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1.0 QUALIFICATION ASSESSMENT

- 1.1 The applicant shall fulfil the minimum requirements of education, training, experience, examinations and vision prior to certification.
- 1.2 Certification Department shall verify the examination grades given by the Examination Department.
- 1.3 The applicant shall provide documentary evidence, acceptable to RSA, the following:
 - a. Education
 - b. Experience
 - c. Satisfactorily completed training
 - d. Recent vision test

2.0 CERTIFICATION VALIDITY

Certification becomes effective from the date of completion of the initial examination and shall be valid for three (3) years unless revoked for reasons defined in Sections 3.0 and 5.0.

3.0 CONDITION OF CERTIFICATION

The period of validity shall commence (date of issue of the certification) when all of the requirements for certification (education, training, experience, satisfactory vision test, success in examination) are fulfilled. Certification becomes invalid:

- a. At the discretion of RSA, e.g. after reviewing evidence of behaviour incompatible with the certification procedures or failure to abide by a code of ethics.
- b. If the inspector becomes physically incapable of performing his duties based upon failure of the visual acuity examination taken annually under the responsibility of his employer.

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- c. If the inspector has not been actively engaged in the performance or supervision of welding inspection activities for a period of one (1) year or more during the certification period.
- d. If the inspector fails recertification, until such time he/she meets the requirements for recertification or initial certification.
- e. If examination or certification fees are not paid when due.

4.0 CERTIFICATION VERIFICATION

4.1 RSA shall release certification examination results only to the applicant, or to an individual or agency specifically designated by the applicant through a written request accompanied by a notarized and witnessed release.

4.2 Requests for verification of the status and certification number of Welding Inspectors shall be honoured. Without the express written consent of the inspector or certificate holder, RSA staff shall release only the following information: certification number, date of certification, expiration date, photo, status (e.g., current, revoked, etc.), and any certification limitations (e.g., corrected vision).

5.0 SUSPENSION AND WITHDRAWAL

5.1 The Certification Department shall have the power to suspend, refuse renewal, revoke, place on probation, or reprimand the Welding Inspector certification for misrepresentation of facts regarding personal qualifications, status, assignments, etc., relating to personnel certifications whether such misrepresentation was made at the time of application or on subsequent applications (renewal, etc.).

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5.2 The Certification Department may suspend, refuse renewal, revoke, place on probation, or issue a reprimand to a certificate holder who is found guilty of any unauthorized practice, as defined in the Code of Ethics, Rules of Conduct, and Practice.

5.3 Reinstatement of a revoked certificate may be granted without penalty or prejudice to the individual, provided that the cause of revocation has been satisfactorily resolved to the Certification Committee's satisfaction.

6.0 CERTIFICATION RENEWAL

6.1 The renewal application shall be submitted within six (6) months prior to the expiration date of the certification. Applications submitted within twelve (12) months after the expiration date shall require recertification in accordance with Section 7.0. Beyond this period, no exceptions shall be granted, and the inspector shall be required to undertake the full examination in accordance with the procedure for new applicants.

6.2 Associate Welding Inspectors are not eligible for renewal. This certification may only be held for a maximum period of three (3) years.

6.3 Welding Inspector and Senior Welding Inspector certifications may be renewed for an additional three (3) year period upon submission of:

- Documentary evidence of a satisfactory visual acuity examination conducted within the preceding twelve (12) months.
- Evidence of active engagement as a Welding Inspector during the most recent three (3) year certification period.

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- c. Successful completion of a twenty (20) question multiple-choice quiz, based on the latest revisions of procedures, standards, and codes, with a minimum passing score of seventy-two percent (72%).

6.4 For renewal, “actively engaged” shall be defined as no period of one (1) year or more during the certification cycle in which the inspector did not perform or supervise welding inspection activities.

6.5 Inspectors are permitted up to two (2) quiz re-tests, provided they are completed prior to the expiration of the certification. Any inspector who fails all permitted re-tests shall be required to recertify in accordance with Section 7.0.

7.0 RE-CERTIFICATION

7.1 Re-certification by written examination shall be required under any of the following conditions:

- Inspectors who meet the requirement of 21.2(a) but fail to meet 21.2(b) and/or 21.2(c)
- Every nine (9) years from the date of initial certification, provided that the inspector meets the requirement of 21.2(a).

7.2 Inspectors shall be permitted up to two (2) re-tests for the recertification examination, which must be completed within one (1) year following the expiration of the certification.

7.3 Any inspector who fails all permitted recertification re-tests shall be required to reapply and complete the full examination in accordance with the procedure for new applicants.

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7.4 The Welding Inspector recertification examination shall consist of the Part B — Practical Application examination, with minimum passing scores as specified in Table (Associate Welding Inspector/Welding Inspector Examination).

7.5 The Senior Welding Inspector recertification examination shall consist of the Part B — Administrative Fundamentals examination, with minimum passing scores as specified in Table (Senior Welding Inspector Examination).

8.0 CERTIFICATION LEVEL UPGRADE

8.1 IPCS Associate Welding Inspector may be upgraded to Welding Inspector by satisfying the Welding Inspector requirements for education, training, experience, vision test and examination.

8.2 IPCS Associate Welding Inspector whose scores on each part of the examinations meet the requirements of Welding Inspector but did not meet the experience Welding Inspector may request an upgrade to Welding Inspector once the experience requirements are met. The validity of the new Welding Inspector certificate shall not exceed the original period of Associate Welding Inspector certificate.

8.3 IPCS Welding Inspector may be upgraded to Senior Welding Inspector by satisfying the Senior Welding Inspector requirements for education, training, experience, vision test and examination.

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