The National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors

Candidate Handbook for the Repair Inspector Examination

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Examination Administration
The National Board Repair Inspector (R) Endorsement examination is offered on the last day of the National Board’s Repair Inspector (R) Course.

Taking the Examination
The examination is an open-book examination consisting of 50 multiple-choice questions. In order to pass the examination a minimum of 35 questions must be answered correctly.

Misconduct
Engaging in any of the following conduct during the examination is cause for exam results to be voided. Examples of misconduct are:
- giving or receiving help or being suspected of doing so;
- attempting to record examination questions or making notes; and
- attempting to take the examination for someone else.

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If You Pass the Examination
Passing the examination is but one step towards attaining a National Board Repair Inspector (R) Endorsement. You must also meet certain education and experience criteria, and be employed by a National Board member jurisdiction or an accredited/accepted Authorized Inspection Agency. Application forms for the National Board Repair Inspector (R) Endorsement are available on the National Board’s Web site, www.nationalboard.org. The application forms must be completed jointly by the candidate and employer.

If You Do Not Pass the Examination
The National Board’s policy for reexamination is outlined in RCI-1, NB-263, Rules for Commissioned Inspectors and indicates a candidate not successfully completing the examination may be eligible to re-take
the examination. A candidate who fails to receive a passing grade after taking the examination three (3) times in a twelve (12) month period is not permitted to take the examination for at least one (1) year following the last attempt.

**Notification of Results**
The online examination is scored immediately and candidates are notified of results upon completion of the examination.

**Confidentiality**
Information about candidates and their examination results are considered confidential and may only be released to the exam candidate or his/her employer (with the permission of the candidate).