

## Bulletin: Amendments to the Power Engineers Regulation

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The purpose of recent amendments to the Power Engineers Regulation are to address the certification and operational requirements for refrigeration class plants.

### Effective Date:

- These amendments to the Power Engineers Regulation will come into force 180 days after registration.
- The amendments were registered on January 31, 2025, and therefore become effective on July 30, 2025.

### Key Amendments

#### 1. Added Definition of an “Ice Facility Plant”

- A new definition has been added to designate an "ice facility plant" as a refrigeration class plant used for making and maintaining artificial ice surfaces used for recreational purposes.

#### 2. Allow for Tiered Certification for Refrigeration Plant Operators

- The amendments introduce a tiered certification for refrigeration plant operators.
- This approach provides greater flexibility in licensing by tailoring requirements, limitations, and examinations to better reflect the operational needs of refrigeration class plants.
- The new certification process will now distinguish between different operational roles and responsibilities across refrigeration plants.

#### 3. Expand the Roles for Existing and New Certification Classes

- Fifth Class Certificate Holders
  - Allows individuals with this certification to serve as shift engineers under a chief engineer's supervision in any refrigeration class plant, including ice facility plants.
- New Ice Facility Operator Class Certificate
  - Introduced specifically for operators in ice facility plants
  - Allows individuals with this certification to serve as shift engineers under a chief engineer's supervision in ice facility plants.

#### 4. Requirements to Obtain the Ice Facility Operator Class Certification

- In order to obtain an Ice Facility Operator Class Certificate, applicants shall successfully complete the Ice Facility Operator examination and provide proof of the required operational experience.
- Applicants shall meet one of the following criteria:
  - 3 months of experience assisting in the operation of a refrigeration class plant, or
  - 1 month of experience if they have successfully completed an approved ice plant operator course.

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