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1.0 QUALIFICATION ASSESSMENT

- 1.1 The criteria for initial certification shall be determined by the specific standard of WQT selected by the welder or the sponsor/employer.
- 1.2 The chosen assessment method(s) and acceptance criteria (pass or fail) shall be those established by the specific standard of WQT selected by the welder or the sponsor/employer.
- 1.3 Pass or fail decisions shall be made solely in accordance with the acceptance criteria defined by the specific WQT standard and not based on the opinion or discretion of the examiner or any RSA employee.
- 1.4 Candidates who changed the specimen during the WQT are to be recognized as having failed the test.

2.0 CERTIFICATION VALIDITY

- 2.1 A welder's qualification shall be valid from the date the weld test coupon is completed, provided all required testing has been carried out and the results are acceptable. The certificate must be confirmed every six (6) months failure to do so shall render the certificate invalid.
- 2.2 The validity of the certificate may be extended in accordance with Section 7.0. The method of extension shall be specified on the certificate at the time of issuance.

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3.0 CONDITION OF CERTIFICATION

3.1 The certificate shall be endorsed every six (6) months by the sponsor/employer representative responsible for production weld quality, if all the following conditions are met:

- a. The welder has been engaged with reasonable continuity in welding work within the approved range. Interruptions of no longer than six (6) months are permitted.
- b. The welder's work has generally been performed in accordance with the technical conditions under which the approval test was conducted.
- c. There is no specific reason to doubt the welder's skill or knowledge.

3.2 If any of these conditions are not satisfied, RSA shall be notified, and the certificate shall be suspended.

3.3 The sponsor/employer or the certified individual shall ensure the following:

- a. The certificate shall not be used beyond its expiry date.
- b. The certificate shall not be used if it has been suspended or withdrawn.
- c. The certificate shall not be used if the welder has been absent from the profession for more than six (6) months (due to illness, change of employment, or leave).
- d. The certificate shall not be used if the welder's capabilities, such as vision or fitness, have become impaired.

4.0 CERTIFICATION VERIFICATION

4.1 RSA shall release certification test results only to the applicant, or to a person or agency formally designated by the applicant through a written request, accompanied by a notarized and witnessed release.

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4.2 Request for verification of status and certification number of Welders shall be provided to the requestors. Only the certification number, date certified, expiration date, photo, status (current, revoked, etc.), and certification limitations (corrected vision, etc.) shall be provided by the RSA staff members without the express written approval of the inspector or certificate holder.

5.0 SUSPENSION AND WITHDRAWAL

5.1 RSA shall suspend or withdraw a certificate from its register under any of the following circumstances:

- Proven evidence of cheating during the original test.
- Any attempt to duplicate or alter certificates.
- Non-payment of WQT or certification fees when due.

5.2 For any of the above, RSA shall refuse to conform certification status upon enquires from any other interested parties.

6.0 CONFIRMATION OF VALIDITY

6.1 A welder's qualification for a given process shall be confirmed every six (6) months by the individual responsible for welding activities or by the Examination Department. This confirmation verifies that the welder has worked within the approved range of qualification and extends the validity of the qualification for an additional six (6) months.

6.2 This requirement applies to all revalidation options specified in Section 7.0.

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7.0 REVALIDATION OF WELDER QUALIFICATION

7.1 Revalidation shall be carried out by Examination Department.

7.2 The skill of the welder shall be periodically verified by one of the following methods:

- a. The welder shall be retested every three (3) years.
- b. Every two (2) years, two welds produced within the last six (6) months of the validity period shall be subjected to radiographic testing, ultrasonic testing, or destructive testing, and the results shall be recorded. Acceptance levels for imperfections shall be in accordance with the specified requirements. The welds tested shall reproduce the original test conditions, except for thickness and outside diameter. Successful completion of these tests revalidates the welder's qualification for an additional two (2) years.
- c. A welder's qualification for any certificate shall be valid if it is confirmed according to the Section 6.0 and provided all the following conditions are fulfilled:
 - i. The welder remains employed by the same manufacturer with whom he or she originally qualified, and who retains responsibility for the manufacture of the product.
 - ii. The manufacturer has documented evidence that the welder has consistently produced welds of acceptable quality in accordance with applicable standards. The welds examined shall confirm compliance with the following conditions:
 - Welding positions
 - Weld type
 - Backing