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DIRECTIVE
**Expiry of Examination Papers Passed and Operating Experience Gained
for Certification under the Power Engineers Regulation (AR 85/2003)**

In accordance with the provisions of the Power Engineers Regulation, to achieve a "Certificate of Competency" as a power engineer in the province of Alberta, a person must meet a prescribed level of work experience with pressure equipment and successful completion of examinations.

Examination syllabi are reviewed and updated on an ongoing basis. An examination paper required for power engineer certification will be valid for seven years from the date the examination paper was passed. Seven years after an examination paper was passed, it can no longer be considered towards higher certification and the examination paper will have to be written again.

With work experience, legislation, technology, machinery, power engineering examination syllabi and power plant operating processes are continually changing and improving. The validity of power engineering operating experience decreases with the passage of time and at some point becomes meaningless in the interest of public safety. Operating experience older than seven years will not be accepted for higher level of certification. To achieve certification, an applicant will have to re-submit up-to-date pressure equipment work experience.

Effective date of this policy

This Directive is effective July 1, 2012. As of this date, examination papers passed and work experience gained more than seven year prior to certification will not be valid for higher level of certification.

Background

Both statistics on average period of time for each class of certification and consultation with the Boilers and Pressure Vessels Technical Council, which represents the industry, support this Directive that a sunset clause for a period of seven year is practical and logical for the interest of public safety. This Directive provides a positive direction to encourage examination candidates to have a workable plan for next class of certification while ensuring the integrity of the power engineer certification system.

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