

The NII Candidate Agreement (“Candidate Agreement”) is a legally binding contract between you and NACE International Institute (“NII”) that sets forth the terms and conditions under which NII will permit you to take NII examinations. You must read, acknowledge and accept the terms of this Candidate Agreement before you are permitted to register for, schedule and take a NII examination, and before you submit a certification application (including renewal). If you do not agree to the terms of this Candidate Agreement, you will not be permitted to register for or take any NII examination. Adherence to the Candidate Agreement is necessary to enable NII to maintain fair examinations, ensure the validity of examination results and maintain the integrity and value of NII professional certifications.

By clicking on the ‘I AGREE’ button at the end of the Candidate Agreement, you are affirming to NII that all of the below representations and statements to NII are true and correct, and you are acknowledging that you have read and understand all of these requirements, rules and policies, and that you agree to abide by all of them.

I affirm that I am the person whose name and address appear on my NII certification application, my registration for this NII examination, and the government-issued photo identification that I will present or have presented for admission to the examination. I am taking the NII examination solely for the purpose of pursuing the NII corrosion certification for which I have applied, and for no other purpose. I affirm that I am not taking the NII examination on behalf of any other person. I affirm that all information that I provided to NII at the time of my certification application and my registration for this examination and at any time thereafter was complete, accurate and true in every respect and that, if any of the information that I previously provided to NII has changed since the time I provided it, I have submitted updated information that is complete, accurate and true, and reflects all such changes. I understand that providing false, misleading or incomplete information to NII shall be considered a violation of the Candidate Agreement and will subject me to one or more of the consequences provided herein for violations of the Candidate Agreement.

I understand and agree that, as a condition of taking the NII examination, I am subject to security screening prior to admission and re-admission to the building and/or room where the NII examination is administered. I further understand and agree that the security screening process may include requiring me to: (1) demonstrate that my pockets are empty, (2) remove any backpack, bag, jacket, non-corrective eyewear, sunglasses, coat, hooded sweatshirt, scarf, or hat (“Prohibited Personal Items”) that I may be wearing or holding (except for a genuine religious purpose), (3) lift my pants up to my knees and push my sleeves up to my elbows, and (4) submit personal items for inspection by a test administrator. I understand and agree that I will not be permitted to take or resume taking the examination if I refuse to submit to security screening as described above or to remove and secure Prohibited Personal Items

(except for a genuine religious purpose) prior to entering the room where the NII examination is administered, at the sole discretion of test administrators.

I understand and agree that the following conduct, whether attempted or completed, is strictly prohibited:

- *Copying, capturing, recording, collecting, reconstructing, memorizing, discussing, transmitting or distributing NII examination content;*
- *Giving or receiving assistance on a NII examination;*
- *Viewing the content of another examinee's computer display or examination papers during a NII examination administration;*
- *Possessing or accessing Prohibited Personal Items while inside a room where a NII examination is being administered;*
- *Taking a NII examination on behalf of another person;*
- *Possessing, accessing or using a cellular phone or any device that connects to a cellular network or the Internet while inside a room where a NII examination is being administered or in any location during unscheduled examination breaks, other than the computer provided by the test center on which I am taking the examination;*
- *Possessing, accessing or using any electronic device, camera, recording device, or photographic equipment of any kind while inside a room where a NII examination is being administered;*
- *Possessing, accessing or using any books, notes, papers, note-taking materials, study materials or test-taking aids of any kind while inside a room where a NII examination is being administered or in any location during unscheduled examination breaks;*
- *Failing or refusing to submit to security screening or the inspection of personal items upon request by a test administrator at any time prior to or during a NII examination administration;*
- *Failing or refusing to strictly comply with the instructions and requests of a test administrator at any time prior to or during a NII examination administration;*
- *Engaging in disruptive, threatening or abusive behavior in or near any building where a NII examination is being administered; and*
- *Talking or communicating with anyone other than a test center administrator or an approved test reader (if your request for a test reader accommodation*

has been approved in writing in advance) while inside a room where a NII examination is being administered.

I understand and agree that engaging in any of the above described prohibited conduct shall be considered a violation of the Candidate Agreement. I agree to follow the instructions and requests of all test administrators and understand that my failure or refusal to follow instructions or comply with requests from a test administrator shall be considered a violation of the Candidate Agreement.

I affirm that I am not taking this NII examination in my capacity as a test preparation agent or tutor, or for the purpose of obtaining such employment. I affirm that I will not be employed as a test preparation agent or tutor for NII examinations for a period of three (3) years following the completion of this examination.

I am aware that NII examinations are confidential exams, and that their contents are disclosed to me at the time of test administration in a limited context to permit me to test in pursuit of the NII corrosion certification for which I have applied, and for no other purpose. I understand that NII examinations, questions, reading passages, answer choices, graphic images and all related examination content contained within NII examinations ("NII Examination Content") are protected by United States and international copyright laws and that NII Examination Content is a trade secret under United States and international law. I agree that I will not discuss or disclose NII Examination Content orally, in writing, on the Internet, or through any other medium existing today or invented in the future. I agree that I will not copy, reproduce, adapt, disclose, or transmit NII Examination Content, in whole or in part, or assist or solicit anyone else in doing the same. I further agree that I will not reconstruct NII Examination Content from memory, by dictation, or by any other means, for any purpose. I understand that prohibited acts under these terms include, but are not limited to: describing questions, answer choices, passages, images or graphics from any NII examination; identifying terms or concepts contained in exam questions or responses; sharing answers to questions; referring others to information I saw on the exam; reconstructing a list of topics on the test; and soliciting or discussing exam questions, answer choices, passages, images, graphics, or topics in person, through telephonic or electronic communication, or on Internet "chat" rooms, social media, private or public groups, message boards, forums, or through any other means.

I understand and agree that I also am not permitted to possess, solicit, read, study from, or otherwise use confidential information about NII examinations during my own exam preparation. I affirm that I have not engaged in such conduct prior to taking the exam and that I will not engage in such conduct during or after the exam. I also agree not to ask any other individual to disclose exam content to me or to seek out actual live, confidential exam content from any other source. I agree that if I receive or have access to information or material in any form and from any source, including but not

limited to email, instant messages, text messages, website content, social media posts, electronic bulletin boards, Internet-based groups, digital or electronic files and/or paper documents, that I reasonably believe contains confidential NII Examination Content, or has been represented to contain NII Examination Content, I will immediately report its existence to NII. I agree that I will fully cooperate with any investigation by NII related to my receipt or access to information believed or represented to contain NII Examination Content.

I understand and agree that NII reserves the right to use statistical and psychometric analyses to evaluate the validity of examination response data and scores. I understand and agree that NII utilizes these reliable scientific methods to determine whether scores should be withheld, invalidated, canceled or investigated further to determine whether a candidate, or a group of candidates, violated the terms of the Candidate Agreement. I further understand and agree that, if NII has a reasonable basis to question the validity of any NII examination response data or examination result, whether identified through the use of statistical analysis, psychometric analysis or any other reliable scientific method or source of information, NII reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to withhold, cancel and invalidate examination scores, without any requirement to demonstrate that I or any other candidate violated the terms of the Candidate Agreement. I agree that if NII invalidates my examination score, I will not be entitled to a refund for the examination, and I will be required to pay the established fee to take the examination again, if I am permitted by NII to take the examination again.

I understand and agree that NII reserves the right to, but is not obligated to, investigate any alleged violation of this Candidate Agreement or any alleged activity or circumstance that may compromise the validity, integrity, or security of any portion of a NII examination, or the results thereof. Upon receiving notice from NII that it is conducting an investigation related to the examination, I understand and agree that I am required to:

- fully cooperate with the investigation;*
- disclose to NII all knowledge that could potentially relate to the investigation;*
- produce all documents, data and materials requested by NII;*
- upon request, submit to an in-person or remote interview, in NII's sole discretion, conducted by or on behalf of NII; and*
- truthfully and completely answer all questions asked by NII.*

I also understand and agree that if I provide false or misleading information to NII at any time, violate the terms of this Candidate Agreement, refuse to comply with any

directions given to me by a test administrator, engage in any activity that may compromise the validity, integrity, or security of any NII examination, or fail to fully cooperate in any investigation related to NII examinations, that NII may, in its sole discretion, directly or through its authorized representatives:

- *Interrupt, suspend and/or terminate the administration of my NII examination;*
- *Confiscate any item from me during a NII examination administration that a test administrator reasonably believes is relevant to a potential violation of this Candidate Agreement, including, but not limited to, notes, electronic devices and Prohibited Personal Items;*
- *Withhold, cancel or invalidate my examination scores, before or after the scores are reported, without a refund;*
- *Prohibit or disqualify me from taking NII examinations for a fixed period of time or permanently;*
- *Notify my employer and/or applicable state regulator that my score was withheld, cancelled or invalidated or that I was prohibited or disqualified from taking NII examinations for a fixed period of time or permanently;*
- *Issue a report of the factual findings of an investigation related to my conduct to legitimately interested parties, including, but not limited to, my employer and/or applicable state regulator; and*
- *Pursue a civil lawsuit against me based upon my conduct in violation of the Candidate Agreement and/or refer the matter for criminal prosecution by state and/or federal authorities or any government agency with jurisdiction.*

By clicking the button on the screen that reads “I AGREE” below, I am representing to NII that all of the prior information, statements and affirmations that I have provided to NII are true and correct, including but not limited to all of the affirmations contained in this Candidate Agreement. I am further confirming my agreement to all of the terms and conditions set forth in this Candidate Agreement, including, without limitation, the consequences for making false or misleading statements to NII, and for violating any term of this Candidate Agreement.

If there is any part of this Candidate Agreement that you do not understand or agree with, you are not permitted to register for or take any NII examination.