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**Interpretation
Pressure Equipment Safety Regulation Section 6
Pressure Welders Regulation Section 8
ASME Code Case 2996**

Code Case 2996, "Extension of Joining Personnel's Qualification Continuity" has been issued by ASME for use with Section I; Section III; Section IV; Section VIII Division 1, 2 & 3, Section IX, Section XI, Section XII, B31.

Code Case 2996 may be used for equipment constructed in Alberta and for equipment constructed elsewhere for use in Alberta in accordance with this Information Bulletin.

Unless permitted per clause 8(8) of the Pressure Welders Regulation and this Information Bulletin the extension under this Code Case is only applicable to extending the joining personnel's continuity and not the performance qualification card expiration date.

Code Case 2996 permits qualification continuity of joining personnel who have experienced an employment interruption due to the COVID-19 outbreak to be extended an additional three months beyond that allowed by QW-322, QB-322, and QF-322 an additional three months under the following conditions:

- a. The qualification was valid at the time of employment interruption, and
- b. The qualification was scheduled to expire during the employment interruption.

The latest date the joining personnel uses the process within the extended period will be the new date for continuity purposes. QW-322.1(b), QB-322(b), and QF-322.1(b) shall still apply for the joining personnel whose continuity has been extended. The Code Case includes an expiry provision of three months following its approval. The Code Case was approved April 16, 2020, so it may be used until July 16, 2020.

Code Case 2996 shall be shown in the joining personnel's continuity report.

In addition to using Code Case 2996 to extend a joining personnel's qualification continuity, this Code Case may be used in Alberta to extend a Grade B, Machine, or Tack Welders Certificate of Competency which are eligible for extension in accordance with Section 8(8) of the Pressure Welders Regulation.

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