

Safety Corner

What is a Certified Safety Engineers?

On 11 January 2007, the State Administration of Work Safety 《国家安全生产监督管理总局》 promulgated Order No. 11 on the "*Administrative Provisions on Certified Safety Engineers*" 《注册安全工程师管理规定》 that took effect on 1 March 2007. Superseding the "*Registration Management Methods for Certified Safety Engineers*" 《注册安全工程师注册管理办法》 promulgated in 2004, the Provisions govern the application, approval and administration of Certified Safety Engineers (CSE), and specify the number of CSE required in a company of the following five industry categories: coal mines, non-coal mines, construction, dangerous goods, and other industries.

Since 1993, there have been more than 30 certified qualification systems 《注册执业资格制度》 established in China. The promulgation of the two regulations in 2002, "*Provisional Regulation on Qualification System of Certified Safety Engineer*" 《注册安全工程师执业资格制度暂行规定》 and "*Methods on Certification of the Qualification of Certified Safety Engineer*" 《注册安全工程师执业资格认定办法》, signifies the beginning of a nation-wide qualification system for safety engineers and marks the beginning of a system of standardized evaluation of professional in the field of work safety. Since then, nearly 20,000 people have achieved the CSE qualification. In 2005 alone, there were more than 86,000 people took the examination for CSE qualification. It is anticipated that tens of thousand or professionals would acquire the qualification of CSE in the following years. The CSE system has established itself as the first national registration system bearing the title of safety engineers in the world.

Divided into eight Chapters, the Provisions contain 35 articles that lay down the general requirements, the registration process, application areas, duties and authorities, continued education requirements, overseeing organisations, penalties, and supplementary regulations of CSE. For the original Provisions, please visit:

http://www.chinasafety.gov.cn/2007-01/18/content_216003.htm

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