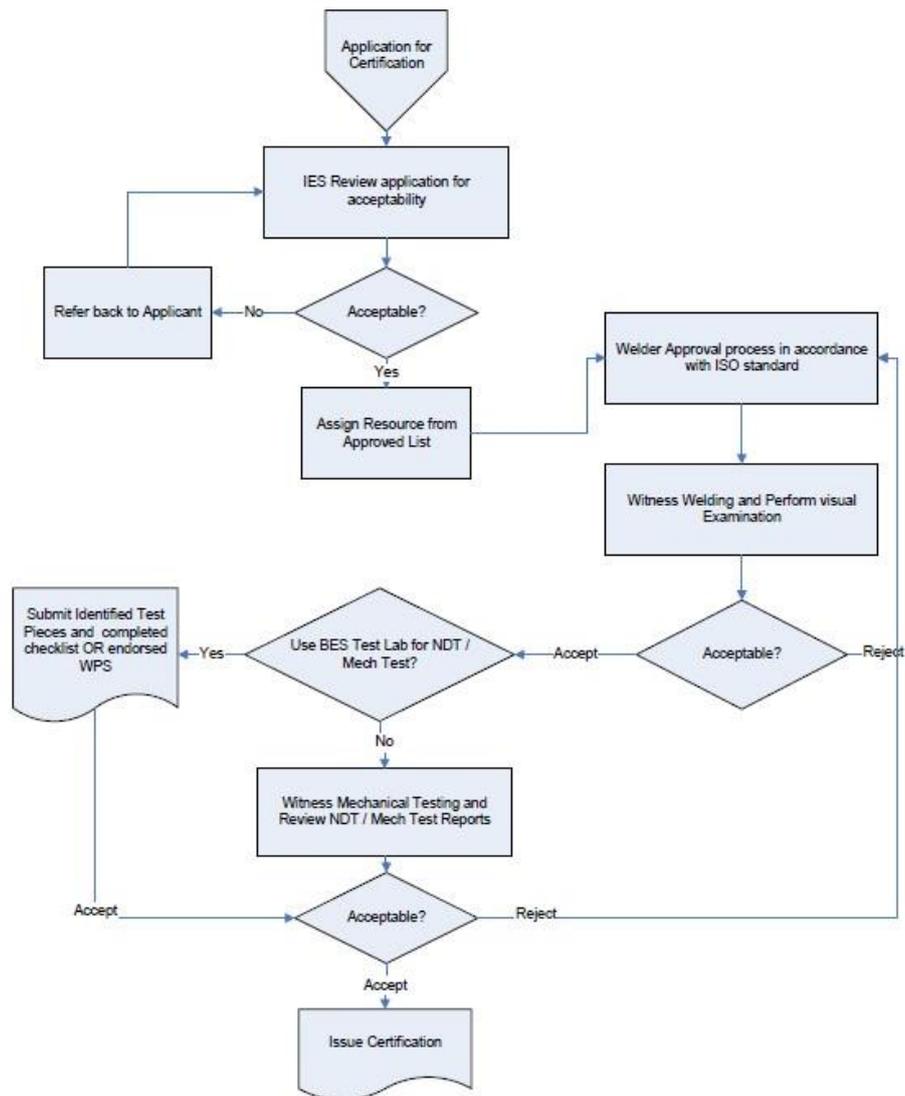
Such Attestation shall only be issued to certification bodies with whom a formal contractual arrangement has been drawn up, and for individuals for whom an assessment report and certification demonstrating compliance with EN 473 or EN ISO 9712 has been provided.

Method 3 for cases other than those above

Individuals qualified to standards other than EN473 or EN ISO 7912 may be approved by Irish Engineering Services on the basis of individual assessment by an Irish Engineering Services responsible level 3 to demonstrate that qualification criteria equivalent to the above standards is being maintained. Such individual assessment shall be conducted on site by an approved Irish Engineering Services Assessor and shall include a practical examination of the individual satisfactorily applying each NDT method for which approval is sought.

Permanent Joining Personnel Certification

A summary of the welder personnel certification process is shown below:



Suspension or Withdrawal of Certificates

As a result of conditions such as:

- Failure to meet the requirements of the certification scheme or
- The candidate does not permit Surveillance or Reassessment to be conducted at the required frequencies
- Failure to inform the Certification Body of capability to fulfil the requirements of certification

The certification body will notify the candidate and responsible representative of immediate withdrawal of certification. Appeals will be dealt with in accordance with the complaints and appeals process.

(In the event of refusal, restriction suspension or withdrawal of a certificate, in line with Article 36 of the Pressure Equipment Directive, the Notifying Authority may be required to be informed).