



The scope of integrity assessments that the In-Service Inspector is authorized to perform is limited to the type of pressure equipment identified on the person’s In-Service Inspector Certificate of Competency, and the associated activities are further limited to those assigned by their employer and permitted within the scope of their employer’s certificate of authorization permit.

The upgrading, re-certification and reinstatement requirements specified in AB-526 are applicable to In-service Inspector Certificates of Competency issued prior to publication of this Information Bulletin.

**Background**

The certification system for in-service pressure equipment inspectors was introduced in October 2001 to promote the application of consistent and appropriate inspection standards for assessing the integrity of in-service pressure equipment. The system originally included 2 types of certificates of competency; the scopes of these were: i) boilers and pressure vessels, and ii) pressure vessels only. Pressure piping was included in the scope of both types. This Information Bulletin establishes a new type of certificate, the scope of which is limited to pressure piping.

The creation of the In-Service Inspector Certificate of Competency (Pressure Piping) was initiated by the pressure equipment industry. The certificate is intended to fill the need for a qualification for inspectors whose intention is to focus on pressure piping, and as an entry level qualification that provides new inspectors the opportunity to obtain in-service pressure equipment integrity assessment experience.

A Task Group comprising representation from industry user groups, the Pressure Equipment Sub-council and ABSA developed the proposal for the new certificate following extensive industry consultation.

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