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Notice for Examination Candidates writing the 2\textsuperscript{nd} class part B paper 3 (2B3) power engineering certification examination.

At the 2018 Association of Chief Inspectors meeting in Vancouver it was agreed that, effective \textbf{January 1, 2020}, the 2B3 power engineering examination paper will only be administered in the multiple-choice format. This is the beginning of an initiative to move towards multiple choice examinations at the 2\textsuperscript{nd} class level.

With proven success at the 3\textsuperscript{rd} and 4\textsuperscript{th} class level, converting the 2\textsuperscript{nd} class examinations to a multiple choice format will continue to provide a comprehensive level of testing of the subject material and ensure that candidates are tested on all areas of the syllabus.

The syllabus, pass mark and time allowed for completion of the 2B3 examination will not change. The amount of questions on the examination has been set at 100. There will be no difference between passing the 2B3 examination in essay format or multiple-choice format for credit towards 2\textsuperscript{nd} class certification.

Please follow updates on the SOPEC website with regards to this implementation process as well as the process for any further examination changes. If you have any questions please contact the SOPEC Coordinator of Examinations, Tom Leming, at leming@absa.ca.