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All welding tests for standard provincial qualifications shall be pre-arranged in a welding session. Non student candidates must sign the waiver prior to starting the test. Candidates arriving at short notice must call in to the office and/or present themselves at the office to pay for the test prior to testing. New Brunswick standard licenses ie, Class B, Approved and Qualified will be \$100 for each test administered regardless of pass or failure. Prior to testing the inspector shall verify the identity of the candidate. Non-resident candidates for welder qualification tests must provide proof of employment in New Brunswick with their application.

Standard provincial welding licenses may be renewed within 90 days of the expiry date without test. Licenses renewed within the 90 day grace period shall be backdated to the original expiry date. Standard provincial welding licenses that have expired more than 90 days will require a welding qualification test prior to renewal, no exceptions. In this case the license will be dated from the day of testing. Expired licenses are not valid for any welding.

Welding tests of students and license renewal fees for welding instructors at NBCC will be billed in accordance with the long standing agreement between NBCC and NBTIS. This agreement allows NBTIS access to NBCC welding facilities. NBTIS will renew welding Instructor's licences at no charge. In addition, full time students enrolled in NBCC welding programs will have the first test at the Class B level and the first test at the Approved level performed at no charge. Additional testing if required will be billed to the NBCC campus where the testing is performed. Coupons for testing at no charge will be supplied by NBCC.

The time limit for a standard welding test is 4 hours including coupon preparation. Not meeting the time limit constitutes a failure. Special and PQR tests may be exempt from the time limit.

Candidates for a special welders' test must hold a current NB Qualified license. All special welders' tests must be documented on a QW-484 form by a company representative who must be present during the welders testing. The completed QW-484 form will be signed as witnessed by the inspector if the welder passes the qualification test. This form may be used for the purpose of future license issue when ASME IX requirements are met. Fees for special welding tests are; \$100/Hr during regular hours; \$150/Hr during overtime hours; \$100 for each license issued. Travel time will be included on the invoice.

Special welders' licences may be renewed on documented evidence (ie radiographs) that the welder has successfully completed or performed welding in accordance with the registered procedure within 90 days of the renewal date. Special licences that have expired must be retested prior to renewal.

Transfer of out of province licenses shall be performed as per the following requirements and on the review and approval of qualifications by a boiler inspector.

1. The expiry date of a transferred license will be 1 year from the date originally tested.
2. All licenses issued via inter provincial transfer will be clearly marked "transferred".
3. NB transferred licenses will not be renewed.
4. Transferred licenses issued by other jurisdictions are not eligible.
5. The inspector has the right to administer a welding test at anytime if deemed necessary.



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