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**INTERPRETATION
Power Engineers Regulation
Foreign Operating Experience**

This Information Bulletin provides an interpretation of Section 25(1) of the *Power Engineers Regulation* (AR 85/2003) respecting the evaluation of equivalent operating experience.

Interpretation

Equivalent experience

25(1) If a candidate has experience as a chief power engineer, shift engineer, assistant shift engineer, assistant engineer or Building Operator or other experience satisfactory to the Administrator, the Administrator may evaluate that experience to establish the appropriate credit to be granted and applied towards the experience requirements of sections 16 to 22.2.

Experience gained operating a power plant or heating plant outside of Canada may be accepted as qualifying experience for an Alberta certificate of competency if the experience is equivalent to the experience that would have been gained if the power plant or heating plant was operating in Alberta.

Application

- Experience gained as chief power engineer, shift engineer, assistant shift engineer, assistant engineer in a power plant or heating plant operating outside of Canada may be considered as qualifying experience for power engineer certificate of competency examination candidates at the 5th, 4th, 3rd, or 2nd class level in accordance with the following table.

Equipment Worked On	Plant Size	Position Worked	Time in Position (Minimum)	Work Experience Credit
Steam Power Plant	> 5000 kW	Supervisor (chief engineer)	4 years	2 nd class
	> 1000 kW	Boiler Operator / Panel Operator (shift engineer)	3 years	3 rd class
	> 1000 kW	Boiler floor operator (assistant shift engineer)	2 years	4 th class
Heating Plant	>750 kW	Heating plant operator	1 year	5 th class

2. The applicant shall provide documented and verifiable evidence of the experience with their application for examination. The evidence shall be subject to evaluating and acceptance by an ABSA safety codes officer.

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