

VARIANCE

**No. VA23-007
(IB23-040)**

<i>Subject</i>	<p>In accordance with Section 38(1) of the Safety Codes Act, a variance is hereby issued for equivalency to Section 4(2) of the Pressure Welders Regulation (Alberta Regulation 169/2002).</p> <p>This Variance and Information Bulletin replaces VA03-001 Rev.1 (IB03-001) which has been withdrawn.</p>
<i>Date of Issue</i>	September 25, 2023
<i>This Variance applies to</i>	Province-wide Variance
<i>Reason for variance</i>	<p>Subsection 4(2) states a performance qualification card may be issued by a Safety Codes Officer or a testing organization, if authorized to do so by the Administrator on behalf of the Administrator, to a person who passes a performance qualification test conducted by the safety codes officer or testing organization.</p> <p>There is no provision in the regulation for a Safety Codes Officer to issue a performance qualification card to a Grade B welder that is conducted by other Canadian jurisdictions.</p>
<i>Details of variance</i>	<p>Subsection 4(2) is hereby varied to allow a safety codes officer to issue a performance qualification card to a pressure welder who holds a Grade B Certificate of Competency and who has been out of the Province, upon the welder's return to Alberta, and upon the welder's presentation of a valid pressure welder's certificate that is acceptable to the Administrator and issued by a Canadian jurisdiction.</p>
<i>Variance is specific and non-precedent setting</i>	This Variance is specific and sets no precedent.
<i>Authority under which the Variance is being issued</i>	Section 38(1) of the Safety Codes Act, Chapter S-1

Advisement of Offence Contravention of a condition of this Variance is an offence under Section 67(4)(b) of the Safety Codes Act.

Approval of Administrator <original signed by> Djordje Srnic, M.Sc., P.Eng.
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Variance to the Safety
Codes Council* A copy of this Variance will be submitted to:
Safety Codes Council
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Explanation of variance A Variance is written permission issued to build, install, process or otherwise act in a manner not consistent with the specific requirements of an applicable code, standard or regulation but which provides, in the opinion of the issuing Administrator, an equivalent level of safety to persons and property.