

Background Memo

Document:	Appendix G of <i>Specific Accreditation Criteria: ISO/IEC 17025 Application Document, Infrastructure and Asset Integrity - Annex, Non-destructive Testing</i>
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Key changes:	Extensive revision to simplify the requirements for remote work locations, and the introduction of 'Annex sites' in NDT.
Background:	
<p>In NDT, most work is performed in the field and not on the premises of the accredited facility. An accredited facility is expected to exert technical control over this 'remote work'. For certain types of remote work, accredited facilities have been obligated to notify NATA of their activities. This is done to inform a fair and transparent assessment process, and it ensures that NATA can respond to industry stakeholders regarding major infrastructure projects. This policy has been in place for at least 15 years.</p> <p>The Accreditation Advisory Committee for the NDT industry ("Integrity of Equipment and Structures AAC") have drawn on years of real-world experience with this policy, and they have proposed amendments to the current practice.</p> <p>The proposed changes enable remote testing locations to be publicly listed in scopes of accreditation. Whether a remote work location is publicly listed depends on the nature of the activities. This approach is similar to NATA's existing practice in the construction materials testing industry.</p>	
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