COVID-19: Notice to users of AWS standards that require periodic maintenance of personnel qualifications

AWS is in the process of seeking to issue an addendum to the standards listed below. If approved, the addendum will allow an extension on the continuity of joining or allied processes qualifications for those who have experienced an employment interruption due to the COVID-19 outbreak for an additional six months, under the following conditions:

a. The qualification was valid at the time of the employment interruption and
b. The qualification was scheduled to expire during the employment interruption.

This extension will expire September 30th, 2020 and will apply to the following Standards:

Note: Since AWS cannot issue addenda to previous editions of codes and standards, AWS recommends that Owners and their Engineers recognize the rationale for this action and agree to allow their fabricators this exception on existing projects.

B2.2/B2.2M, Specification for Brazing Procedure and Performance Qualification
B2.4, Specification for Welding Procedure and Performance Qualification for Thermoplastics
C2.16/C2.16M, Guide for Thermal Spray Operator Qualification Programs
C2.18, Guide for the Protection of Steel with Thermal Sprayed Coatings of Aluminum and Zinc and their Alloys and Composites
C2.19/C2.19M, Specification for the Application of Thermal Spray Coatings to Machine Elements for OEM and Repair
C2.23M/C2.23, Specification for the Application of Thermal Spray Coatings (Metallizing) of Aluminum, Zinc, and Their Alloys and Composites for the Corrosion Protection of Steel
C3.5M/C3.5, Specification for Induction Brazing
C3.6M/C3.6, Specification for Furnace Brazing
C3.12M/C3.12 Specification for Furnace Soldering
C7.3, Process Specification for Electron Beam Welding
C7.4/C7.4M, Process Specification and Operator Qualification for Laser Beam Welding
D1.1/D1.1M, Structural Welding Code – Steel
D1.2/D1.2M Structural Welding Code – Aluminum
D1.3/D1.3M Structural Welding Code – Sheet Steel
D1.4/D1.4M Structural Welding Code – Reinforcing Steel Bars
D1.5M/D1.5, Bridge Welding Code
D1.6/D1.6M, Structural Welding Code – Stainless Steel
D1.8/D1.8M, Structural Welding Code – Seismic Supplement
D1.9/D1.9M, Structural Welding Code – Titanium
D3.5, Guide for Steel Hull Welding
D3.6M, Underwater Welding Code
D9.1/D9.1M, Sheet Metal Welding Code
D15.1/D15.1M, Railroad Welding Specification for Cars and Locomotives
D15.2/D15.2M, Recommended Practices for the Welding of Railroad Applications
D17.1/D17.1M, Specification for Fusion Welding for Aerospace Applications
D17.3/D17.3M, Specification for Friction Stir Welding of Aluminum Alloys for Aerospace Applications
D18.3/D18.3M, Specification for Welding of Tanks, Vessels, and Other Equipment in Sanitary (Hygienic) Applications
D20.1/D20.1M, Standard for Fabrication of Metal Components using Additive Manufacturing

An official announcement will be made once the addendum is approved and issued.