

## Historical Record of withdrawn extensions due to COVID-19.

**(Updated – January 13, 2021)** On March 25<sup>th</sup>, CWB Certification granted an extension of 3 months to all stated expiry dates on the welder, welding inspector, and welding electrode qualifications/certifications. Due to the continued uncertainty of the duration and impact of the COVID-19 situation, CWB Certification has further modified these extensions as follows:

- Welder qualifications (tickets) will be considered valid for a period of 6 months beyond the stated expiry date. During this 6-month period, the individual will still be considered qualified for the process/position noted on the qualification
  - The 3-month grace period following the originally stated expiry date of the welder qualification for the individual to conduct check testing will be increased to 6 months
  - In the case of check testing, qualifications will continue to be extended for 2 years from the original expiry date following successful testing
- Welding inspector qualifications under CSA W178.2 will be considered valid for a period of 6 months beyond the stated expiry date
- Welding inspectors seeking renewal/recertification of their certification will have an additional 6-month period to meet all requirements
- Welding inspectors who applied for certification prior to March 25, 2020, will have an additional 6 months to meet all requirements

Please note that the above-noted extensions are valid until **September 30th, 2020**. Following this date, the stated expiry dates on all qualification/certification documents will be in effect.

Expiry date extensions for certified welding consumables and qualified stud bases have also been further modified as follows:

- Certified welding consumables will be considered valid for a period of 9 months beyond the stated expiry date
- Qualified stud bases will be considered valid for a period of 9 months beyond the stated expiry date

Please note that the above-noted extensions are valid until **December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020**. Following this date, the stated expiry dates on all qualification/certification documents will be in effect.

These temporary allowances have been put in place during the current COVID-19 situation to accommodate individuals/products whose qualifications/certifications expire during this time. The CWB may extend these allowances should the COVID-19 situation continue for an extended period of time.

We will also delay the transition to the new edition of CSA W47.1-2019 from June 1, 2020, to **September 1, 2020**. This will permit our clients additional time for any work to accommodate the transition. Please note that any

welding procedures submitted after June 1, can be reviewed and approved in accordance with the 2019 edition of CSA W47.1 at the option of the certified company.

extensions no longer valid