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INTERPRETATION
Power Engineer Certification Candidates
with Qualifying Experience from Outside of Alberta

This Information Bulletin replaces IB21-014 which has been withdrawn.

This Information Bulletin provides compliance guidance for power engineer certification candidates that obtain qualifying experience outside Alberta.

In accordance with the Power Engineers Regulation (AR85/2003), a candidate applying for a Power Engineer's Certificate of Competency must provide verification of acceptable experience as part of the certification requirements.

For example, a 3rd Class candidate must meet the experience requirements in Sections 18(1)(b) and 18(7) of the Power Engineers Regulation. In that case, a candidate for a Third Class Certificate of Competency must hold a valid Alberta Fourth Class certificate in order to transfer qualifying experience for the Third Class certification. To obtain operating experience for certification in Alberta, a candidate working in another Canadian jurisdiction must:

- (i) obtain a Fourth Class certificate or licence from the jurisdiction where they work by transferring their Alberta certificate to that jurisdiction; or
- (ii) confirm with that jurisdiction that they would accept an Alberta Fourth Class certificate for qualifying work experience in their jurisdiction, plus the candidate must also obtain that jurisdiction's written confirmation of their operating experience at the end of the work term.

Background

The Power Engineers Regulation (AR 85/2003) establishes supervision requirements for the operation of different types of power plants, heating plants and thermal liquid heating systems. Jurisdictions outside Alberta have similar, but not always identical, plant operation supervision requirements by power engineers certified by the respective jurisdiction.

Some candidates may look to obtain their operating experience outside of Alberta. When proper procedure is not followed, a candidate may be disappointed to discover that the operating experience that they have earned outside of Alberta will not be accepted toward their certification.

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