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**CHAPTER 0800-03-03  
BOILER INSPECTIONS**

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**0800-03-03-.01 DEFINITIONS.**

- (1) "Act" means the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated (T.C.A.), Title 68, Chapter 122.
- (2) "Alteration" means a change in any item described on the original Manufacturer's Data Report which affects the pressure containing capability of the boiler or pressure vessel. Non-physical changes, such as an increase in the maximum allowable working pressure (internal or external), increase in design temperature, or a reduction in minimum temperature of a boiler or pressure vessel shall be considered an alteration.
- (3) "ANSI" means the American National Standards Institute.
- (4) "API" means the American Petroleum Institute.
- (5) "Approved" means approved by the Board of Boiler Rules.
- (6) "ASME Code" means the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Code.
- (7) "Authorized Inspection Agency" means:
  - (a) A jurisdiction as defined by paragraph (21) of this rule; or
  - (b) An insurance company which has been licensed or registered by the appropriate authority of a state of the United States or a province of Canada to write boiler and pressure vessel insurance and to provide all inspection services required by the Act for boilers and pressure vessels insured by such company in this State. See NB-369, Accreditation of Authorized Inspection Agencies (AIAs) Performing Inservice Inspection Activities.
- (8) "Board" means the Board of Boiler Rules.
- (9) "Boiler" means and includes a closed vessel or vessels intended for use in heating water or other liquids or for generating steam or other vapors under pressure or vacuum by the direct application of heat from combustible fuels, electricity, or nuclear energy, and also includes an unfired pressure vessel, meaning a vessel in which pressure is obtained from an external source or from an indirect application of heat.

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- (a) "Electric boiler" means a power or heating boiler in which the source of heat is electricity. See ASME Code, Section I, PEB-2 and Section IV, Preamble.
- (b) "Heating boiler" means a steam or vapor boiler operating at pressures not exceeding 15 psig or a hot water boiler operating at pressures not exceeding 160 psig or temperatures not exceeding 250°F. See ASME Code, Section IV, HG-101.1.
- (c) "Heat recovery boiler" means a vessel or system of vessels comprised of one (1) or more heat exchanger surfaces used for the recovery of waste heat. See ASME Code, Section VIII, Division 1, U-1(g)(2).
- (d) "High-temperature water boiler" means a water boiler intended for operation at pressures in excess of 160 psig or temperatures exceeding 250°F. See ASME Code, Section I, PG-2.1(b).
- (e) "Hot water heating boiler" means a boiler in which no steam is generated, from which hot water is circulated for heating purposes and then returned to the boiler, and which is operated at a pressure not exceeding 160 psig and/or a temperature of 250°F at or near the boiler outlet. See ASME Code, Section IV, HG-101.1(b) and (c).
- (f) "Hot water supply boiler" means a boiler completely filled with water that furnishes hot water to be used externally to itself at pressures not exceeding 160 psig and/or a temperature of 250°F at or near the boiler outlet. See ASME Code, Section IV, HG-101.1(b) and (c).
- (g) "Miniature boiler" means a power or high-temperature water boiler which does not exceed the following limits:
  - 1. 16 inches inside diameter of shell;
  - 2. 20 square feet of heating surface (not applicable to electric boilers);
  - 3. 5 cubic feet of gross volume exclusive of casing and insulation; and
  - 4. 100 psig maximum allowable working pressure. See ASME Code, Section I, PMB-2.1.
- (h) "Portable recovery boiler" means a vessel or system of vessels comprised of one or more heat exchanger surfaces used for the recovery of waste heat.
- (i) "Potable water heater", including an instantaneous water heater, means a heater supplying potable water for commercial purposes in which the pressure does not exceed 160 psig and the temperature does not exceed 210°F. See ASME Code, Section IV, Part HLW Introduction.
- (j) "Power boiler" means a boiler in which steam or other vapor is generated at a pressure of more than 15 psig. See ASME Code, Section 1, PG-2.1(a).
- (k) "Steam heating boiler" means a steam boiler for operation at pressures not exceeding 15 psig. See ASME Code, Section IV, HG-101.1(a).
- (l) "Unfired steam boiler" means an unfired pressure vessel or system of unfired pressure vessels intended for operation at a pressure in excess of 15 psig steam for the purpose of producing and controlling an output of thermal energy. See ASME Code, Section I Preamble and Section VIII, Division 1, U-1(g)(1).

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- (m) "Waste heat boiler" means an unfired pressure vessel or system of unfired pressure vessels intended for operation in excess of 15 psig steam for the purpose of producing and controlling an output of thermal energy. See ASME Code, Section VIII, Division 1, U-1(g)(2).
- (10) "BTU/hr" means British Thermal Units per hour.
- (11) "Certificate inspection" means an inspection, the report of which is used by the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee as justification for issuing, withholding, suspending or revoking a certificate of inspection. This certificate inspection shall be an internal inspection when required; otherwise, it shall be as complete an inspection as possible.
  - (a) "Internal inspection" means an inspection that can reasonably be conducted as assessed by the inspector according to the inspection or review on the internal and external surfaces of a boiler or pressure vessel while it is shut down and the manhole plates, handhole plates or other inspection opening closures are removed.
  - (b) "External inspection" means an inspection made when a boiler or pressure vessel is in operation, if possible.
- (12) "Certificate of competency" means a certificate issued to a person who has passed the examination prescribed by the Board pursuant to T.C.A. § 68-122-109.
- (13) "Certificate of inspection" means a certificate issued for operation of a boiler or pressure vessel as required in T.C.A. § 68-122-111.
- (14) "Commission" means the commission issued by the National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors to a holder of a certificate of competency who desires to make shop or field inspections in accordance with the National Board Rules for Commissioned Inspectors, and whose employer submits the inspector's application to the National Board for such commission. See NB-263, Rules for National Board Inservice and New Construction Commissioned Inspectors.
- (15) "Condemned boiler or pressure vessel" means a boiler or pressure vessel that has been inspected and declared unsafe, or disqualified by legal requirements, by an inspector qualified to take such action who has applied a stamping or marking designating its rejection.
- (16) "Department" means the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development.
- (17) "Existing installation" means any boiler constructed, installed, placed in operation, or contracted for before July 1, 1955.
- (18) "Historic power boilers" means any steam traction engine, portable or stationary, standard or nonstandard power boiler, including free-lance and scale models, owned by publicly operated museums, non-profit organizations and individuals who preserve, maintain, exhibit and only occasionally operate these boilers on a not-for-profit basis and for the primary purpose of perpetuating the agricultural and pioneer heritage of Tennessee.
  - (a) This definition shall be interpreted to include the following two (2) types of historic boilers:
    1. Traditional: Any steam traction engine, portable or stationary, standard or nonstandard power boiler that was constructed prior to July 1, 1949.
    2. Nontraditional: Any free-lance and scale models, standard or nonstandard power boiler that was constructed after July 1, 1949.

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- (i) Free-lance is any nontraditional historic power boiler built without original drawings, calculations or blueprints.
  - (ii) Scale model is any nontraditional historic power boiler built as an exact or scale replica of a traditional historic power boiler.
- (19) "Inspector" means the Chief Inspector, Deputy Inspector, or Special Inspector.
- (a) Chief Inspector is the Chief Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspector appointed pursuant to T.C.A. § 68-122-106.
  - (b) Deputy Inspector is any inspector appointed pursuant to T.C.A. § 68-122-107.
  - (c) Special Inspector is an inspector holding a Tennessee certificate of competency, and who is continuously employed by an insurance company authorized to insure against loss from explosion of boilers or pressure vessels in this State, or a company owning or operating pressure vessels (Owner-User Inspection Agency) in this State for the purposes of making inspections of pressure vessels used or to be used by such company, and provided such company complies with the requirements of T.C.A. § 68-122-108.
    - 1. A special inspector shall receive no salary from, nor shall any of their expenses be paid by, the State, and the continuance of a special inspector's commission shall be conditioned upon the special inspector continuing in the employ of a boiler insurance company duly authorized as aforementioned or upon continuing in the employ of a company operating unfired pressure vessels in this State, and upon the special inspector's maintenance of the standards imposed by the Act.
    - 2. A special inspector of a company operating unfired pressure vessels shall not be authorized to inspect boilers.
    - 3. A special inspector shall inspect all boilers and unfired pressure vessels insured or all unfired pressure vessels operated by their respective companies and, when so inspected, the owners and users of such boilers and unfired pressure vessels shall be exempt from the payment to the State of the inspection fees as provided for in T.C.A. § 68-122-113.
    - 4. A special inspector shall submit inspection reports in accordance with subparagraphs (a), (b), and (d) of Rule 0800-03-03-.05(10).
- (20) "Installation permit" means a permit issued by the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee for authorization to install a boiler or pressure vessel in accordance with Rule 0800-03-03-.04(1).
- (21) "Jurisdiction" means a state, commonwealth, county or municipality of the United States or a province of Canada which has adopted one (1) or more sections of the ASME Code, one (1) of which is Section I, and maintains a duly constituted department, bureau or division for the purpose of enforcement of such Code.
- (22) "Lethal service (pressure vessel)" means a pressure vessel stamped "lethal service" which contains, under pressure, poisonous gas or liquids of such a nature that a very small amount of the gas or of the vapor of the liquid mixed or unmixed with air is dangerous to life when inhaled. See Footnote in ASME Code, Section VIII, Division 1, UW-2(a).

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- (23) "Licensed Boiler Erectors and Repairers Contractor" means a person, corporation, partnership or firm authorized to engage in the repair or erection of steam boilers, steam kettles, pressure tanks or steam generators.
- (24) "Lined potable water heater" means a water heater with a corrosion-resistant lining used to supply potable hot water. See ASME Code, Section IV, Part HLW.
- (25) "National Board (NB)" means The National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors, 1055 Crupper Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43229-1183.
- (26) "National Board Inspection Code (NBIC)" means the code for the repair, alteration and inspection of boilers and pressure vessels published by the NB's publishing partner, ViaTech.
- (27) "New installation" means any boiler constructed, installed, placed in operation or contracted for after July 1, 1949 and any pressure vessel constructed, installed, placed in operation or contracted for after July 1, 1955.
- (28) "NFPA" means the National Fire Protection Association, Inc.
- (29) "Non-certificate inspection" means any inspection of a boiler or pressure vessel the result of which does not warrant the issuance of a certificate of inspection.
- (30) "Nonstandard boiler or pressure vessel" means a boiler or pressure vessel that does not bear the ASME Certification Mark and Certification Designator, the API Code symbol stamp, or the stamp of any jurisdiction which has adopted a standard of construction equivalent to that required by the Board.
- (31) "Nuclear power plant" means one (1) or more nuclear power systems and containment systems.
- (32) "Nuclear power system" means a system that serves the purpose of producing and controlling an output of thermal energy from nuclear fuel and those associated systems essential to the functions of the power system. The components of the system include such items as pressure vessels, piping systems, pumps, valves and storage tanks.
- (33) "Owner or User" means any person, firm or corporation legally responsible for the safe installation, operation and maintenance of any boiler or pressure vessel within the jurisdiction.
- (34) "Owner-User Inspection Agency" means an owner or user of pressure vessels who maintains a regularly established inspection department, whose organization and inspection procedures generally meet the requirements of the NB rules and are acceptable to the Board. See NB-371, Accreditation of Owner-User Inspection Organizations (OUIO).
- (35) "Pressure vessel" means a vessel in which the pressure is obtained from an external source, or by the application of heat from an indirect source, or from a direct source other than those boilers defined in subparagraphs (a)-(m) of paragraph (9) of this rule.
- (36) "Psig" means pounds per square inch gauge.
- (37) "Reinstalled boiler or pressure vessel" means a boiler or pressure vessel removed from its original setting and reinstalled at the same location without change of ownership.
- (38) "Repair" means the work necessary to restore a boiler or pressure vessel to a safe and satisfactory operating condition provided there is no deviation from the original design. See NB-23, NBIC Part 3, Section 3, Repairs and Alterations.

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- (39) "Second-hand boiler or pressure vessel" means a boiler or pressure vessel which has changed location since last used.
- (40) "Special Inspection" means:
- (a) Inspection of a boiler or pressure vessel (stamped lethal service) upon installation by permit, subject to the fees in accordance with Rule 0800-03-03-.14(10);
  - (b) Boilers and pressure vessels (stamped lethal service) discovered to be installed without an installation permit. The owner or user shall be assessed a fee set by the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee in accordance with T.C.A. § 68-122-113 plus all expenses allowed therein and Rule 0800-03-03-.14(10); or
  - (c) An additional inspection deemed appropriate and necessary by the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee, subject to a fee in accordance with T.C.A. § 68-122-113 plus all expenses allowed therein and Rule 0800-03-03-.14(10).
- (41) "Standard boiler or pressure vessel" means a boiler or pressure vessel which bears the stamp of this State, the ASME Certification Mark and Certification Designator, the API Code symbol stamp, or the stamp of another jurisdiction which has adopted a standard of construction equivalent to that required by the Board.
- (42) "Supplemental documentation" means additional material used in the determination of a safe and proper construction, installation, repair, use and operation of boilers and pressure vessels in this State.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 4-5-202, 68-122-101, 68-122-102, 68-122-104, 68-122-106, 68-122-107, 68-122-108, 68-122-109, 68-122-111, 68-122-113, and 68-122-202. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed May 16, 1986; effective June 15, 1986. (Formerly rule 0780-02-11-.01) Amendment filed March 27, 1991; effective June 29, 1991. Amendment filed May 7, 1992; effective August 29, 1992. Amendment filed June 27, 2000; effective October 28, 2000. Amendment filed June 17, 2002; effective October 28, 2002. Repeal and new rule filed November 21, 2005; effective March 30, 2006. Amendment filed February 6, 2006; effective June 28, 2006. Amendments and new rules filed June 16, 2016; effective September 14, 2016.

**0800-03-03-.02 ADOPTION BY REFERENCE.** Unless otherwise provided by applicable law or the provisions of this Chapter, the required minimum standard for the construction, installation, operation, maintenance, repair, alteration, testing and inspection of boilers and pressure vessels in the State of Tennessee shall be those prescribed in the following publications, as amended, per adopted edition and addenda:

- (1) Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME Code), the latest edition, published by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Two Park Avenue, New York, New York 10016-5990, Phone: 800.843.2763, E-mail: CustomerCare@asme.org, web site: www.asme.org.
- (2) National Board Inspection Code (NBIC), The National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors, the latest edition, 1055 Crupper Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43229-1183, Phone: 614.888.8320, Fax: 614.888.0750, E-mail: information@nationalboard.org, web site: www.nationalboard.org/. The publishing partner for the NB is ViaTech, dalorder@viatechpub.com, Phone: 1.877.699.4801.
- (3) Code for Unfired Pressure Vessels for Petroleum Liquids and Gases (API-ASME Code), Linda Hall Library of Science, Engineering, and Technology, 5109 Cherry Street, Kansas

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City, Missouri 64110-2498, Phone: 800.662.1545, web site: [www.lindahall.org/](http://www.lindahall.org/). The following editions of the API-ASME Code are available:

- (a) 3rd edition (1938) with the library's catalog record -  
<http://hall.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/vwebv/holdingsInfo?sk=LHL&bibId=275504;>
  - (b) 4th edition (1943) with the library's catalog record -  
<http://hall.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/vwebv/holdingsInfo?sk=LHL&bibId=197459;>
  - (c) 5th edition (1951) with the library's catalog record -  
[http://hall.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/vwebv/holdingsInfo?sk=LHL&bibId=124091.](http://hall.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/vwebv/holdingsInfo?sk=LHL&bibId=124091)
1. To inquire about getting copies of pages or sections from these publications or if you want to inquire about possibly borrowing the publications through Interlibrary Loan, you may contact the library's Document Delivery Services Department.
- (4) Controls and Safety Devices for Automatically Fired Boilers (ASME CSD-1), published by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.
  - (5) Boiler and Combustion Systems Hazards Code (NFPA 85), published by the National Fire Prevention Association, International, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, Massachusetts 02169-7471, Phone: 617.770.3000, Fax: 617.770.0700, E-mail: [custserv@nfpa.org](mailto:custserv@nfpa.org), Phone; 800.344.3555, Fax: 800.593.6372 or 508.895.8301, web site: [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org). To review codes and standards online, go to [www.nfpa.org/freeaccess](http://www.nfpa.org/freeaccess).

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 4-5-202, 4-5-202(a)(3), 68-122-101, and 68-122-102. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed May 16, 1986; effective June 15, 1986. Amendment filed September 30, 1986; effective December 29, 1986. (Formerly rule 0780-02-11-.02). Amendment filed March 27, 1991; effective June 29, 1991. Amendment filed June 27, 2000; effective October 28, 2000. Amendment filed June 17, 2002; effective October 28, 2002. Amendments and new rules filed June 16, 2016; effective September 14, 2016.

#### **0800-03-03-.03 CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS.**

- (1) No boiler or unfired pressure vessel shall be installed for operation in the State unless it is designed, constructed, inspected, stamped, and installed for the desired pressure and temperature in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter, the applicable section of the ASME Code, and other applicable law.
- (2) Boilers and pressure vessels shall bear the NB stamping and the manufacturer's NB number as registered with the NB. A copy of the Manufacturer's Data Report signed by the manufacturer's representative and the NB commissioned inspector employed by the third party inspection agency shall be filed with the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee when the boiler or pressure vessel is shipped into this State for installation.
- (3) Electrically heated boilers subject to the ASME Code requirements shall bear the "Underwriters Laboratory" label in addition to the required ASME Certification Mark and Certification Designator. This means that the boiler shall be supplied by the manufacturer as a complete unit and not converted in the field.
- (4) Piping.
  - (a) Power piping external to power boilers from the boiler to the first stop valve of a single boiler, and to the second stop valve in a battery of two (2) or more boilers, is subject to

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the requirements of the ASME Code, Power Boilers, Section I. The design, fabrication, installation and testing of the valves and piping shall be in accordance with ASME 31.1.

- (b) Welded piping is subject to the ASME Code requirements for proper code certification, including stamping in conformance with the code and furnishing of applicable ASME data report forms for the owners and the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee.
- (5) Exemptions. Potable water heaters are exempt from the requirements of paragraphs (1) and (2) of this rule when neither of the following limitations are exceeded:
- (a) Heat input of 199,999 BTU/hr.
  - (b) Water temperature of 210°F. However, such potable water heaters, including instantaneous water heaters, with a heat input of between 100,000 and 199,999 BTU/hr are subject to registration, inspection and inspection certificate requirements.
  - (c) These vessels are required to have an NB rated, ASME constructed, test-lever pressure-temperature activated safety relief device.
- (6) "Tennessee Special" Boilers and Pressure Vessels. If a boiler or pressure vessel is of special design, or one that cannot bear the ASME and NB stamping, details of the proposed construction (including shop drawings) shall be submitted to the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee. Approval for construction and installation as a "Tennessee Special" boiler or pressure vessel must be obtained from the Board before construction is started.
- (7) Tennessee Standard Pressure Vessels.
- (a) Vessels constructed by an owner-user who is authorized by the State as an Owner-User Inspection Agency and who holds a valid Certificate of Authorization to use the ASME Certification Mark with Certification Designator shall be stamped "Tennessee Standard", provided the vessels are:
    - 1. Inspected by an owner-user inspector holding a valid certificate of competency issued by the State; and
    - 2. To be used exclusively by the owner-user and not for resale.
  - (b) Such vessels shall meet all requirements of the ASME Code, Section VIII, Division 1, except that they are inspected by an owner-user inspector.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 4-5-202, 4-5-202(a)(3), 68-122-102, 68-122-102(a), 68-122-102(b), 68-122-103 through 68-122-113, and 68-122-116. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed May 16, 1986; effective June 15, 1986. (Formerly rule 0780-02-11-03) Amendment filed March 27, 1991; effective June 29, 1991. Amendment filed May 7, 1992; effective August 29, 1992. Amendment filed June 27, 2000; effective October 28, 2000. Amendment filed March 30, 2001; effective July 30, 2001. Amendment filed June 17, 2002; effective October 28, 2002. Repeal and new rule filed November 21, 2005; effective March 30, 2006. Amendments and new rules filed June 16, 2016; effective September 14, 2016.

#### 0800-03-03-.04 INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS.

- (1) Permission to Install.
  - (a) All installers of boilers or pressure vessels shall be knowledgeable in the proper installation of the boiler or pressure vessel they are requesting to install.

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- (b) The company or person responsible for the installation of the boiler or pressure vessel (stamped lethal service) shall obtain an installation permit for the boiler or pressure vessel prior to any work being performed. An "Application for Permission to Install a Boiler or Pressure Vessel (stamped lethal service)", boiler room layout drawings/dimensions, Manufacturer's Data Report, and a copy of any applicable local/municipal building or like permit shall be forwarded to the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Workplace Regulations and Compliance, Boiler Unit. "Tennessee Special" boilers and pressure vessels are subject to the requirements of this rule.
- (c) All boiler installations between 400,000-12,500,000 BTU/hr (excluding hot water heaters) shall meet all the requirements of ASME CSD-1. Boilers 12,500,000 BTU/hr and over shall meet any additional requirements of NFPA 85. A copy of the "Controls and Safety Devices" section of the installation application must accompany all submitted Applications for Permission to Install a Boiler or Pressure Vessel (stamped lethal service). Failure to comply with the requirements of this rule, without significant explanation, could delay the permission to install approval or warrant non-acceptance of the application.
- (d) After the application has been reviewed by the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee, an installation permit shall be issued.
- (e) All newly installed boilers and pressure vessels (stamped lethal service) shall be inspected by a Deputy Inspector before the boiler or pressure vessel is put into service. The company or person performing the installation is responsible for notifying the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Workplace Regulations and Compliance, Boiler Unit, when the boiler or pressure vessel (stamped lethal service) is ready for inspection. The inspection upon installation by permit is subject to the fees in accordance with Rule 0800-03-03-.14(10).
- (f) A revised application shall be submitted to the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee by the installer if there is a change to the original application. A copy of the original installation permit and supplemental documentation shall accompany the revised application.
- (g) All installation permits shall be issued for a period of twelve (12) months. If the boiler or pressure vessel (stamped lethal service) is not installed during this period, the installation permit shall expire and the file shall be closed. When a file has been closed, the installer shall be required to apply for another installation permit in accordance with subparagraph (b) of this rule.
- (h) A boiler or pressure vessel may be installed prior to submission of the "Application for Permission to Install a Boiler or Pressure Vessel (stamped lethal service)" when it has been determined by the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee that the installation is an emergency situation. Immediately thereafter, the installer shall submit an application, layout drawings/dimensions, Manufacturer's Data Report and a copy of any applicable local/municipal building or like permit in accordance with subparagraph (b) of this rule.
- (i) When it is discovered that a boiler or pressure vessel (stamped lethal service) has been installed without an approved installation permit prior to installation, the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee shall notify the owner or user. The Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee shall take appropriate action in accordance with T.C.A. § 68-122-106. The owner or user shall be assessed a special inspection fee set by the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee in accordance with T.C.A. § 68-122-113 and Rule 0800-03-03-.14(10). Any owner or user aggrieved by an order

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or act of the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee may, within fifteen (15) days after notice thereof, appeal from such order or act to the Board.

(2) Permission to Reinstall.

- (a) Reinstallation of Boilers or Pressure Vessels (Removed from the State). When a standard boiler or pressure vessel located in this State is moved outside the State for temporary use or repair, the owner or user shall apply to the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee for permission to reinstall the boiler or pressure vessel in this State. After the owner or user files the "Application for Permission to Reinstall" and it is approved, the Deputy Inspector shall conduct an inspection. When a nonstandard boiler or pressure vessel is removed from this State, it shall not be reinstalled within this State without additional approval of the Board.
- (b) Installation of Second-Hand Boilers or Pressure Vessels. Second-hand boilers and pressure vessels may not be installed unless the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee approves an "Application for Permission to Reinstall". After the owner or user files the "Application for Permission to Reinstall" and it is approved, the Deputy Inspector shall conduct an inspection.
- (c) Reinstallation of Boilers or Pressure Vessels (Not Second-Hand). The owner or user shall apply to the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee for permission to reinstall a boiler or pressure vessel in this State. After the owner or user files the "Application for Permission to Reinstall" and it is approved, the Deputy Inspector shall conduct an inspection.
- (d) An owner or user of the boiler and pressure vessel described in subparagraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this rule is subject to the installation requirements in accordance with Rule 0800-03-03-.04(1), and the Special Inspection fee requirements of Rule 0800-03-03-.14(10). An "Application for Permission to Reinstall" form must accompany all permit applications for these installations.
- (e) For reinstalled boilers and pressure vessels with a current certificate of inspection, the Deputy Inspector shall submit a reinspection report in accordance with Rule 0800-03-03-.05(10)(b). The comment that the boiler or pressure vessel is "reinstalled" shall be noted on the reinspection report. The reinspection shall be a non-certificate inspection.

(3) Safety Appliances.

- (a) No person shall attempt to remove, or do any work on, any safety appliance prescribed by this Chapter while the appliance is subject to pressure.
- (b) Should any such appliance be removed for repair during an outage of a boiler or pressure vessel, it shall be reinstalled and in proper working order before the object is again placed in service.
- (c) No person shall alter any safety or safety relief valve or pressure relief devices in any manner to maintain a working pressure in excess of that stated on the boiler or pressure vessel inspection certificate.
- (d) Only the holder of a valid Certificate of Authorization for use of the NB "VR" stamp, or an owner-user's maintenance organization approved by the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee, may repair safety or safety relief valves. An owner-user maintenance organization shall be limited to repairing such valves for its own use.

(4) Pressure Reducing Valves.

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- (a) Where pressure-reducing valves are used, one (1) or more safety or safety relief valves shall be provided on the low pressure side of the reducing valve when the piping or equipment on the low pressure side does not meet the requirements for the full initial pressure. The safety or safety relief valves shall be located adjoining or as close as possible to the reducing valve.
  - (b) Proper protection shall be provided to prevent injury or damage caused by escaping vapor or fluid from the discharge of safety or safety valves if vented to the atmosphere. The combined discharge capacity of the safety or safety relief valves shall be such that the pressure rating of the lower pressure piping equipment will not be exceeded in case the reducing valve fails in the open position.
  - (c) Use of hand-controlled bypasses around reducing valves is permissible. If a bypass is used around the reducing valve, the safety valve required on the low pressure side shall be of sufficient capacity to relieve all the vapor or fluid that can pass through the bypass without overpressuring the low pressure side.
  - (d) A pressure gauge shall be installed on the low pressure side of a reducing valve.
- (5) Location of Discharge Piping Outlets. The discharge of safety valves, blowoff pipes and other outlets shall be located and supported so as to prevent injury to personnel.
  - (6) Application of State Serial Numbers. Upon completion of the installation of a boiler or pressure vessel, or at the time of the initial certificate inspection of an existing installation, the inspector shall tag each boiler or pressure vessel in the vicinity of the code stamping with a Board approved and Department supplied registration tag.
  - (7) Accessibility to Code Stamping. Code stamping shall not be concealed by lagging or paint. The stamping shall be exposed at all times, unless a suitable record is kept of the location of the stamping so that it may be readily uncovered when desired.
  - (8) Restamping of Boilers and Pressure Vessels.
    - (a) When the code stamping of a boiler or pressure vessel becomes indistinct, the inspector shall instruct the owner or user to have it restamped. The owner or user shall submit a request for authorization of restamping to the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee on the appropriate "Replacement of Stamped Data Form". Proof of the original stamping shall accompany the request.
    - (b) If the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee authorizes restamping, it shall be done only in the presence of an inspector, and shall be identical with the original stamping.
    - (c) The ASME Certification Mark with Certification Designator may be restamped only by the original manufacturer of the boiler or pressure vessel in the presence of an inspector of the Authorized Inspection Agency who signed the Manufacturer's Data Report or a Deputy Inspector. The witnessing inspector shall file with the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee the completed and signed "Replacement of Stamped Data Form" with a facsimile of the stamping applied.
  - (9) Working Pressure for Existing Installations. With the approval of the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee, any inspector may decrease the maximum working pressure on any existing installation if the condition of the boiler or pressure vessel warrants.

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- (10) Supports. Each boiler and pressure vessel shall be supported by masonry or structural supports of sufficient strength and rigidity to safely support the boiler or pressure vessel and its contents. There shall be no excessive vibration in either the boiler, pressure vessel or its connecting piping.
- (11) Ladders and Runways. When necessary for safety, there shall be a steel runway or platform of standard construction installed across the tops of adjacent boilers or pressure vessels or at some other convenient level for the purpose of affording safe access. All walkways shall have at least two (2) means of exit, each to be remotely located from the other.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 4-5-202, 4-5-202(a)(3), 68-122-101 through 68-122-104, 68-122-106, 68-122-107, 68-122-108, 68-122-110 through 68-122-113, 68-122-115, 68-122-116, and 68-122-202 through 68-122-209. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed May 16 1986; effective June 15, 1986. (Formerly rule 0780-02-11-.04) Amendment filed March 27, 1991; effective June 29, 1991. Amendment filed June 27, 2000; effective October 28, 2000. Amendment filed March 30, 2001; effective July 30, 2001. Amendment filed June 17, 2002; effective October 28, 2002. Amendment filed November 21, 2005; effective March 30, 2006. Amendments and new rules filed June 16, 2016; effective September 14, 2016.

#### 0800-03-03-.05 INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS.

- (1) Notification of Inspection.
  - (a) Certificate inspections, as required, shall be carried out no more than two (2) months prior to the expiration date of the certificate or within the two (2) month period following the expiration date at a time mutually agreeable to the inspector and owner or user.
  - (b) External inspections may be performed by the inspector during reasonable hours and without prior notification.
  - (c) When, as a result of external inspection or determination by other objective means, it is the inspector's opinion that continued operation of the boiler or pressure vessel constitutes a danger to life or property, the inspector may order an internal inspection or an appropriate pressure test, or both, to evaluate conditions. In such instances, the owner or user shall prepare the boiler or pressure vessel for such inspections or tests as the inspector designates.
- (2) Frequency of Inspections. All boilers and pressure vessels subject to inspection under the Act shall be inspected in accordance with the requirements of T.C.A. § 68-122-110.
- (3) Preparation for Inspection. The owner or user shall prepare each boiler or pressure vessel for inspection on the date assigned by the inspector. Whenever necessary, the owner or user shall prepare for and apply a hydrostatic or pressure test on the inspection date. The date of the inspection shall not be less than seven (7) days after the date of notification.
  - (a) The owner or user shall prepare a boiler for internal inspection in the following manner:
    - 1. Draw off water and wash the boiler thoroughly.
    - 2. Remove manhole and handhole plates, washout plugs and inspection plugs in water column connections (as required by the inspector). Cool and clean the furnace and combustion chambers.
    - 3. Remove all grates of internally fired boilers.
    - 4. Remove insulation or brickwork (as required by the inspector) in order to determine the condition of the boiler, headers, furnace, supports or other parts.

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5. Remove the pressure gauge for testing (as required by the inspector).
  6. Prevent any leakage of steam or hot water into the boiler by disconnecting the pipe or valve at the most convenient point, or any other appropriate means approved by the inspector.
  7. Before opening the manhole or handhole covers and entering any parts of the steam-generating unit connected to a common header with other boilers, close, tag and (preferably) padlock the steam-stop valves; and open drain valves or cocks between the two (2) valves. After draining the boiler, close, tag, and (preferably) padlock the blowoff valves. Disconnect blowoff lines (where practicable) between pressure parts and valves. Open all drains and vent lines.
- (b) The owner or user shall prepare a pressure vessel for inspection to the extent deemed necessary by the inspector and in accordance with the applicable procedures outlined in subparagraph (a) of this rule.
- (c) No employee or inspector shall be permitted to enter a boiler drum or pressure vessel until the plant inspector or supervisor and the person entering the pressure vessel have confirmed that all stop valves on inlet and outlet piping (not vented to atmosphere) have been closed and tagged. When not valved, the piping shall be disconnected or blanked. In addition, plant personnel shall make appropriate tests to assure that there is no oxygen deficiency or hazardous or toxic gases in the drums or pressure vessels to be entered by the inspector. The oxygen content of the breathable atmosphere shall be between nineteen point five percent (19.5%) and twenty-three point five percent (23.5%). See NBIC, Part 2, Section 1.4.1
- (4) Boilers and Pressure Vessels Improperly Prepared for Inspection. The inspector may decline to conduct an inspection or test, and withhold or suspend the inspection certificate, if the owner or user:
- (a) Fails to properly prepare a boiler or pressure vessel for inspection; or
  - (b) Fails to comply with the requirements of this Chapter pertaining to pressure testing.
- (5) External Inspection Disclosure of Defective Conditions.
- (a) If, upon an external inspection, there is evidence of a leak or crack, sufficient covering of the boiler or pressure vessel shall be removed to permit the inspector to determine satisfactorily the safety of the boiler or pressure vessel. If the covering cannot be removed at that time, the inspector may order the operation of the boiler or pressure vessel stopped until the covering can be removed and proper examination made. The Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee shall be notified immediately.
  - (b) Jacketed. If a boiler or pressure vessel is jacketed so that the longitudinal seams of shells, drums, or domes cannot be seen, the owner or user shall remove sufficient jacketing, setting wall, or other form of casting or housing to permit reasonable inspection of the seams and other areas necessary to determine the condition and safety of the boiler or pressure vessel, provided such information cannot be determined by other means.
  - (c) Lap Seam Crack. A boiler or pressure vessel shall be immediately discontinued from use if a lap seam crack is discovered along a longitudinal riveted joint of the shell or drum. Patching shall be prohibited. (A "lap seam crack" is a crack found in lap seams,

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extending parallel to the longitudinal joint and located either between or adjacent to rivet holes.)

- (6) Special Inspectors - Notification of Unsafe Boilers and Pressure Vessels.
  - (a) If a Special Inspector, upon first inspection of a new risk, finds that a boiler or pressure vessel, or any appurtenance thereof, is in such condition that his company would refuse insurance, the inspector shall immediately notify the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee and submit a report about the defects.
  - (b) If, upon inspection, a Special Inspector finds a boiler or pressure vessel to be unsafe for further operation, he shall promptly notify the owner or user and state what repairs or other corrective measures are required to bring the boiler or pressure vessel into compliance with this Chapter. Unless the owner or user makes such repairs or adopts other corrective measures promptly, the Special Inspector shall immediately notify the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee. Until such corrections have been made, no further operation of the boiler or pressure vessel involved shall be permitted. If a certificate of inspection is required and is in force, it shall be suspended by the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee. When a reinspection establishes that the boiler or pressure vessel is safe to operate, the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee shall be notified. At that time, a certificate of inspection (where applicable) may be issued.
  - (c) If a Special Inspector, while making required inspections, becomes aware of any other boiler or pressure vessel on the premises which are not registered in accordance with applicable law, he shall report this information to the owner or user of the boiler or pressure vessel and to the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee within thirty (30) days.
- (7) Condemned Boilers and Pressure Vessels. The Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee or a Deputy Inspector shall stamp on any boiler or pressure vessel declared unfit for further service the letters "XXX" on either side of the State number. Such stamping (XXX 00 XXX) shall designate a condemned boiler or pressure vessel.
- (8) Pressure Tests.
  - (a) A pressure test, when applied to boiler or pressure vessels, shall not exceed one and one half (1½) times the maximum allowable working pressure. The pressure shall be under proper control so that in no case shall the required test pressure exceed that which is allowed by the applicable ASME Code of Construction.
  - (b) During a pressure test, the safety valve or valves shall be removed, or each valve disc shall be held to its seat by means of a testing clamp (not by screwing down the compression screw upon the spring). A plug device designed for the purpose may be used.
  - (c) The temperatures of the water used to apply a pressure test shall not be less than 70°F and the temperature during inspection shall not exceed 120°F.
  - (d) When a pressure test is applied to determine tightness, the pressure shall be equal to the normal operating pressure, but need not exceed the release pressure of the safety valve having the lowest release setting.
  - (e) When the contents of the vessel prohibit contamination by any other medium or when a pressure test is not possible, other testing media may be used provided the precautionary requirements of the applicable section of the NBIC are followed.

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- (9) Notification of an Incident or Accident. The owner or user shall promptly submit to the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee a detailed report of any incident or accident that occurs to a boiler or pressure vessel. In the event of a personal injury, incident, accident, or explosion, the owner or user shall immediately give notice to the office of the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee. Neither the boiler or pressure vessel, nor any parts thereof, shall be removed or disturbed without the permission of the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee, except for the purpose of saving human life or limiting consequential damage.
- (10) Inspection reports.
  - (a) Deputy and Special Inspectors shall submit to the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee on a form approved by the Board, an initial inspection report for each boiler and pressure vessel subject to inspection in this State. Complete data shall be submitted on a form approved by the Board for each nonstandard boiler or pressure vessel.
  - (b) Deputy and Special Inspectors shall submit to the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee on a form approved by the Board, reinspection reports of subsequent inspections of both standard and nonstandard boilers and pressure vessels.
  - (c) Owner-User Inspection Agencies shall submit reports in accordance with subparagraphs (a) and (b) of this rule. Said reports shall be filed in accordance with Rule 0800-03-03-.06(2).
  - (d) Inspection reports required by subparagraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this rule shall be submitted within thirty (30) days after the date of inspection.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 4-5-202, 4-5-202(a)(3), 68-122-101, 68-122-102, 68-122-103, 68-122-104, 68-122-104(c)(1), 68-122-106, 68-122-107, 68-122-108, and 68-122-110. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed May 16, 1986; effective June 15, 1986. (Formerly rule 0780-02-11-.05) Amendment filed March 27, 1991; effective June 29, 1991. Amendment filed June 27, 2000; effective October 28, 2000. Amendment filed June 17, 2002; effective October 28, 2002. Amendment filed February 6, 2006; effective June 28, 2006. Amendments and new rules filed June 16, 2016; effective September 14, 2016.

#### **0800-03-03-.06 INSPECTOR QUALIFICATIONS.**

- (1) Insurance Inspectors (Authorized Inspection Agencies).
  - (a) An insurance company shall notify the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee within thirty (30) days of all boilers or pressure vessels, on which insurance is written, cancelled, not renewed or suspended.
  - (b) An insurance company shall conduct all required inspections to boilers and pressure vessels that are covered in the insurance policy, where premiums for specific inspection requirements are specified.
  - (c) If a Special Inspector employed by the insurance company does not perform the inspection required in subparagraph (b) of this rule within ninety (90) days of the expiration date of the certificate of inspection, or required external inspection on a power boiler, a Deputy Inspector may be called upon by the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee to perform such inspection to determine the safety compliance of such boiler or pressure vessel. In the event that a Deputy Inspector performs an inspection on an insured boiler or pressure vessel, the insurance company in question

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shall be assessed a special inspection fee set by the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee in accordance with T.C.A. § 68-122-113.

- (2) Owner-User Inspection Agency. Each Owner-User Inspection Agency shall:
- (a) Conduct inspections of pressure vessels (not exempt under T.C.A. § 68-122-105), utilizing only qualified inspection personnel, as provided in this Chapter;
  - (b) Retain on file where the equipment is inspected a true record or copy of each of the latest inspection reports submitted by the inspector;
  - (c) Execute and deliver to the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee and those responsible for the operation of the pressure vessel a true report of each inspection, together with appropriate requirements or recommendations that result from such inspections;
  - (d) Promptly notify the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee of any pressure vessel which does not meet the applicable requirements; and
  - (e) Maintain inspection records, which shall be readily available for examination by the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee or his authorized representatives during business hours. Such records shall include:
    1. A list of each pressure vessel covered by the Act, showing a serial number and such abbreviated descriptions as may be necessary for identification; and
    2. The date of the last inspection of each unit, and the approximate date for the next inspection (arrived at by applying the appropriate rules to all data available when the inspection record is complete).
- (3) Examination for Certificate of Competency.
- (a) Unless other arrangements are made, the examination for an inspector's certificate of competency shall be held in conjunction with a quarterly meeting of the Board at such location as it designates (see NB-411, Candidate Handbook for the Inservice Commission Examination Administered at a National Board Member Jurisdiction), or at an Applied Measurement Professionals (AMP) location, or during the last day of the National Board Inservice Commission (IC) two-week course (See NB-461, Candidate Handbook for the Inservice Commission Examination).
  - (b) An applicant for examination shall have education and experience equal to at least one (1) of the following: (See NB-263, Rules for National Board Inservice and New Construction Commissioned Inspectors)
    1. A degree from an accredited school in mechanical engineering, plus one (1) year of experience in design, construction, operation or inspection of high-pressure boilers and pressure vessels;
    2. A degree from an accredited school in a branch of engineering other than mechanical engineering, or an associate degree in mechanical technology, plus two (2) years of experience in design, construction, operation or inspection of high-pressure boilers and pressure vessels; or
    3. A high school education (or the equivalent) plus four (4) years of experience:
      - (i) In high-pressure boiler and pressure vessel construction or repair; or

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- (ii) As an operating engineer in charge of high-pressure boiler operation; or
    - (iii) As an inspector of high-pressure boilers and pressure boiler operation
  - (c) An application for examination shall be submitted on the form prescribed by the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date of examination. Each application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
  - (d) The Board may reject any application containing a willfully false or misleading statement.
  - (e) The Board shall administer to qualified applicants a written examination dealing with the construction, maintenance, and repair of boilers and pressure vessels and their appurtenances.
  - (f) The Board may waive examination of an applicant who holds a valid commission or certificate of competency from a state that has a standard of examination substantially equal to that of this State, and a valid commission and current commission card issued by the NB.
- (4) Certificate of Competency and Identification Card.
- (a) In order to be eligible to receive a certificate of competency, the applicant shall be in the regular employment of, and exclusively engaged by, an Authorized Inspection Agency or Owner-User Inspection Agency.
  - (b) The request for a certificate of competency and identification card shall be submitted by the employer on the form prescribed by the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee. The request shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00).
  - (c) When the holder of a certificate of competency ceases to be employed by the organization which requested the certificate, that organization shall return the certificate of competency and valid identification card to the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee.
  - (d) Identification cards shall be renewable annually by application of the employer. The application shall be submitted not later than December 31 of each year, and shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each card.
- (5) Conflict of Interest. An inspector shall not engage in the sale of any service, article or device relating to boilers, pressure vessels, or their appurtenances.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 4-5-202, 4-5-202(a)(3), 68-122-101, 68-122-102 through 68-122-104, 68-122-105, 68-122-106, 68-122-107, 68-122-108, 68-122-109, 68-122-110, 68-122-111, and 68-122-113.  
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**0800-03-03-.07 REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS.**

- (1) Repairs and alterations shall not be made without the permission of an inspector employed by an accredited Authorized Inspection Agency responsible for the in-service inspection of the subject boiler or pressure vessel. Such repairs and alterations shall be done in accordance with the NB. The inspector authorizing the repair or alteration shall sign the necessary NB "NB-R" form or forms.
- (2) The person, corporation, partnership or firm performing the repair or alteration shall have a valid license in accordance with T.C.A. § 68-122-202. In order to qualify for such license, the applicant shall have a valid Certificate of Authorization from the NB for the use of a Repair Code symbol stamp.
- (3) Before any necessary repairs or alterations are made, an inspector employed by the Authorized Inspection Agency responsible for the in-service inspection of the boiler or vessel shall be consulted. After such repairs or alterations are made, they shall be reviewed and found acceptable by the authorizing inspector.
- (4) Repairs shall be made by an organization holding a current National Board Repair Certificate of Authorization and the license required by paragraph (2) of this rule.
- (5) Alterations shall be made by an organization holding a current National Board Repair Certificate of Authorization and the license required by paragraph (2) of this rule.
- (6) In the application of riveted patches, the design of the patch and the method of installation shall be in accordance with the National Board Inspection Code, 1973 edition as amended.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 4-5-202, 4-5-202(a)(3), 68-122-101, 68-122-102, 68-122-104, 68-122-108, and 68-122-202. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed May 16, 1986; effective June 15, 1986. (Formerly rule 0780-02-11-.07) Amendment filed March 27, 1991; effective June 29, 1991. Amendment filed June 27, 2000; effective October 28, 2000. Amendment filed June 17, 2002; effective October 28, 2002. Amendments and new rules filed June 16, 2016; effective September 14, 2016.

**0800-03-03-.08 REQUIREMENTS FOR BOILERS.**

- (1) Automatic Low Water Fuel Cutoff and/or Water Feeding Device.
  - (a) Each automatically-fired boiler shall be equipped with one (1) or more automatic low water fuel cutoff devices conforming to the requirements of ASME CSD-1, latest edition/addenda adopted by the Board. If a waterfeeding device is installed, it shall be so constructed that the water inlet valve cannot feedwater into the boiler through the float chamber, and so located as to supply requisite feedwater. The lowest safe waterline should not be lower than the lowest visible part of the water glass.
  - (b) Such fuel or feedwater control device may be attached directly to a boiler, or for low-pressure boiler to the tapped openings provided for attaching a water glass directly to a boiler, provided that such connections from the boiler are nonferrous tees or Y's not less than one half (1/2) inch pipe size between the boiler and the water glass, so that the water glass is attached directly and as close as possible to the boiler. The ends of all nipples shall be reamed to full-size diameter.
  - (c) Designs embodying a float and float bowl shall have a vertical straightway valve drain pipe at the lowest point in the water equalizing pipe connections by which the bowl and the equalizing pipe can be flushed and the device tested.
- (2) Boiler Blowoff Equipment.

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- (a) The blowdown from a boiler or boilers that enters a sanitary sewer system or blowdown which is considered a hazard to life or property shall pass through some form of blowoff equipment that will reduce pressure and temperature as required hereunder.
  - 1. The temperature of the water leaving the blowoff equipment shall not exceed 150°F.
  - 2. The pressure of the blowdown leaving any type of blowoff equipment shall not exceed 5 psig.
  - 3. All blowoff equipment shall be fitted with openings to facilitate cleaning and inspection.
- (3) Boiler Door Latches.
  - (a) A watertube boiler shall have firing doors of the inward-opening type, unless such doors are provided with substantial and effective latching or fastening devices, or are otherwise so constructed as to prevent them, when closed, from being blown open by pressure on the furnace side. These latches or fastenings shall be of the positive self-locking type. Friction contacts, latches, or bolts actuated by springs shall not be used. The foregoing requirements for latches or fastenings shall not apply to coal openings of downdraft or similar furnaces.
  - (b) All other doors, except explosion doors, not used in the firing of the boiler, may be provided with bolts or fastenings in lieu of self-locking latching devices.
  - (c) Explosion doors, if used and if located in the setting walls within seven (7) feet of the firing floor or operating platforms shall be provided with substantial deflectors to divert the blast.
- (4) Clearance.
  - (a) When boilers are replaced or new boilers are installed in either existing or new buildings, a height of at least three (3) feet shall be provided between the top of the boiler proper and the ceiling or roof, and at least three (3) feet between all sides of the boiler and adjacent walls or other structures. Boilers and pressure vessels having manholes shall have five (5) feet clearance from the manhole opening and any wall, ceiling or piping that will prevent a person from entering the boiler or vessel. All boilers and pressure vessels shall be so located that adequate space will be provided for the proper operation of the boilers and pressure vessels and their appurtenances, for the inspection of all surfaces, tubes, waterwalls, economizers, piping valves and other equipment, and for the necessary maintenance, repair and replacement of tubes.
  - (b) A variance from the requirements of subparagraph (a) of this rule may be issued by the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee for the installation of a steam heating, hot water heating, hot water supply, or unfired steam boilers or unfired pressure vessels. All requests must be submitted to the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee prior to installation.
- (5) Exit from Boiler Room. Any boiler room exceeding five hundred (500) square feet floor area and containing one (1) or more boilers having a fuel-burning capacity of 1,000,000 BTU/hr, or equivalent electrical heat input, shall have at least two (2) means of exit. Each exit shall be remotely located from the other. Each elevation in such boiler room shall have two (2) means of exit, each remotely located from the other.

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- (6) Air and Ventilation Requirements. Combustion Air Supply and Ventilation of Boiler Room. A permanent source of outside air shall be provided for each boiler room to permit satisfactory combustion of the fuel as well as proper ventilation of the boiler room under normal operating conditions.

- (a) Total requirements of the burners for all fired pressure vessels in the boiler room must be used to determine the louver sizes, whether fired by coal, oil or gas; however, the minimum net free louvered area must not be less than one (1) square foot. The following table or formula shall be used to determine the net louvered area in square feet:

Input BTU/Hour	Required Air Cu.Ft. /Min.	Min. Net Louvered Area Sq. Ft.
500,000	125	1.0
1,000,000	250	1.0
2,000,000	500	1.6
3,000,000	750	2.5
4,000,000	1,000	3.3
5,000,000	1,250	4.1
6,000,000	1,500	5.0
7,000,000	1,750	5.8
8,000,000	2,000	6.6

$$\text{CFM} = \frac{\text{BTUH} \times 2.5}{10,000}$$

$$\text{Min. Net Louvered Area Required (Sq. Ft.)} = \frac{\text{CFM}}{300}$$

- (b) When mechanical ventilation is used in lieu of subparagraph (a) of this rule, the supply of combustion and ventilation air to the boiler room and the firing devices shall be interlocked with the fan so the firing device will not operate with the fan off. The velocity of the air through the ventilation fan shall not exceed five hundred (500) feet per minute, and the total air delivered shall be equal to or greater than shown in subparagraph (a) of this rule.
- (7) Gas Burners. For installations which are gas-fired, the burners used shall conform to the applicable requirements of the American Gas Association, or other nationally recognized standards acceptable to the Board.
- (8) Prevention of Furnace Explosions. Fuel-burning equipment, the related safety devices and controls, and their operation shall be in accordance with the requirements of ASME CSD-1, or the NFPA 85 latest edition/addenda adopted by the Board, as applicable.
- (9) Electric Boilers. All appliances required for electric steam boilers shall be attached in accordance with the following rules:
- (a) The grounding of the boiler shall be permanently fastened on some part of the boiler, and shall be grounded in accordance with the National Electrical Code, NFPA 70.
- (b) A suitable screen or guard shall be provided around high tension bushings; and a sign shall be posted warning of high voltage. This screen or guard shall be so located that it will be impossible for anyone working around the boiler to accidentally come in contact with the high tension circuits. During the adjustment of safety valves, the power circuit to the boiler shall be open. The boiler may be under steam or water pressure, but the power line shall be open while the operator is making the necessary adjustments.

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- (c) The minimum safety valve or safety relief valve relieving capacity for electric boilers shall be three and one half (3½) pounds per hour per kilowatt input.
- (10) Flue Connection. Each fuel-fired boiler shall be equipped with a vent or flue which shall terminate at any acceptable location outside the building. The size of the vent or flue and type of material shall be that recommended by the boiler manufacturer.
- (11) Attendants for Power Boilers.
  - (a) A power boiler having a rating of either 5 h.p. or 50 sq. ft. of heat-absorbing surface or greater shall not be operated for periods of longer than twenty (20) minutes without being checked pursuant to NB's recommendations, by an attendant who has been qualified by the owner/user in its operation, regardless of whether the boiler is equipped with automatic feedwater regulator, fuel or damper regulator, high and low water alarm, or other form of automatic control.
  - (b) A variance from the requirements of subparagraph (a) of this rule may be issued by the Board. All requests must be submitted to the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee no less than forty-five (45) days prior to the next regularly scheduled or called meeting of the Board.
- (12) Conditions not Covered. The Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee shall be consulted for any conditions not covered by these requirements.

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#### **0800-03-03-.09 REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRE JACKETED STEAM KETTLES.**

- (1) Fired Jacketed Steam Kettles. Fired jacketed steam kettles may be constructed in accordance with ASME Code, Section VIII, provided the following requirements are met:
  - (a) Welded joints in contact with products of combustion shall be of Type No. 1 of Table UW-12, ASME Code, Section VIII.
  - (b) When parts subjected to pressure are made of carbon steel material, the minimum thickness shall be one fourth (1/4) inch. The minimum thickness of stainless steel or nonferrous pressure parts shall be as specified in the applicable part of ASME Code, Section VIII, Subsection C.
  - (c) When in contact with products of combustion, carbon steel material shall be pressure vessel quality and austenitic stainless steel parts shall be either extra-low carbon or stabilized grades.
  - (d) Structural grade carbon steel shall not be used for any pressure part.
  - (e) The operating pressure of the jacket shall not exceed 50 psig.
  - (f) Vessels constructed under this rule shall be inspected by an authorized inspector. Such vessels marked with the UM Symbol are not acceptable.
  - (g) No steam or water shall be withdrawn from the jacket for use externally to the vessel.

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- (h) The capacity of the safety valve in pounds of steam per hour shall be at least equal to the BTU rating of the burner divided by one thousand (1000).
- (i) The jacket shall be equipped with the following minimum appurtenances and controls.:
  1. A pressure gauge;
  2. A water gauge glass;
  3. A separate connection, fitted with a check valve and stop valve, for adding water to the jacket;
  4. An automatic gas valve controlled by pressure or temperature to maintain the steam pressure in the jacket below the safety valve setting;
  5. A low water cutoff that will cut off the fuel to the burner if the water in the jacket drops below the lowest permissible water level as established by the manufacturer; and
  6. A safety pilot control that will cut off the fuel to both the main burner and the pilot burner in case of pilot flame failure.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 4-5-202(a)(3), 68-122-101 through 68-122-104, 68-122-106, 68-122-111, 68-122-113, 68-122-116, 68-122-204, and 68-122-205. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed March 27, 1991; effective June 29, 1991. (Formerly 0080-03-03-.08) Amendment filed June 27, 2000; effective October 28, 2000. Amendment filed March 30, 2001; effective July 30, 2001. Repeal and new rule filed November 21, 2005; effective March 30, 2006. Amendment filed November 20, 2006; effective March 30, 2007. Repeal and new rule filed January 31, 2008; effective May 30, 2008. Amendments and new rules filed June 16, 2016; effective September 14, 2016.

#### 0800-03-03-.10 EXISTING POWER BOILERS.

- (1) Age Limits.
  - (a) There shall be an age limit of thirty (30) years for any nonstandard existing power boiler, except for the following:
    1. Any such boiler not having a lap-riveted longitudinal joint may be continued in operation for so long as no distress or leakage develops during a pressure test with water temperature between 60° to 120°F, of no more than ninety percent (90%) of the set pressure of the lowest setting pressure relief device on the boiler, held for a period of at least thirty (30) minutes.
    2. Any such boiler having lap-riveted longitudinal joints and operating at a pressure in excess of 50 psig shall have an age limit of twenty (20) years. When removed from an existing setting, this type of boiler shall not be reinstated for a pressure in excess of 15 psig.
    3. "Historic power boilers" as defined in T.C.A. § 68-122-104(c)(1) and Rule 0800-03-03-.01(18).
  - (b) The age limit for a standard existing power boiler shall be dependent upon the results of a thorough internal and external inspection and, where required by the inspector, a pressure test with water temperature between 60° to 120°F, of no more than ninety

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percent (90%) of the set pressure of the lowest setting pressure relief device on the boiler, held for a period of at least thirty (30) minutes.

- (2) Maximum Allowable Working Pressure for Standard Boilers. The maximum allowable working pressure for standard boilers shall be determined in accordance with the applicable provisions of the edition of the ASME Code under which they were constructed.
- (3) Maximum Allowable Working Pressure for Nonstandard Boilers.
  - (a) The maximum allowable working pressure of a nonstandard boiler shall be determined in accordance with ASME Code, Section I, PG-27.

$$P = \frac{2SE(t - C)}{D - 2y(t - C)} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{SE(t - C)}{R + (1 - y)(t - C)}$$

- (b) Tensile Strength. When the tensile strength of steel or wrought iron shell plates is not known, it shall be taken as 55,000 psi for steel and 45,000 psi for wrought iron.
- (c) Crushing Strength of Mild Steel. The resistance to crushing of mild steel shall be taken as 95,000 psi.
- (d) Strength of Rivets in Shear. When computing the ultimate strength of rivets in shear, the following values in pounds per square inch of the cross-sectional area of the rivet shank shall be used:

	<u>PSI</u>
Iron rivets in single shear	38,000
Iron rivets in double shear	76,000
Steel rivets in single shear	44,000
Steel rivets in double shear	88,000

When the diameter of the rivet holes in the longitudinal joints of a boiler is not known, the diameter and cross-sectional area of rivets, after driving, may be selected from Table 1, or as ascertained by cutting out one (1) rivet in the body of the joint.

Table 1  
Sizes of Rivets Based on Plate Thickness

Thickness of plate-in.	1/4	9/32	5/16	11/32	3/8	13/32
Diameter of rivet after driving-in.	11/16	11/16	—	—	13/16	13/16
Thickness of plate-in.	7/16	15/32	1/2	9/16	5/8	
Diameter of rivet after driving-in.	15/16	15/16	15/16	1-1/16	1-1/6	

- (4) Cast Iron Headers and Mud Drums. The maximum allowable working pressure on a water tube boiler, the tubes of which are secured to cast iron or malleable iron headers, or which have cast iron mud drums, shall be 160 psig.
- (5) Pressure on Cast Iron Boilers. The maximum allowable working pressure for any cast iron boiler, except hot water boilers, shall be 15 psig.
- (6) Safety Valves. See ASME Section I, PG-67

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- (a) The use of weighted-lever safety valves, or safety valves having either the seat or disk of cast iron, is prohibited.
- (b) Each boiler shall have at least one (1) ASME/NB stamped safety valve; and if it has more than five hundred (500) square feet of water-heating surface, or an electric power input of more than 500 kwh, it shall have two (2) or more safety valves.
- (c) The valve or valves shall be connected to the boiler, independent of any other steam connection, and attached as close as possible to the boiler, without unnecessary intervening pipe or fittings.
- (d) No valve of any description shall be placed between the safety valve and the boiler, or on the escape pipe, if used. When an escape pipe is used, it shall be at least the full size of the safety valve discharge and fitted with an open drain to prevent water lodging in the upper part of the safety valve or in the escape pipe. When an elbow is placed on a safety valve escape pipe, it shall be located close to the safety valve outlet; or the escape pipe shall be anchored and supported securely. All safety valves discharged shall be so located or piped as to be carried clear from walkways or platforms.
- (e) The safety valve capacity of each boiler shall be such that the safety valve or valves will discharge all the steam that can be generated by the boiler without allowing the pressure to rise to more than six percent (6%) above the highest pressure to which any valve is set, and in no case to more than six percent (6%) above the maximum allowable working pressure.
- (f) One (1) or more safety valves on every boiler shall be set at or below the maximum allowable working pressure. The remaining valves may be set within a range of three percent (3%) above the maximum allowable working pressure, but the range of setting of all the safety valves on a boiler shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the highest pressure to which any valve is set.
- (g) When two (2) or more boilers operating at different pressures and safety valves settings are interconnected, the lower pressure boilers or interconnected piping shall be equipped with safety valves of sufficient capacity to prevent overpressure, considering the maximum generating capacity of all boilers.
- (h) Where the boiler is supplied with feedwater directly from water mains without the use of feeding apparatus (not to include return traps), no safety valve shall be set at a pressure greater than ninety four percent (94%) of the lowest pressure obtained in the supply main feeding the boiler.
- (i) The relieving capacity of the safety valves on any boiler shall be checked by one (1) of the three (3) following methods; and, if such capacity is found to be insufficient, additional valves shall be provided:
  - 1. By making an accumulation test, which consists of shutting off all other steam discharge outlets from the boiler and forcing the fires to the maximum, the safety valve capacity shall be sufficient to prevent a rise of pressure in excess of six percent (6%) of the maximum allowable working pressure. This method should not be used on a boiler with a superheater or reheater;
  - 2. By measuring the maximum amount of fuel that can be burned and computing the corresponding evaporative capacity (steam generating capacity) upon the basis of the heating value of this fuel, these computations shall be made as outlined in the Appendix of the ASME Code, Section I; or

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3. By measuring the maximum amount of feedwater that can be evaporated.

(7) Boiler Feeding.

- (a) Each boiler shall have a feed supply which will permit it to be fed at any time while under pressure.
- (b) A boiler having more than five hundred (500) square feet of water-heating surface shall have at least two (2) suitable means of feeding, one (1) of which shall be a feed pump. A source of feed at a pressure six percent (6%) greater than the set pressure of the safety valve with the highest setting may be considered one (1) of the means. Boilers fired by gaseous, liquid, or solid fuel in suspension may be equipped with a single means of feeding water, provided means are furnished for the shutoff of heat input prior to the water level reaching the lowest safe level.
- (c) The feedwater shall be introduced into the boiler in such a manner that it will not be discharged close to riveted joints of shell or furnace sheets, or directly against surfaces exposed to products of combustion, or to direct radiation from the fire.
- (d) The feed piping to the boiler shall be provided with a check valve near the boiler and a valve or cock between the check valve near the boiler. When two (2) or more boilers are fed from a common source, there shall also be a valve on the branch to each boiler between the check valve and the source of supply. Whenever a globe valve is used on the feed piping, the inlet shall be under the disk of the valve.
- (e) When deaerating heaters are not employed, it is recommended that the temperature of the feedwater be not less than 120°F to avoid the possibility of setting up localized stress. Where deaerating heaters are employed, it is recommended that the minimum feedwater temperature be not less than 215°F so that dissolved gases may be thoroughly released.

(8) Water Level Indicators.

- (a) No outlet connections (except for damper regulator, feedwater regulator, low water fuel cutout, drains steam gauges, or such apparatus that does not permit the escape of an appreciable amount of steam or water there from) shall be placed on the piping that connects the water column to the boiler. The water column shall be provided with a valved drain of at least three fourths (3/4) inch pipe size, with the discharge to be piped to a safe location.
- (b) Per ASME Code, Section I, gauge cocks are no longer required.
- (c) For all installations where the water gauge glass or glasses are more than thirty (30) feet above the boiler operating floor, remote water level indicating or recording gauges shall be installed at eye level.

(9) Steam Gauges.

- (a) Each steam boiler shall have a steam gauge with dial range not less than one and one half (1½) times the maximum allowable working pressure, connected to the steam space or to the steam connection to the water column. The steam gauge shall be connected to a siphon (or equivalent device) of sufficient capacity to keep the gauge tube filled with water. Such siphon (or equivalent device) shall be so arranged that the gauge cannot be shutoff from the boiler, except by a cock with tee or lever handle placed in the pipe near the gauge. The handle of the cock shall be parallel to the pipe in which it is located when the cock is open.

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- (b) When a steam gauge connection longer than eight (8) feet becomes necessary, a shut-off valve may be used near the boiler, provided the valve is of the outside-screw-and-yoke type and is locked open. The line shall be of ample size, with provision for free blowing.
  - (c) Each boiler shall be provided with a one half (1/2) inch nipple and globe valve connected to the steam space, for the exclusive purpose of attaching a test gauge when the boiler is in service so that the accuracy of the boiler steam gauge may be ascertained.
- (10) Stop Valves.
- (a) Each steam outlet from a boiler (except safety valve and water column connections) shall be fitted with a stop valve located as close as practicable to the boiler.
  - (b) When a stop valve is so located that water can accumulate, ample drains shall be provided. The drainage shall be piped to a safe location, and shall not be discharged on the top of the boiler or its setting.
  - (c) When boilers provided with manholes are connected to a common steam main, the steam connection from each boiler shall be fitted with two (2) stop valves having ample free blow drain between them. The discharge of the drain shall be visible to the operator while manipulating the valves, and shall be piped clear of the boiler setting. The stop valves should consist of one (1) non-return valve (set next to the boiler) and a second valve of the outside-screw-and-yoke type.
- (11) Blowoff Connection.
- (a) The construction of the setting around each blowoff pipe shall permit free expansion and contraction. Careful attention shall be given to the problem of sealing these setting openings without restricting the movement of the blowoff piping.
  - (b) When exposed to furnace heat, all blowoff piping shall be protected by fire brick or other heat-resistant material, so as constructed the piping may be inspected readily.
  - (c) Each boiler shall have a blowoff pipe, fitted with a valve or cock in direct connection with the lowest water space. Cocks shall be of the gland or guard type, and suitable for the pressure allowed. The use of globe valves is prohibited. When the maximum allowable working pressure exceeds 100 psig, each blowoff pipe shall be provided with two (2) valves or a valve and cock.
  - (d) When the maximum allowable working pressure exceeds 100 psig, blowoff piping shall be at least extra-heavy steel from the boiler to the valve or valves, and shall be run full-size without use of reducers or bushings. The piping shall not be galvanized.
  - (e) All fittings between the boiler and blowoff valve shall be of steel. In case of renewal of blowoff pipe or fittings, they shall be installed in accordance with the rules for new installations. See Recommended Rules for National Board Boiler Blowoff Equipment.
- (12) Repairs and Renewals of Boiler Fittings and Appliances. Whenever fittings or appliances are repaired or replaced, the work shall comply with the rules governing new installations.
- (13) Conditions Not Covered by These Requirements. All cases not specifically covered by these requirements shall be treated as new installations, or may be referred to the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee for instructions.

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#### **0800-03-03-.11 EXISTING HEATING BOILERS.**

- (1) Standard Boilers. The maximum allowable working pressure of standard boilers shall in no case exceed the pressure indicated by the manufacturer's identification stamped or cast on the boiler or on a plate secured on it.
- (2) Nonstandard Riveted Boilers. The maximum allowable working pressure on the shell of a nonstandard riveted heating boiler shall be determined in accordance with Rule 0800-03-03-.10(3) except that in no case shall the maximum allowable working pressure of a steam heating boiler exceed 15 psig, or a hot water boiler exceed 160 psig or 250°F.
- (3) Nonstandard Welded Boiler. The maximum allowable working pressure of a nonstandard steel or wrought iron heating boiler of welded construction shall not exceed 15 psig for steam. For other than steam service, the maximum allowable working pressure shall be calculated in accordance with ASME Code, Section IV but in no case shall it exceed 30 psig.
- (4) Nonstandard Cast Iron Boilers.
  - (a) A maximum allowable working pressure of a nonstandard boiler composed principally of cast iron shall not exceed 15 psig for steam service or 30 psig for hot water service.
  - (b) The maximum allowable working pressure of a nonstandard boiler having cast iron shell or heads and steel or wrought iron tubes shall not exceed 15 psig for steam service or 30 psig for hot water service.
- (5) Safety Valves.
  - (a) Each steam boiler shall have one (1) or more ASME/NB stamped safety valves of the spring pop-type adjusted and sealed to discharge at a pressure not to exceed 15 psig. Seals shall be attached in a manner to prevent the valves from being taken apart without breaking the seal. The safety valves shall be arranged so that they cannot be reset to relieve at a higher pressure than the maximum allowable working pressure of the boiler. A body drain connection below seat level shall be provided by the manufacturer and this drain shall not be plugged during or after field installation. For valves exceeding two and one half (2½) inches pipe size, the drain holes or holes shall be tapped not less than three eighths (3/8) inch pipe size. For valves less than two and one half (2½) inches, the drain hole shall not be less than one fourth (1/4) inch in diameter.
  - (b) No safety valve for a steam heating boiler shall be smaller than one half (1/2) inch unless the boiler and radiating surface consist of a self-contained unit. No safety valve shall be larger than four and one half (4½) inches. The inlet opening shall have an inside diameter equal to, or greater than, the seat diameter.
  - (c) The minimum relieving capacity of the valve or valves shall be governed by the capacity marking on the boiler.
  - (d) The minimum valve capacity in pounds per hour shall be the greater of that determined by dividing the maximum BTU output at the boiler nozzle obtained by the firing of any fuel for which the unit is installed by one thousand (1000) or shall be determined on the basis of the pounds of steam generated per hour per square foot of boiler heating surface as given in Table 2. In many cases, a greater relieving capacity of valves will

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have to be provided than the minimum specified by these rules. In every case, the requirements of subparagraph (e) of this rule shall be met.

Table 2  
Minimum Pounds of Steam Per Hour  
Per Square Foot of Heating Surface

Boiler Heating Surface:	Firetube Boilers	Watertube Boilers
Hand fired	5	6
Stoker fired	7	8
Oil, gas or pulverized fuel fired	8	10
Waterwall Heating Surface:		
Hand fired	8	8
Stoker fired	10	12
Oil, gas or pulverized fuel fired	14	16

1. When a boiler is fired only by a gas giving a heat value not in excess of 200 BTU per cubic foot, the minimum safety valve or safety relief valve relieving capacity may be based on the value given for hand-fired boilers above.
2. The minimum safety valve or safety relief valve relieving capacity for electric boilers shall be three and one half (3½) pounds per hour per kilowatt input.
3. For heating surface determination, see ASME Code, Section IV, Paragraph HG-403.

- (e) The safety valve capacity for each steam boiler shall be such that, with the fuel-burning equipment installed and operating at maximum capacity, the pressure cannot rise more than 5 psig above the maximum allowable working pressure.
- (f) When operating conditions are changed, or when additional boiler heating surface is installed, the valve capacity shall be increased (if necessary) to meet the new conditions and comply with this paragraph. When additional valves are required, they may be installed on the outlet piping, provided there is no intervening valve.
- (g) If there is any doubt as to the capacity of the safety valve, an accumulation test shall be run. See ASME Code, Section VI, Recommended Rules for Care and Operation of Heating Boilers.
- (h) No valve of any description shall be placed between the safety valve and the boiler, and on the discharge pipe between the safety valve and the atmosphere. The discharge pipe shall be at least full-size, and shall be fitted with an open drain to prevent water lodging in the upper part of the safety valve and in the discharge pipe. When an elbow is placed on the safety valve discharge pipe, it shall be located close to the safety valve outlet; and the discharge pipe shall be securely anchored and supported. All safety valve discharges shall be so located and piped as not to endanger persons in the area.

(6) Safety Relief Valve Requirements for Hot Water Boilers.

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- (a) Each hot water heating boiler shall have at least one (1) ASME/NB stamped safety relief valve set to relieve at or below the maximum allowable working pressure of the boiler. Each hot water supply boiler shall have at least one (1) ASME/NB stamped safety relief valve of the automatic reseating type set to relieve at or below maximum allowable working pressure of the boiler safety relief valves, ASME/NB stamped as to capacity, shall have pop action when tested by steam. When more than one (1) safety relief valve is used on either hot water heating or hot water supply boilers, the additional valve or valves shall be ASME/NB rated, and may be set within a range not to exceed 6 psig above the maximum allowable working pressure of the boiler up to and including 60 psig, and five percent (5%) for those having a maximum allowable working pressure exceeding 60 psig. Safety relief valves shall be spring loaded. Safety relief valves shall be so arranged that they cannot be reset at a higher pressure than the maximum permitted by this subparagraph.
- (b) No materials liable to fail due to deterioration or vulcanization when subject to saturated steam temperature corresponding to capacity test pressure shall be used for any part.
- (c) No safety relief valve shall be smaller than three fourths (3/4) inch nor larger than four and one half (4½) inches standard pipe size, except that boilers having a heat input not greater than 15,000 BTU per hour may be equipped with a safety relief valve of one half (1/2) inch standard pipe. The inlet opening shall have an inside diameter approximately equal to, or greater than, the seat diameter. In no case shall the minimum opening through any part of the valve be less than one fourth (1/4) inch in diameter or its equivalent area.
- (d) The required steam relieving capacity, in pounds per hour, of the pressure relieving device or devices on a boiler shall be the greater of that determined by dividing the maximum output in BTU at the boiler nozzle obtained by the firing of any fuel for which the unit is installed by one thousand (1,000) or shall be determined on the basis of pounds of steam generated per hour per square foot of boiler heating surface as given in Table 2. In many cases, a greater relieving capacity of valves will have to be provided than the minimum specified by these rules. In every case, the requirements of subparagraph (f) of this rule shall be met.
- (e) When operating conditions are changed, or when additional boiler heating surface is installed, the valve capacity shall be increased, if necessary, to meet the new conditions and shall be in accordance with Table 2 and subparagraph (f) of this rule. The additional valves required, on account of changed conditions, may be installed on the outlet piping provided there is no intervening valve.
- (f) The safety relief valve capacity for each boiler shall be such that, with the fuel burning equipment installed and operating at maximum capacity, the pressure cannot rise more than 5 psig above the maximum allowable working pressure for steam heating boilers, and ten percent (10%) above maximum allowable working pressures for hot water boilers.
- (g) If there is any doubt as to the capacity of the safety relief valve, an accumulation test shall be run. See ASME Code, Section VI. Recommended Rules for Care and Operation of Heating Boilers.
- (h) No valve of any description shall be placed between the safety relief valve and the boiler, and on the discharge pipe between the safety relief valve and the atmosphere. The discharge pipe shall be at least full-size, and shall be fitted with an open drain to prevent water lodging in the upper part of the safety relief valve or in the discharge pipe. When an elbow is placed on the safety relief valve discharge pipe, it shall be

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located close to the safety relief valve outlet; and the discharge pipe shall be properly supported. All safety relief valve discharges shall be so located and piped as not to endanger persons in the area.

(7) Steam Gauges.

- (a) Each steam boiler shall have a steam gauge connected to its steam space, its water column, or its steam connection, by means of a siphon or equivalent device exterior to the boiler. The siphon (or equivalent device) shall be of sufficient capacity to keep the gauge tube filled with water and shall be so arranged that the gauge cannot be shut off from the boiler except by a cock with tee or lever handle placed in the pipe near the gauge. The handle of the cock shall be parallel to the pipe in which it is located when the cock is open.
- (b) The scale on the dial of a steam gauge shall be graduated to not less than 30 psig - nor more than 60 psig. The gauge shall be provided with effective stops for the indicating pointer at the zero (0) point and at the maximum pressure point. The travel of the pointer from zero (0) to 30 psig pressure shall be at least three (3) inches.

(8) Pressure or Altitude Gauge and Thermometers.

- (a) Each hot water heating or hot water supply boiler shall have a pressure or altitude gauge connected to it or to its flow connection in such a manner that it cannot be shut off from the boiler except by a cock with tee or lever handle, placed on the pipe near the gauge. The handle of the cock shall be parallel to the pipe in which it is located when the cock is open.
- (b) The scale on the dial of the pressure or altitude gauge shall be graduated approximately to not less than one and one half ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ ) nor more than three and one half ( $3\frac{1}{2}$ ) times the pressure at which the safety relief valve is set. See NBIC Part 1, Section 3.8.2.1.
- (c) Piping or tubing for pressure or altitude gauge connections shall be of nonferrous metal when smaller than one (1) inch pipe size.
- (d) Each hot water boiler shall have a thermometer so located and connected that it will be easily readable when observing the water pressure or altitude gauge. The thermometer shall be so located that it will at all times indicate the temperature in degrees Fahrenheit of the water in the boiler at or near the outlet.

(9) Water Gauge Glasses.

- (a) Each steam boiler shall have one (1) or more water gauge glasses attached to the water column or boiler by means of valved fittings. The lower fitting shall be provided with a drain valve of the straightaway type, with opening not less than one fourth ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) inch diameter to facilitate cleaning. Gauge glass replacement shall be possible while the boiler is under pressure.
- (b) Transparent material, other than glass, may be used for the water gauge, provided that the material has proven suitable for the pressure temperature and corrosive conditions encountered in service.

(10) Stop Valves and Check Valves.

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- (a) If a boiler may be closed off from the heating system by closing a steam stop valve, there shall be a check valve in the condensate return line between the boiler and the system.
  - (b) If any part of a heating system may be closed off from the remainder of the system by closing a steam stop valve, there shall be a check valve in the condensate return pipe from the part of the system.
- (11) Feedwater Connections.
- (a) Feedwater, make-up water, or water treatment shall be introduced into a boiler through the return piping system or through an independent feedwater connection which does not discharge against parts of the boiler exposed to direct radiant heat from the fire. Feedwater, make-up water, or water treatment shall not be introduced through openings or connections provided for inspection or cleaning, safety valve, safety relief valve, surface blowoff, water column water gauge glass, pressure gauge or temperature gauge.
  - (b) The feedwater pipe shall be provided with a check valve near the boiler and a stop valve or cock between the check valve and the boiler or return pipe system.
- (12) Return Pump. Each boiler equipped with a condensate return pump shall be provided with a water level control arranged to automatically maintain the water level in the boiler within the range of the gauge glass.
- (13) Repairs and Renewals of Fittings and Appliances. Whenever fittings or appliances are repaired or replaced, the work shall comply with the rules governing new installations.

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#### 0800-03-03-.12 EXISTING PRESSURE VESSELS.

- (1) Maximum Allowable Working Pressure for Standard Pressure Vessels. The maximum allowable working pressure for standard vessels shall be determined in accordance with the applicable provisions of the ASME Code or the API-ASME Code. The maximum allowable working pressure shall not be increased to a greater pressure than shown on the manufacturer's nameplate stamping and data report unless prior approval is obtained from the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee.
- (2) Maximum Allowable Working Pressure for Nonstandard Pressure Vessels.
  - (a) The maximum allowable working pressure of a nonstandard pressure vessel shall be determined in accordance with ASME Code, Section VIII, Division 1, UG-27.
 
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  - (b) The minimum factor of safety shall in no case be less than five (5) for existing installations. The working pressure shall be decreased when deemed necessary by the inspector to insure the operation of the vessel and its particular service.
  - (c) The maximum allowable working pressure permitted for formed heads under pressure shall be determined by using the appropriate formulas from ASME Code, Section VIII, Division 1, and the tensile strength and factors of safety given in this rule.

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- (d) The maximum allowable working pressure for nonstandard pressure vessels subject to external pressure shall be determined in accordance with ASME Code, Section VIII, Division 1.
- (3) Inspection of Inaccessible Parts. If the inspector determines during an inspection that it may be necessary to remove the interior or exterior lining, covering, or brickwork to expose certain parts of the vessel not normally visible, the owner or user shall remove such material to permit a proper inspection and the remaining thickness.
- (4) Overpressure Protection. Each pressure vessel shall be provided with safety relief valves and controlling devices as necessary to protect against overpressure. These devices shall be so constructed, located and installed that they cannot be rendered inoperative. The relieving capacity of such pressure relief devices shall be adequate to prevent a rise in pressure in the vessel of no more than ten percent (10%) above the highest pressure to which any pressure relieving device is set. The opening pressure of the lowest set pressure relieving device shall be no greater than the maximum allowable working pressure of the vessel. Where an additional hazard is involved due to fire or other unexpected sources of external heat, the pressure relief devices shall meet the requirements of ASME Code, Section VIII, Division 1, Paragraph UG-125 or Division 2, Paragraph 9.2, whichever is applicable.
- (5) Repairs and Renewals of Fittings and Appliances. Whenever repairs are made to fittings and appliances or it becomes necessary to replace them, the work must comply with the requirements for new installations.

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#### **0800-03-03-.13 HISTORIC BOILERS.**

- (1) These rules apply to “historic power boilers” as defined in Rule 0800-03-03-.01(18).
- (2) Historic power boilers shall receive prior authorization from the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector’s Designee before entry and operation of the boiler in the state of Tennessee. Prior to entering the State with the boiler, the owner or user shall submit the proper Board approved application for operation of a historic power boiler.
  - (a) For historic power boilers located in the State, the owner or user shall be required to submit the initial application as long as he possesses a current Tennessee certificate of inspection. If the Tennessee certificate of inspection expires, the owner or user shall reapply to the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector’s Designee for permission to operate.
  - (b) For historic power boilers located outside of the State, with a valid Tennessee certificate of inspection, the owner or user is allowed to freely operate their boiler at events within the State. As long as the boiler has a valid Tennessee certificate of inspection, there is no need to reapply for permission to operate. If the Tennessee certificate of inspection remains expired for more than sixty (60) days without an inspection, or if the owner chooses to no longer operate the boiler or retain a Tennessee certificate of inspection, the boiler shall be placed in dormant status. If at any time the boiler is placed in dormant status, the owner or user shall reapply with the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector’s Designee for permission to operate.
- (3) Design and Testing.
  - (a) For all traditional historic power boilers, both standard and nonstandard, and nontraditional nonstandard historic power boilers, the owner or user shall supply the

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Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee with reports of the maximum allowable working pressure calculations and ultrasonic testing at the time of application to operate. The calculations and ultrasonic testing shall be completed by a knowledgeable individual familiar with the practice. All report results are subject to the acceptance of the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee at time of application.

- (b) A copy of the Manufacturer's Data Report shall accompany all applications to operate nontraditional standard historic power boilers in the State.
  - (c) The Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee or Deputy Inspector may at anytime during the application and inspection process request additional information, such as, but not limited to, design, material, inspection or testing.
- (4) Traditional Historic Power Boilers.
- (a) The maximum allowable working pressure shall be calculated with a minimum safety factor of five (5) for standard, and five point five (5.5) for traditional nonstandard historic power boilers, using the formula for historic power boilers in paragraph (14) of this rule, not to exceed 125 psig.
  - (b) The minimum safety factor shall be six point five (6.5) for traditional historic power boilers having lap-riveted longitudinal joints. The maximum allowable working pressure should not exceed 100 psig. Seal welding of a lap-riveted longitudinal joint is not permitted.
- (5) Nontraditional Historic Power Boilers.
- (a) All nontraditional historic power boilers constructed after the effective date of this rule shall be constructed in accordance with Rule 0800-03-03-.03. Nontraditional nonstandard historic power boilers, free-lance or scale models, constructed after the effective date of this rule shall not be allowed to operate in the State.
  - (b) The maximum allowable working pressure for nontraditional standard historic power boilers shall be determined in accordance with the applicable provisions of the edition of the ASME Code under which they were constructed.
  - (c) The maximum allowable working pressure shall be calculated with a minimum safety factor of five point five (5.5) for nontraditional nonstandard historic power boilers, using the formula for historic power boilers in paragraph (14) of this rule, not to exceed 125 psig.
  - (d) Nontraditional nonstandard historic power boilers having lap-riveted longitudinal joints shall not be allowed to operate in the State.
- (6) An annual inspection of all historic power boilers shall be conducted by a Deputy Inspector. The issuance of the annual Tennessee certificate of inspection shall be based on the results of the annual inspection.
- (7) Operational Log.
- (a) The owner of a historic power boiler operating in the State shall possess a bound operational log. After successful completion of the initial inspection by a Deputy Inspector, the owner shall be provided with a registered operational log book by the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee. The operational log shall contain, but is not limited to, the following:

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1. The operation date of the historic power boiler;
  2. The length of time the historic power boiler was operated;
  3. Location where operated (city and state);
  4. Jurisdictional inspection dates with the signature and commission number of inspector;
  5. Description of repairs and alterations, including the dates, with signature and commission number of inspector;
  6. Testing performed and by whom (e.g., pressure test, ultrasonic test, radiographic test, etc.);
  7. Change of ownership, including the date the historic power boiler changed ownership and to whom; and
  8. The front page of the operational log shall include a page number index of all inspections, inspector instructions, and repairs or incidents involved with the historic power boiler.
- (b) Operational logs shall be available to the inspector at all times the historic power boiler is to be operated in the State. Operational logs that are lost or misplaced shall be reported to the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee immediately. The owner or user of the historic power boiler shall be responsible for the cost of the operational log replacement. Failure to possess or report a lost or misplaced operational log, may prevent the historic power boiler from operating in the State or revoking of the Tennessee certificate of inspection.
- (c) Whenever the pages of an operational log have been completely filled, the owner shall request a supplemental operational log from the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee no cost to the owner. The owner is responsible for retaining all operational logs, initial and supplemental, for the life of the historic boiler. In the event that ownership of the historic power boiler changes, the new owner shall receive all original operational logs, initial and supplemental, from the previous owner. The previous owner may make a copy of the operational logs for his records.
- (8) A pressure test with water temperature between 60° to 120°F, and not to exceed ninety percent (90%) of the set pressure of the lowest setting pressure relief device on the boiler, held for a period of at least thirty (30) minutes may be conducted at the discretion of the Deputy Inspector.
- (9) All historic power boilers shall be equipped with an ASME stamped NB rated safety valve of adequate capacity, together with a water level indicator, calibrated pressure gauge and two (2) suitable means of introducing water into the boiler.
- (10) The historic power boilers, traditional and nontraditional, shall be equipped with a fusible plug. All fusible plugs shall be constructed to meet the requirements of the ASME Code.
- (a) Fusible plugs shall be located at the lowest permissible water level as determined by the boiler manufacturer or the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee when this information is not available.
- (b) Fireside fusible plugs shall protrude at a minimum of one (1) inch into the water.

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- (c) Waterside fusible plugs shall not protrude into the fire area more than one (1) inch.
  - (d) Fusible plugs shall not be refilled.
  - (e) All fusible plugs shall be removed for inspection once every two (2) years.
  - (f) All fusible plugs shall be replaced after three hundred (300) hours of service with a new fusible plug constructed to meet the requirements of the ASME Code.
  - (g) The date when the fusible plug is removed for inspection or replaced shall be documented in the owner's operational log.
- (11) All historic power boilers shall be equipped with operational tri-cocks, a gauge glass and pressure gauge. A siphon, or water seal, shall be installed between the pressure gauge and boiler. All pressure gauges shall be proven accurate at the time of the annual inspection by testing or documentation of calibration.
- (12) Repairs and Alterations.
- (a) Any welded code repair or any alteration shall be performed by organizations holding a valid NB "R" stamp. If the repair or alteration is performed in this State, the "R" stamp-holder shall have a current State of Tennessee Boiler Erectors and Repairers Contractor's license.
  - (b) Mechanical code repairs to historic power boilers such as, but not limited to, tube, rivet and stay replacement may be completed by the owner, or his designee, who is knowledgeable about the repair to be performed with prior approval of the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee.
  - (c) All repairs and alterations, welded and mechanical, shall be inspected by an inspector and documented on the applicable NB "NB-R" form. The "NB-R" form shall be submitted and kept on file in the Chief Inspector's or Chief Inspector's Designee's office.
    - 1. For those repairs and alterations performed in the State, a Deputy Inspector shall perform the inspection.
    - 2. For repairs and alterations performed outside of the State, the inspection shall be performed by a NB commissioned boiler inspector.
    - 3. All repairs and alterations shall be documented in the owner's operational log and signed by the inspector who performed the inspection.
- (13) All standard historic power boilers shall have legible stamping clearly visible to the inspector.
- (14) Maximum Allowable Working Pressure for Nonstandard Historic Power Boilers.
- (a) The maximum allowable working pressure of a historic power boiler shall be determined in accordance with the following formula:
 
$$\frac{TStE}{RFS} = \text{maximum allowable working pressure (psig)}$$

Where:

TS = ultimate tensile strength of shell plate, pounds per square inch (psi)

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t = minimum thickness of shell plate, in weakest course (inches)

E = efficiency of longitudinal joint [For tube ligaments and pitch, determine E in accordance ASME Code, Section I. For riveted construction, refer to the National Board Inspection Code, 1973 edition. For seamless construction, consider E to be one hundred percent (100%).]

R = inside radius of weakest course of shell (inches)

FS = factor of safety [See subparagraph (a) of paragraph (4) and subparagraph (c) of paragraph (5) of this rule]

- (b) Tensile Strength. When the tensile strength of steel or wrought iron shell plates is not known, it shall be taken as 55,000 psi for steel and 45,000 psi for wrought iron.
- (c) Crushing Strength of Mild Steel. The resistance to crushing of mild steel shall be taken as 95,000 psi.
- (d) Strength of Rivets in Shear. When computing the ultimate strength of rivets in shear, the following values in psi of the cross-sectional area of the rivet shank shall be used:

	PSI
Iron rivets in single shear	38,000
Iron rivets in double shear	76,000
Steel rivets in single shear	44,000
Steel rivets in double shear	88,000

(When the diameter of the rivet holes in the longitudinal joints of a boiler is not known, the diameter and cross-sectional area of rivets, after driving, may be selected from Table 1, or as ascertained by cutting out one (1) rivet in the body of the joint.)

Table 1  
Sizes of Rivets Based on Plate Thickness

Thickness of plate (inches)	1/4	9/32	5/16	11/32	3/8	13/32
Diameter of rivet after driving (inches)	11/16	11/16	3/4	3/4	13/16	13/16
Thickness of plate (inches)	7/16	15/32	1/2	9/16	5/8	
Diameter of rivet after driving (inches)	15/16	15/16	15/16	1-1/16	1-1/16	

- (e) The working pressure may be decreased by the inspector, with authorization of the Chief Inspector or Chief Inspector's Designee, if the condition and safety of the boiler warrant.

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**0800-03-03-.14 FEES.**

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| (1) | For shop inspections of boilers and pressure vessels which include manufacturers and contractors of boilers and pressure vessels, quality control system reviews which include ASME and NBIC triennial reviews, and when variances are granted by the Board: |          |
|     | (a) For one half (1/2) day minimum   | \$500.00 |
|     | (b) For one (1) full day maximum   | \$700.00 |
| (2) | For special boiler and pressure vessel inspections and second-hand inspections:  |          |
|     | (a) For one half (1/2) day minimum   | \$350.00 |
|     | (b) For one (1) full day maximum   | \$700.00 |
| (3) | Boiler inspection fees (fired vessels).  |          |
|     | (a) Boilers of 5 H.P. or less, or 50 sq. ft. or less of heating surface  | \$60.00  |
|     | (b) Boilers over 5 H.P. or over 50 sq. ft. of heating surface  | \$60.00  |
|     | (c) External inspections   | \$35.00  |
| (4) | Boiler inspection fees (unfired vessels).  |          |
|     | (a) Internal and/or external inspection of each unfired pressure vessel subject to inspection having a cross-sectional area of fifty (50) square feet or less  | \$30.00  |
|     | (b) Each additional one hundred (100) square feet or fraction thereof, of area in excess of fifty (50) square feet   | \$8.00   |
|     | 1. Not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) shall be paid per day for the actual inspection time of each inspector on any one (1) vessel.  |          |
| (5) | Examination fee (non-refundable)   | \$100.00 |
| (6) | Certificate of competency fee (non-refundable)   | \$75.00  |
| (7) | Identification card fee (non-refundable) annual renewal  | \$35.00  |
| (8) | Inspection certificates fees.  |          |
|     | (a) Power boilers  | \$50.00  |
|     | (b) Low pressure heating boilers and unfired pressure vessels  | \$60.00  |
| (9) | License fee.   |          |
|     | (a) Original license (first year)  | \$100.00 |
|     | (b) Annual renewal license   | \$60.00  |

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(10) For special inspection fee, based on the number of working days notice of inspection:

(a)	1 – 10 Working Days - For one-half (1/2) day minimum	\$350.00
	For one (1) full day maximum	\$700.00
(b)	11 – 20 Working Days - For one-half (1/2) day minimum	\$140.00
	For one (1) full day maximum	\$280.00
(c)	21 – 30 Working Days - For one half (1/2) day minimum	\$84.00
	For one (1) full day maximum	\$168.00
(d)	More than 30 Working Days - For one half (1/2) day minimum	\$56.00
	For one (1) full day maximum	\$112.00

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