



TECHNICAL STANDARDS &  
SAFETY AUTHORITY  
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**IN THE MATTER OF**

**THE *TECHNICAL STANDARDS AND SAFETY*  
*ACT, 2000, S.O. 2000, c. 16*  
and the **Operating Engineers Regulation**  
(collectively called the “Act”)**

**DIRECTOR’S POLICY**

**Re: EQUIVALENCY CONSIDERATIONS FOR SOPEEC OR  
NON-SOPEEC OPERATING ENGINEER OR OPERATOR  
CERTIFICATION CONSIDERATION**

Under Sections 5(1), 32(1) and 32(2) of the Act, the Director has been given certain powers to establish the qualifications, training and experience that are required for persons to whom the Act applies and to recognize equivalent training or experience of an applicant for an Authorization under the Act.

With this in mind, the Director wishes to communicate some of the guidelines or factors he may consider in exercising his discretion under Sections 5(1), 32 (1) and (2) with respect to persons, who are not Ontario certified Operating Engineers or Operators but who have applied for an Authorization under the Act as having Power Plant training or experience equivalent to the requirements of the Act.

1. Capitalized terms used in this Director’s Policy have the same meaning as in the Act, unless otherwise defined herein.
2. A person who has Power Plant practical engineering experience outside Canada or who holds a non-Ontario power engineering certification and who does not hold either a Canadian provincial or territorial certification recognized as equivalent by the Director to SOPEEC Power Engineering, Marine Engineering or Canadian Military certification as prescribed by the Act, may not be assessed to write any Ontario Operating Engineer examination above the 4<sup>th</sup> class level or any Operator examination above Compressor or Refrigeration B.

3. A person who is resident in Ontario and has attained at least twelve months proven/documented practical experience in a power plant outside of Ontario (which is equivalent to that required in Ontario for at least 4<sup>th</sup> class certification) may, upon assessment and approval of the Chief Officer, be considered to obtain the 4<sup>th</sup> class Operating Engineer's certificate upon the successful completion of the required examinations.
4. A person who is resident in Ontario and has attained at least nine months proven/documented practical experience in a compressor or refrigeration plant outside of Ontario (which is equivalent to that required in Ontario for at least the Compressor or Class B Refrigeration certification) may, upon assessment and approval of the Chief Officer, be considered to obtain the Compressor Operator or Class B Refrigeration certificate upon the successful completion of the respective required examinations.
5. As prescribed by Table 8 of the Regulation, any person may claim the S.T.C.W. Marine Engineers, C.E.T., Professional or Charter Engineer option for specific examination component exemptions of the mathematics and science theory for the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 1<sup>st</sup> class examinations when such person has reached such level of examination and holds such qualification.

Please note that this Policy may be revised or replaced or withdrawn at any time and from time to time without notice and that the Director is not bound by this Policy.

Dated at Toronto, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2005.

*ORIGINAL SIGNED*

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*Technical Standards and Safety Act, 2000*