



# Petroleum Mechanic Certification Program

## *Applying to challenge a CPCA exam*

The Challenge process allows individuals who have the required Trade/Practical experience (as outlined below) to apply for a petroleum mechanic license without participating in theoretical training. Individuals are required however to write the appropriate examination for the license they are applying for. Exams can be written at an approved testing centre (located throughout Canada).

Applicants to be approved by the CPCA based on sufficient Trade/Practical experience. All Challenge participants are supplied with the applicable CPCA training manual.

### **Required Forms**

Form 1 - Petroleum Mechanic Training Registration Form (Challenge process section completed only).  
Form 3 - Verification of Trade Experience

Incomplete forms will result in processing delays.

### **Trade Experience Requirement**

*The table below illustrates the required hours needed in order to challenge an exam.*

| TRADE                        | EXPERIENCE |
|------------------------------|------------|
| PM1-SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE  | 1000 HOURS |
| PM2-UNDERGROUND INSTALLATION | 2000 HOURS |
| PM3-ABOVEGROUND INSTALLATION | 500 HOURS  |

### **Additional study material**

The following regulations are required reference material and must be purchased separately (not supplied by CPCA):

#### ***The National Fire Code of Canada - Latest version***

The National Fire Code can be purchased through the National Research Council's Virtual Store. Visit the CPCA website for latest version and link to purchase.

#### ***CCME Environmental Code of Practice for Aboveground and Underground Storage Tank Systems***

The CCME booklet can be downloaded from the CPCA website.

### **Examinations**

Applicants to arrange exam through CPCA. Applicants are to produce proper identification at the time of the examination. Individuals are tested on their knowledge of the material and proper procedures. Examination questions are multiple choice based. There are no true/false questions. The minimum passing grade is 75%. Training manuals or any personal reference material are not permitted during the exam. National Fire Code and CCME books are permitted and recommended.