

Information Bulletin No. IB08-002
VARIANCE (VA08-008)

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| <i>Subject</i> | Variance to provide options for addressing Building Operator A, Building Operator B and Fireman's Certificates of Competency after they have expired. |
| <i>Date of Issue</i> | June 6, 2008 |
| <i>This Variance applies to</i> | Province-wide Variance |
| <i>Reason for variance</i> | 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 expired certificates. |
| <i>Details of variance</i> | <p>VARIANCE to Sections 11(2), 19(8), 20(4) and 20(5) of the Power Engineers Regulation (AR 85/2003).</p> <p>(a) The Variance to Section 11(2) allows 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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) the certificate has been expired for a period not exceeding 3 years, or(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. <p>(b) The Variance to Sections 19(8), 20(4) and 20(5) allows the holder of an expired BOA, Fireman or BOB Certificate of Competency to apply to write a special examination to upgrade a current Certificate of Competency, in accordance with the applicable sections, subject to the following condition:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) the applicant must successfully complete a course satisfactory to the Administrator. <p>Under Section 19(8), the applicant can upgrade from a BOA certificate to a 4th Class Certificate of Competency. Under Section 20(4), the applicant can upgrade from a Fireman certificate to a 5th Class Certificate of Competency. Under Section 20(5), the applicant can upgrade from a BOB certificate to a 5th 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:
Safety Codes Council
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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.