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INTERPRETATION In-Service Pressure Equipment Inspector Certificates of Competency

This Information Bulletin replaces IB23-018 which has been withdrawn.

This Information Bulletin provides an Interpretation of Section 43 of the Pressure Equipment Safety Regulation with respect to acceptable qualifications of persons performing integrity assessments of pressure equipment.

This Information Bulletin also establishes that ABSA document AB-526 “*In-Service Pressure Equipment Inspector Certification Requirements*” Edition 3, Revision 1 - Issued 2023-07-31 specifies the qualification and certification requirements for in-service pressure equipment inspector certificates of competency.

Interpretation

Section 43 *A person shall not perform an integrity assessment of pressure equipment unless that person*
(a) holds qualifications that are acceptable to the Administrator, and
(b) satisfies the conditions prescribed in the certificate of competency if such a certificate has been issued to the person.

The following certificates of competency issued in accordance with ABSA document AB-526 “*In-Service Pressure Equipment Inspector Certification Requirements*” Edition 3, Revision 1 - Issued 2023-07-31, are hereby established as acceptable qualifications in accordance with Section 43(a):

- In-Service Pressure Equipment Inspector Certificate of Competency
- In-Service Pressure Equipment Inspector Certificate of Competency (Pressure Vessels and Pressure Piping)
- In-Service Pressure Equipment Inspector Certificate of Competency (Pressure Piping)

A person who conducts integrity assessments of in-service pressure equipment, who certifies pressure equipment, or who supervises inspection personnel, must hold the appropriate Alberta In-service Inspector’s Certificate of Competency, unless otherwise

provided for in AB-526. The holder must be employed by an owner-user or an integrity assessment organization that has an appropriate Alberta Certificate of Authorization Permit issued under the Pressure Equipment Safety Regulation.

The scope of integrity assessments that the In-Service Inspector is authorized to perform is limited to the type of pressure equipment identified on the person's In-Service Inspector Certificate of Competency, and the associated activities are further limited to those assigned by their employer and permitted within the scope of their employer's certificate of authorization permit.

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