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**Geotechnical investigation and  
testing — Qualification criteria and  
assessment —**

**Part 2:  
Responsible expert**

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## Introduction

The ISO 24283 series specifies the qualification criteria for geotechnical investigation and testing and has three parts:

- Part 1: Qualified technician and qualified operator
- Part 2: Responsible expert
- Part 3: Qualified enterprise

The fulfilment of the technical criteria by the enterprise or the individual can be proven by:

- a) a declaration of conformity by a contractor (first party control);
- b) a declaration of conformity by a client (second party control);
- c) a declaration of conformity by a conformity assessment body (third party control).

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# Geotechnical investigation and testing — Qualification criteria and assessment —

## Part 2: Responsible expert

### 1 Scope

This document specifies the qualification criteria for the person who is responsible for the performance of sampling, testing, measuring, monitoring and installation of equipment (e.g. piezometers, borehole heat exchangers, inclinometers and extensometers) in the framework of geotechnical investigation.

### 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

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##### responsible expert

person who has documented competence and is responsible for the technical management, supervision and reporting of the execution of specified parts of sampling, laboratory and field testing, measuring, monitoring and installation of equipment

### 4 Qualification criteria

The responsible expert should have:

- college or university degree of a relevant subject and proof of relevant work experience of at least three years in an enterprise that performs specified parts of sampling, laboratory and field testing, measuring, monitoring and installation of equipment; or
- a completed vocational training of a relevant subject and proof of relevant work experience of at least five years in an enterprise that performs specified parts of sampling, laboratory and field testing, measuring, monitoring and installation of equipment; or
- proof of relevant work experience of at least ten years in an enterprise that performs specified parts of sampling, laboratory and field testing, measuring, monitoring and installation of equipment.

The responsible expert should have sufficient proven documented competence concerning:

- a) the appropriate laws, health, safety and environmental regulations, technical rules and standards;
- b) the purpose of geotechnical ground investigation, about geological, soil and/or rock mechanical and hydrogeological principles;

- c) appropriate parts of sampling, laboratory and field testing, measuring, monitoring and installation of equipment according to the standards in the Bibliography;
- d) reporting according to the relevant standards;
- e) the identification and description of soil and rock in each sample according to ISO 14688-1 and ISO 14689, if relevant;
- f) the quality management system.

The responsible expert should be able to:

- understand the aim of the investigation programme;
- supervise the work of the qualified technician or operator;
- ensure the completeness and quality of the report according to the relevant standards in the Bibliography, especially divergences influencing the results of the investigation;
- call for additional expertise if required.

## 5 Responsibility

The responsible expert should supervise the geotechnical investigation and control the correct execution of the geotechnical investigation in accordance with the standards in the Bibliography.

The responsible should check and sign the test report(s) for which the responsible expert is responsible.

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