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Validate Student Performance with New NIMS Inspector Credential

[Fairfax, VA – August 2019] The National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS) is pleased to announce that it has launched a new credential to validate an instructor's or evaluator's parts inspection skills.

According to Montez King, Executive Director of NIMS, "validating skills has become ever more important to employers and of course a necessity for educational institutions offering certificate-type training programs in manufacturing technology. For our current customers, this is a refreshing evolution in the certification process."

Designed for manufacturers and schools, the new "NIMS Inspector Credential" allows a much faster, more efficient performance validation process within the NIMS online structural framework. Until now, shops and schools had to send test parts to be inspected and evaluated by a NIMS-sanctioned review committee of industry volunteers, which guaranteed quality control, but could take up to four weeks or longer, and often created a backlog of uninspected parts. Now, the validation can be done on-site by instructors themselves, and credentials can be issued much quicker.

Mr. King shared that, "The initial feedback from pilots has been very positive and this credential is one of many streamlining activities we're undertaking at NIMS surrounding our training, testing, validation, and credentialing services. As industry transforms with digital manufacturing technologies, skills training must evolve as well, and that's what's happening now in the education sector and at NIMS."

For more information, contact NIMS at (703) 352-4971, <u>www.nims-skills.org</u>.

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