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

This Information Bulletin replaces IB20-010 which has been withdrawn.
This is an editorial revision to this Information Bulletin.

This Information Bulletin provides compliance guidance with respect to the validity of examination results and work experience for power engineer certification.

Sections 16 through 22 of the *Power Engineers Regulation* prescribe the requirements that must be satisfied by an applicant for a power engineer certificate of competency. The requirements include work experience and examinations.

Interpretation

With respect to examinations and work experience specified in Sections 16 through 22 of the *Power Engineers Regulation*, this Information Bulletin establishes that:

- 1) passing grades on examinations required for power engineer certification are valid for seven years from the date the examination was written, and
- 2) Work experience is valid for seven years from the date the work commenced.

Effective date

The seven-year expiry of examination results and work experience came into effect July 1, 2012. Examination papers passed and work experience gained more than seven years prior to certification are not valid for higher level of certification.

Application

This Information Bulletin reflects the overall goal of eventual expiration of examinations and operating experience towards higher power engineering certification. The rationale is to address concerns of outdated knowledge and skills and to encourage timely completion of power engineer certification upgrading. There are cases that can and should be considered on their individual merits on an exception basis. Accordingly, the VP Technical Services has been directed to use discretion in the application of this policy.

If individuals believe that they have justification for requiring more than seven years to complete examinations for higher certification, they should submit this justification in writing to the VP Technical Services together with an action plan outlining the process and timeline for completion of the required examinations.

There may also be valid reasons for failing to acquire the required operating experience during the seven year period. An individual may accept work in a related field where operating experience cannot be earned. In this type of situation, it is possible to stop the clock on the seven years while this related work is undertaken. A typical acceptable example may be the case of a power engineer deciding to be a power engineering instructor at a college. Again, the responsibility would be with the individual to present a written request to the VP Technical Services for consideration.

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