



RCI-1, Rules for Commissioned Inspectors

2019 Edition



2019 Edition of RCI-1 (NB-263)

- The effective date for this edition is July 1, 2019
- Publication date is December 2018 with distribution of January 2019
- This edition will take effect for the 2020 renewal of commissions/endorsements

Summary of Major Revisions

1-2 Issuance of Commissions (1-2.1)

1-4 Issuance of the Endorsement

References to paper (PDF) applications have been removed since applications have or will be transitioning to the National Board Business Center.

Summary of Major Revisions

1-2 Issuance of Commissions (1-2.2)

Individuals holding an active PEI Certification/ Qualification in accordance with NB-483 who wish to convert to a NB Commission/Endorsement are not required to retake the related examination(s).

All other criteria for a receiving a commission/ endorsement must be met and validated, e.g., on-the-job training.

Summary of Major Revisions

1-8 Continuing Education Requirements for Commissions/Endorsements

Clarification of text describing the frequency in which continuing education must be taken for renewal. Training is to be completed annually for each commission/ endorsement, as applicable.

Training is not required in the calendar year in which the commission/endorsement is issued.

Summary of Major Revisions

Part 1, Table 1 Qualification Requirements for Commissions

Inquiry RCI-17-04 related to maximum hours a trainee attending a joint review may use towards the required 80 hours of on-the-job training for use in obtaining the AI Commission was incorporated:

“A maximum of 8 hours, as an Authorized Inspector trainee participating as an observer in a joint review for an ASME Certificate of Authorization, may be credited towards the eighty (80) hour requirements.”

Summary of Major Revisions

Part 1, Table 2 Qualification for Inspector Endorsements

Inquiry RCI-17-13 related to how qualifications for the N and I Endorsements may be computed was incorporated:

*“...**either** shall have been engaged for at least one (1) year in ASME BPV Code related work or shall have been engaged for at least one (1) year as an Inspector Trainee of nuclear items under the direct supervision of an Authorized Nuclear Inspector, **or a combination of the two totaling one (1) year or more.**”*

Same text was struck/added for the I Endorsement.

Summary of Major Revisions



Part 1, Table 4 Continuing Education Requirements

Updated the continuing education schedule dates.

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Summary of Major Revisions

4-0 Scope (Second Paragraph, last sentence)

Clarification of text to ensure DUTIES are followed as well as inspection activities.

*“Individuals designated as Authorized Inspectors and Authorized Inspector Supervisors have the responsibility for ensuring inspection activities **and other duties** specified in this standard, ASME QAI-1, and ASME BPV Code, are followed.”*

Summary of Major Revisions

4-0 Scope (Third Paragraph)

Moved a limiting requirement listed in 2017 Edition under Part 1-5.3 to 4-0 Scope.

*“Each Authorized Inspector Supervisor shall, at a minimum, hold the same endorsement as each Authorized Inspector Supervisor being Supervised. **Authorized Inspectors and Authorized Inspector Supervisors shall only perform inspections or supervisory activities within the scope of any commission or endorsement.**”*

Summary of Major Revisions

4-1 Authorized Inspector Supervisor (4-1.1.8)

4-2 Authorized Inspector (4-2.1.12)

5-2 Repair Inspector Supervisors/Technical Managers (5-2.7)

5-3 Repair Inspectors (5-3.13)

Clarification of joint review attendance requirements for the Authorized Inspector Supervisor, Authorized Inspector, Repair Inspector Supervisor/Technical Manager, and Repair Inspector.

Both the Inspector and the Supervisor are required to be in attendance during a joint review, unless the shop has been inactive since the last joint review or is a new issuance.

Summary of Major Revisions

4-1 Authorized Inspector Supervisor (4-1.1.9)

5-2 Repair Inspector Supervisors/Technical Managers (5-2.8)

Added requirements related to ensuring safety training is conducted to Authorized Inspector Supervisor and Repair Inspector Supervisor/Technical Manager duties.

Summary of Major Revisions



Part 6

*Part 6 was retitled to **Inspector Diary, Monitoring and Use of Commissions.***

Summary of Major Revisions

6-0 Scope

Entire Scope rewritten as follows:

This Part describes the requirements and documentation for:

- *Inspector Diary*
- *Monitoring*
- *Use of the National Board Commission Number and Endorsements*

Summary of Major Revisions

6-0 Scope

6-1 About the Inspector Diary

Text from the Scope (2017 Edition) moved down to 6-1, and was modified to add reference to monitoring.

*“Each Repair Inspector performing inspections of repairs and alterations required by the NBIC and each Authorized Inspector performing inspections required the ASME BPV Code shall maintain an Inspector Diary **and monitor the Certificate Holders quality program on a continual basis. ...**”*

Summary of Major Revisions

6-5 Use of the National Board Commission Number and Endorsements (6-5.1)

Added new section in Part 6 addressing the use of the NB Commission number and endorsements.

“The Inspector’s National Board Commission number and endorsements shall be recorded on appropriate National Board Forms and ASME Code Data Report Forms, and may be recorded on other inspection related documents (including electronic inspection reporting) as required by or accepted by National Board member jurisdictions.”

Summary of Major Revisions



Glossary of Terms

Reorganized the definition (layout of the text) of an Authorized Inspection Agency within the Glossary.

Notes on Continuing Education

- Every Inspector must complete at least ONE continuing education course each renewal year.
- Inspectors may choose which course to complete from the menu of qualified courses.
- Inspectors whose Commission/Endorsement was issued in 2018 does not need to complete continuing education in the 2019 renewal window.

National Board Education Center

- The Online Training Catalog is under the Education Center menu on the National Board Business Center
- For courses qualified for continuing education look for the designation to the right of the course name.



Questions?

