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New Format Performance Qualification Cards

As of October 1, 2021 ABSA will begin issuing plastic performance qualification (PQ) Cards to welders and welding operators that successfully pass a Grade B Welder, Grade C Welder, Tack Welder, or Machine Welding Operator certificate of competency examination administered by an ABSA safety codes officer.

The safety codes officer conducting the exam will issue a 30 day temporary qualification record to successful candidates that are eligible to receive a PQ card.

The permanent plastic PQ card and certificate of competency card will be sent to the candidate by mail from ABSA's head office following processing of the examination data.

Candidates that do not receive their permanent PQ and certificate of competency cards with 21 days of their exam are requested to advise welding@absa.ca, and include a copy of their temporary qualification.

Valid B Pressure PQ cards issued prior to October 1, 2021

The old style B Pressure PQ cards indicate the base metal qualified as "P1-P1". The new PQ cards will indicate the base metals qualified as: P-No. 1 through P-No. 15F, P-No. 34, and P-No. 41 through P-No. 49 per QW-423.1 of ASME Section IX.

Welders that currently hold a valid Grade B performance qualification card issued by ABSA, where the base material qualified is P1-P1, can contact welding@absa.ca to request an updated qualification card.

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