

**Information Bulletin No. IB15-005**

IB15-005 is re-issued by IB21-016

**VARIANCE (VA15-006)**

VA15-006 is re-issued by VA21-008

<i>Subject</i>	<p>Variance to provide options for addressing Building Operator A, Building Operator B and Fireman's Certificates of Competency after they have expired.</p> <p>This Variance supersedes VA08-008 issued on June 6, 2008.</p>
<i>Date of Issue</i>	<p>April 23, 2015</p>
<i>This Variance applies to</i>	<p>Province-wide Variance</p>
<i>Reason for variance</i>	<p>The Power Engineers Regulation does not provide for renewal of a Building Operator A (BOA), Building Operator B (BOB) or Fireman's (Fireman) Certificate of Competency once it has expired but it does provide for renewal of other types of expired certificates. This Variance allows the renewal and upgrading of expired Building Operator and Fireman certificates.</p>
<i>Details of variance</i>	<p>VARIANCE to Sections 11(2), 19.2(2), 20.2(1) and 20.2(2) of the Power Engineers Regulation (AR 85/2003).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) Section 11(2) is hereby varied to allow the holder of an expired BOA, BOB or Fireman Certificate of Competency to apply for renewal of the certificate in accordance with Section 15 subject to the following conditions:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) the certificate has been expired for a period not exceeding 3 years, or</li><li>(2) the certificate has been expired for a period exceeding 3 years but less than 5 years and the applicant has related experience acceptable to the Administrator.</li></ul></li><li>(b) Sections 19.2(2), 20.2(1) and 20.2(2) are hereby varied to allow the holder of an expired BOA, Fireman or BOB Certificate of Competency to apply to write a special examination to upgrade an existing Certificate of Competency, in accordance with the applicable sections, subject to the following condition:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) the applicant must successfully complete a course satisfactory to the Administrator.</li></ul></li></ul> <p>Under Section 19.2(2), the applicant can upgrade from a BOA certificate to a 4<sup>th</sup> Class Certificate of Competency. Under Section 20.2(1), the applicant can upgrade from a Fireman certificate to a 5<sup>th</sup> Class Certificate of Competency.</p> <p>Under Section 20.2(2), the applicant can upgrade from a BOB certificate to a 5<sup>th</sup> Class Certificate of Competency.</p>

*Variance is specific and non-precedent setting*

This Variance is specific and sets no precedent.

*Authority under which the Variance is being issued*

Section 38(1) of the Safety Codes Act, Chapter S-1

*Advisement of Offence*

Non-compliance with the requirements of this Variance is an offence under the Safety Codes Act.

*Approval of Administrator*

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*Submission of a copy of Variance to the Safety Codes Council*

A copy of this Variance will be submitted to:  
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*Explanation of variance*

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. Compliance with a Variance is deemed to be compliance with the Act.