

VARIANCE
WITHDRAWN May 1, 2018

No. VA16-002
(IB16-010)

Subject Section 20.1 of *Power Engineers Regulation (AR 85/2003, with 2014 Amendments)* regarding the examination and operating experience requirements for a 5th Class Power Engineer's Certificate of Competency.

Date of Issue **2016-06-03**

This Variance applies to **Province-wide Variance**

Applies to candidates for a 5th Class Power Engineer's Certificate of Competency who have completed the 4th Class Power Engineer's Certificate of Competency examinations.

Reason for variance Initial certification as a power engineer may be at the 5th Class or 4th Class level. A candidate may challenge the examinations if he/she meets the examination eligibility requirements. A candidate who has passed the examination is subsequently eligible for certification if he/she has the required operating experience.

In some cases a candidate has passed the 4th Class examinations but does not have the required operating experience for 4th Class certification. These same candidates may have the required operating experience for 5th Class certification.

This variance allows a candidate who has passed the 4th Class examination and has gained enough experience to qualify for a 5th Class certificate, but not a 4th Class certificate, to be issued a 5th Class certificate without having to write the 5th Class examination.

The 4th Class examination process provides for equivalent or greater safety since the 4th Class examination and required course both cover a broader scope and depth of technical material than the 5th Class examination and course.

<i>Details of variance</i>	Section 20.1(a) of the <i>Power Engineers Regulation</i> is hereby varied to permit a person to pass the 4th Class Power Engineer's Certificate of Competency examination in lieu of passing the 5th Class Power Engineer's Certificate of Competency examination.	
	All other requirements of the <i>Power Engineers Regulation</i> apply.	
<i>Variance is specific and non-precedent setting</i>	This Variance is specific and sets no precedent.	
<i>Authority under which the Variance is being issued</i>	Section 38(1) of the Safety Codes Act, Chapter S-1	
<i>Advisement of Offence</i>	Contravention of a condition of this Variance is an offence under the Safety Codes Act.	
<i>Approval of Administrator</i>	<original signed by>	Mike Poehlmann, P.L. (Eng.) Administrator Pressure Equipment Safety Province of Alberta
<i>Accredited organization employing the Administrator</i>	ABSA the pressure equipment safety authority 9410 – 20 Avenue Edmonton, Alberta T6N 0A4	Phone: 780-437-9100 Fax: 780-437-7787
<i>Submission of a copy of Variance to the Safety Codes Council</i>	A copy of this Variance will be submitted to: Safety Codes Council 1000, 10665 Jasper Avenue Edmonton, AB T5J 3S9	
<i>Explanation of variance</i>	A Variance is written permission issued to build, install, process or otherwise act in a manner not consistent with the specific requirements of an applicable code, standard or regulation but which provides, in the opinion of the issuing Administrator, an equivalent level of safety to persons and property.	