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# Nasa 278 Radiographic Interpretation Curriculum

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## 1.0 Course Duration:

# 1.1 Level 2:

a) The minimum training hours administered in Level 2 shall be 56.

## 2.0 Course Content:

2.1 Theory: The table below shows theory aspects covered:

| Chapter Reference: | Level 2:  |
|--------------------|---|
|                    | Introduction  |
| Chapter 1          | Terminology   |
| Chapter 1:         | History   |
|                    | Advantages and Limitations of Industrial Radiography            |
| Charles 3:         | Properties of X and Gamma Rays                                  |
| Chapter 2:         | Electro-Magnetic Radiation                                      |
|                    | Electro-Magnetic Radiation                                      |
| Chantar 2          | Wavelength (λ)  |
| Chapter 3:         | Frequency (Hz)  |
|                    | Velocity (m/s)  |
|                    | Absorption  |
| Chapter 4:         | Scatter   |
|                    | Rayleigh scattering   |
|                    | Production of X-Rays  |
|                    | Circuits for X-rays Production                                  |
|                    | Self-rectification  |
|                    | Full wave rectified AC  |
|                    | Fully rectified Tube  |
|                    | Linear Accelerations (Linac), High Energy Machine and Betatrons |
| Chapter 5:         | Betatron  |
|                    | Gamma Ray Sources   |
|                    | Atom  |
|                    | Particulate Radiation   |
|                    | Electromagnetic Radiation                                       |
|                    | Properties of Gamma Rays  |
|                    | Production of X and Gamma Rays                                  |
|                    | X-ray Film  |
|                    | Density Characteristic Curve                                    |
|                    | Characteristic (H & D) Curve                                    |
|                    | Contrast and Latitude   |
| Chapter 6:         | Film Speed  |
|                    | Intensifying screens  |
|                    | Fluorescent (Salt) Screens                                      |
|                    | Metal Screens   |
|                    | Fluorometallic Screens  |
|                    | Real Time (Fluoroscopic) System                                 |
|                    | Film Processing   |
| Chapter 7:         | Automatic Processing  |
|                    | Film Processing Faults  |
|                    |   |

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|             | Compatibilities  |
|-------------|--|
|             | Sensitivity  |
|             | Factors affecting sensitivity                          |
|             | Subject Contrast                                       |
|             | Film Contrast  |
|             | Geometric Factors                                      |
| Chapter 8:  | Formula for Geometric Unsharpness                      |
|             | Graininess Factors                                     |
|             | Film Inherent Unsharpness (U <sub>f</sub> )            |
|             | The Inverse Square Law                                 |
|             | The Reciprocity Law                                    |
|             | Safety Formula   |
|             | Exposure Calculation Formula                           |
|             | Measurement of Exposure and Sensitivity                |
|             | Exposure Chart X-rays                                  |
|             | Radiographic Sensitivity                               |
| Chambar O.  | Wire Image Quality Indicators                          |
| Chapter 9:  | EN462-1 Wire IQI                                       |
|             | Step Hole Plaque Type IQI                              |
|             | Step (Plaque)/Hole                                     |
|             | American IQIs (Penetrameter)                           |
|             | ,  |
| Chapter 10: | Isotopes used in Radiography                           |
| ·           |  |
|             | Calculation Information for Radiography                |
|             | Exposure   |
|             | Reciprocity Law  |
|             | Inverse Square Law                                     |
|             | Exposure varies directly as the square of the distance |
| Chapter 11: | Geometric Unsharpness                                  |
|             | Radiographic Sensitivity                               |
|             | Intensity at 1m from 1 GBq                             |
|             | Tenth/half value Layers (mm)                           |
|             | Density Conversion Chart                               |
|             | Density conversion chart                               |

## 2.2 Practical: The table below shows practical aspects covered:

### Level 2:

Selection of Radiographic Interpretation technique for the test method being used.

Define the limitations of the test method.

Pre-test Checks (Calibrate and verify test equipment)

Interpretation and evaluation according to codes, specifications or procedures.

Report the results of Radiographic Interpretation tests.

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#### 3.0 Learning outcomes:

3.1 Upon completion of training, students should be able to carry out and understand the following regarding Radiographic Interpretation:

#### Level 2:

**Basic principles** 

General advantages and limitations

Discontinuity associated with manufacturing processes, categories and types

Select test technique to be used

Interpret codes, specifications and procedures

Compile instructions according to specifications, codes or procedures

Carry out pre-test checks, set up equipment, perform tests and report results

Interpret and evaluate test results according to specifications, codes or procedures

#### 4.0 Course Outcome:

4.1 Successful Completion of Training:

Upon successful completion of the course, a successful completion of training certificate at the level attempted will be issued which meets eligibility to undertake the external PCN examination.

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