

5225.0550 EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS AND DOCUMENTATION FOR LICENSURE AS AN OPERATING ENGINEER.

Subpart 1. **Compliance requirements.** All applicants must comply with this chapter and Minnesota Statutes, sections 326B.952 to 326B.998. The experience requirements are detailed in this part and documentation requirements are detailed in subpart 9. Applicants with previous experience in a jurisdiction requiring licensure must show proof of compliance with the licensure requirements of that jurisdiction in order to receive credit for the experience. All applicants for licensure as an operating engineer or hobby operating engineer, shall provide documentation of operating experience for the level of class/grade applied for in accordance with subparts 2 to 8. To be acceptable for this purpose, operating experience must have occurred within the ten years prior to the license application. The chief boiler inspector may allow earlier operating experience if that experience is pertinent to current operations.

Subp. 2. **Special class experience requirements.** A special class license requires only a signed application form. No previous experience is necessary.

Subp. 3. **Second class experience requirements.** A second class license requires one year of operating experience, documented as described in subpart 9, on a boiler of proper size under Minnesota Statutes, section 326B.978, subdivisions 12 to 14.

Subp. 4. **First class experience requirements.** A first class license requires three years of operating experience, documented as described in subpart 9, on a boiler of proper size under Minnesota Statutes, section 326B.978, subdivisions 9 to 11.

Subp. 5. **Chief class experience requirements.** A chief class license requires five years of operating experience, documented as described in subpart 9, on a boiler of proper size which must include one year as a licensed first class engineer, under Minnesota Statutes, section 326B.978, subdivisions 6 to 8.

Subp. 6. **Requirements for Grade A licensure.** The requirements for a Grade A license are:

A. Second Class: one year of operating experience on a high pressure boiler, documented as described in subpart 9, which must include one year of operation of a steam engine or turbine.

B. First Class: three years of operating experience on a high pressure boiler, documented as described in subpart 9, of which at least two years must include operation of a steam engine or turbine.

C. Chief Class: five years of operating experience on a high pressure boiler, documented as described in subpart 9, including at least two years of operation of a steam engine or turbine.

Subp. 7. [Repealed, 18 SR 614]

Subp. 8. **Hobby operating engineer license experience and documentation.**

A. Experience. An applicant for a hobby operating engineer license must have at least 25 hours operating experience on a steam traction engine or hobby boiler under the supervision of an operating engineer.

B. Documentation. An affidavit of experience must be signed by a person with sufficient knowledge of the applicant's operating experience prior to the applicant taking the examination. The person signing the affidavit must have observed the applicant operating the steam traction engine or hobby boiler and must possess either a valid Minnesota hobby operating engineer license or a valid second class, or higher, Minnesota operating engineer's license. However, if the experience claimed is acquired from outside the state of Minnesota, documentation under the last paragraph of subpart 9 applies.

Subp. 9. **Supporting documentation.** Acceptable forms of documentation of experience are:

A. notarized affidavits, prescribed by the department and signed by the owner, employer, or a person possessing a valid Minnesota second class or higher operating engineer license;

B. documentation from the military or maritime service verifying actual operating experience; or

C. a notarized letter from an employer on the employer's business stationery containing verification of operating experience sufficient to determine the appropriate class and grade of license for which the applicant may apply.

If the documentation described in items A to C cannot be obtained, other forms of documentation in which the information can be verified and which are sufficient to determine the appropriate class and grade, may be submitted to the chief boiler inspector for consideration.

Subp. 10. **Year defined.** For purposes of this chapter, a "year" is at least 2,000 hours. However, in the case of low pressure heating boilers, a year is defined as a 12-month period which includes the heating season operating, and the remainder of the year maintaining, the low pressure boiler.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 175.171; 183.41; 183.42; 183.44; 183.465; 183.466; 183.54; 183.62; 326B.958; 326B.964; 326B.966; 326B.982; 326B.998*

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