# Guideline for ASNT 9712 Certification Holders to Apply for JIS Z 2305 Certificates Based on the MRA

Certification application acceptance period: from November 1,

2024. Applications are taken all year round.

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#### **♦** About this application

The Japanese Society for Non-Destructive Inspection (JSNDI) has concluded the new mutual recognition agreement (MRA) with the American Society for Nondestructive Testing (ASNT). The MRA allows ASNT 9712 certification holders to apply for JSNDI JIS Z 2305 certificates that is equivalent to their own NDT method and level.

#### ◇Applicable certificates

JSNDI JIS Z 2305 certificates for Level 2 and Level 3 of Radiographic Testing (RT), Ultrasonic Testing (UT), Magnetic Testing (MT) and Penetrant Testing (PT) can be issued based on the equivalent NDT methods and levels of ASNT 9712 certificates issued by ASNT.

Base ASNT 9712 certificates		JIS Z 2305 certificates that can be obtained
NDT method/level		NDT method/level
RTI	$\rightarrow$	RT2
RTII	$\rightarrow$	RT3
UTI	$\rightarrow$	UT2
UTII	$\rightarrow$	UT3
MTI	$\rightarrow$	MT2
МТШ	$\rightarrow$	MT3
PTI	$\rightarrow$	PT2
PTⅢ	$\rightarrow$	PT3

<List of certificates that can be applied>

Please note that the Level II certificate requires that you possess all techniques.

Please note that you cannot apply for this JIS Z 2305 certification with the following certificates.

- ·Level 1 certificates.
- •Level 2 certificates for the NDT method in the table above (List of certificates that can be applied for) , certificates for only some techniques.
- •NDT methods (VT, etc.) other than those listed above list of certificates that can be applied.
- •ASNT 9712 certificates issued through mutual recognition agreements between ASNT and other organizations, etc.

#### **⊘**Application requirements

Possess a valid ASNT 9712 certificate at the time of application for the mutual recognition.

## $\Diamond$ Application process

## [Flow of certification application procedure]

(1)Download certification	Please download the JIS certification application form from the URL	
application form	below.	
	https://english.jsndi.jp/certification/	

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(2)Preparation of	1) Please enter all the necessary information on the application form,
application documents	referring to the application form example.
	<ol> <li>Please attach your face image and signature data to <u>the specified</u> <u>Word file.</u></li> </ol>
	(Face image data) + (Signature data)
	*Used to create certificate
	<ul> <li>3) print out the completed Word file, sign the required areas, and convert the original to PDF.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>4) Please convert your ASNT 9712 certificates document to PDF.</li> <li>PDF</li> </ul>
	*An ASNT 9712 certificate holder can download for submittal a PDF
	version of their certificate from their BadgeCert link.

(3)Submit your application	Applicant $\Rightarrow$ JSNDI Please attach both the completed application form (Word and PDF ) and submit it to the JSNDI email address below.	
	ANST mutual recognition application window email address: crt_mra@jsndi.or.jp *Applications cannot be made by any method other than email.	

(4)Application	JSNDI $\Rightarrow$ Applicant: Reply by email within <b>3 business days</b> .	
receipt	*If you do not receive a reply from JSNDI after the above reply date,	
notification	there is a possibility that your certification application has not been	
	received by JSNDI.	
	[Important] Please note that if you do not receive a reply, your	

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(5)Payment of	Applicant $\Rightarrow$ JSNDI : Please complete the procedure within <b>3</b>	
certification	business days .	
application fee	(We will contact you regarding credit card payment via email in (4).)	

(6)JIS Z 2305	JSNDI $\Rightarrow$ Applicant: Scheduled to be shipped by EMS within 3
certificates	business days after payment procedure (5)
	*We will contact you via email when the certificate is shipped.
	*JSNDI If you do not receive your JIS Z 2305 certificate, please
	be sure to contact us by email.
	*Please consider the shipping time of the certificate as a
	guideline.
	Please note that in some cases, it may take more than a month
	from the scheduled delivery date. If the scheduled delivery date is
	delayed, we will notify you by email.

#### ◇Documents to be submitted

- □ (1) Application form Word file (fill in all required fields and attach facial image data and signature data)
- $\Box$  (2) Application form PDF file (a PDF version of the original paper with signatures in the required places )
- □ (3) A copy of the ASNT 9712 certificate corresponding to the NDT method/level you are applying for ( PDF )

\*If you are applying for multiple at the same time, you will need copies of certificates for the number of NDT methods and levels you are applying for.

Example: If applying for RT2 and UT 2 at the same time, submit copies of ASNT 9712 certificates for both RT 2 and UT 2

\*An ASNT 9712 certificate holder can download for submittal a PDF version of their certificate from their BadgeCert link.

#### $\bigcirc$ Certification application fee

(1) The certification application fee is <u>the total amount of the application fee to JSNDI and the</u> application fee to ASNT .

(2)150,000 yen (excluding tax) per application.

For example, if you apply for RT2 and UT2 at the same time, **150,000** yen x 2 applications = **300,000** yen (excluding tax).

- (3) When paying to JSNDI, the payment fee will be borne by the payer.
- (4) Payment method is only by credit card. Payment instructions will be sent to those who have completed the application process via email.

#### ♦ About JIS Z 2305 certificate

#### About expiry date

The expiration date of this Mutual Recognition Certificate is the same as the expiration date of the underlying ASNT 9712 certificate.

If your current ASNT 9712 certificate is RT2 and the expiry date is September 30, 2028.  $\downarrow$ 

Z 2305 RT 2, which can be obtained through this application, is also valid until September 30, 2028.

If you are nearing the expiration date due to renewal or re-certification, please note that if you apply based on your current ASNT 9712 certificate, the validity period may be shortened as a result. For example, if your current ASNT 9712 certificate expires on March 31, 2025, the JIS Z 2305 certificate you applied for in January 2024 will expire on March 31, 2025. Therefore, before applying, please check the expiration date of your current ASNT 9712 certificate and consider whether to apply as is or apply based on the new certificate after renewal or re-certification.

The issuance date and effective date of the certificate will be the date on which the JSNDI procedure is completed.

#### About sending the certificate

- (1) JIS Z 2305 certificate will be issued after being authenticated by JSNDI, and will be sent by post to the contact address specified when applying for certification.
- (2) If you wish to move after applying for certification, please contact JSNDI.
- (3) The expected delivery date is stated in <> How to apply, but please use this as a guideline. Certification applications will be submitted through JSNDI, but please note that the review and certification process depends on ASNT's schedule, so it may take more than a month from the scheduled sending date.
- (4) Even after the scheduled delivery date. If you do not receive your JIS Z 2305 certificate, please be sure to contact us via email within two weeks from the scheduled delivery date.
- (5) When you receive your JIS Z 2305 certificate, please be sure to check that it matches your application details. If your application is different from what you requested, <u>please be sure</u> to contact us via email within two weeks of the scheduled delivery date. We may not be able to respond to requests made after this time.

#### **○**Frequently asked questions

- Q 1.What should I do when renewing/re-certifying my certification?
- A 1.There is no provision for renewal or re-certification of this mutual recognition certificate. If you wish to continue, you will need to submit a new application before it expires.

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- Q 2. If I obtain the JIS Z 2305 certificate, will I be able to work in Japan or related to Japan?
- A 2. I cannot answer whether you will be able to work or not. JIS Z after confirming with the supplier in advance. We recommend that you consider obtaining the 2305 certificate. Please note that as stipulated in ISO 9712:2012, certification based on this standard certifies the general competency of NDT workers; certification does not mean permission to perform work. Employers are responsible for all work permits and results of NDT work for certified engineers under their control.

Q 3. Can I apply directly to ASNT?

A 3.Please submit this application to JSNDI. Applications made directly to ASNT will not be accepted.

Q4. Can I apply by mail or fax?

A4. JIS Z 2305 Certification applications will not be accepted by mail, fax, etc.

- Q5. I have applied, but can I withdraw my application midway through? Will I receive a refund after payment?
- A5.Once you have paid the certification application fee, you cannot cancel it for any reason. Please note that we are unable to provide refunds.
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- Q6. What will happen to the JIS Z 2305 mutual recognition certificate if the ASNT 9712 certificate expires?
- A6. This application is a mutual recognition system, so in the unlikely event that fraudulent activity or significant interruptions are discovered after obtaining the certificate, the application will not be accepted. If the ASNT 9712 certificate is revoked, the certificate obtained through this application will also be revoked.

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- Q7. Based on certificates issued by other institutions through mutual recognition systems other than JSNDI and certificate transfer systems, etc. I have obtained the ASNT 9712 certificate. Even in this case, the book Can I obtain the JIS Z 2305 certificate?
- A7. Issued by ASNT based on certificates issued by other institutions those who have obtained the ASNT 9712 certificates cannot apply.

Q8.ASNT Holds 9712 RT3 certificate. In this case, can I get RT2?

A8. Under this A SNT Mutual Recognition Agreement, you can only apply for equivalent NDT methods and levels. Therefore, if you hold RT3, you can apply for JIS Z 2305 certificate is only RT3. JIS Z Please note that 2305 RT2 cannot be applied for.

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- Q9. Hold both ASNT 9712 and JIS Z 2305 certificates. Should I switch to Mutual recognition status?
- A9. Those who already hold JIS Z 2305 certificate can renew it through normal procedures without using mutual recognition. Additionally, you cannot apply for mutual recognition if you hold JIS Z 2305 certificates. Please judge for yourself whether to switch to a mutually recognized certificate without renewing your JIS Z 2305 certificate.

**♦** Application counter

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