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VARIANCE

In accordance with Section 38(1) of the Safety Codes Act, a variance is hereby issued for equivalency to Sections 4(2) and 9(1) of the Pressure Welders Regulation (Alberta Regulation 169/2002).

Effective immediately, a performance qualification card, in accordance with Section 4(2) of the Regulation, may also be issued by a Safety Codes Officer to a pressure welder who holds a Grade B Certificate of Competency and who has been out of the province, upon the welder's return to Alberta and upon the welder's presentation of a valid pressure welder's certificate issued in his/her name by a jurisdiction which has a reciprocity agreement with Alberta. In that case, the performance qualification card to be issued by the Safety Codes Officer shall have the same expiry date as stated on the certificate of the jurisdiction in which the welder has undertaken the re-certification examination for which the un-expired certificate was issued.

Also, as an equivalency to Section 9(1), an equivalent of the Grade B Certificate of Competency examination may be conducted by another Canadian jurisdiction which has a reciprocity agreement with Alberta. A successful candidate of the examination, having met all other requirements of the Regulation, may be issued a Grade B Certificate of Competency in accordance with Section 4(1) of the Regulation upon the welder's application to a Safety Codes Officer with all the necessary documentation on arriving Alberta to perform pressure welding.

Background

Many of the Canadian provincial pressure equipment jurisdictions hold agreements with Alberta for the reciprocal acceptance of pressure welders and in accordance with these agreements, they conduct pressure welder examinations under the supervision of provincial inspectors using the equivalent procedures and requirements as in Alberta. With the new Pressure Welders Regulation that came into force on October 1, 2002, this variance will continue to allow the recognition and acceptance of these pressure welders through the issuance of a Performance Qualification Certificate Card or a Grade B Certificate of Competency by a Safety Codes Officer, to practice in Alberta, provided all other requirements of the Regulations are satisfied.

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