

Veteran's Administration Approves ASME Certification Programs for Reimbursement of Examination Fees

June 13, 2002 – Codes and Standards – Conformity Assessment. As a result of recent legislation, veterans may now use their G.I. Bill education benefits to pay the cost of approved licensing and certification tests. According to the Division of Veteran's Affairs, this benefit was established by Public Law 106-419 and became effective on March 1, 2001. It is available to active duty veterans under Chapters 30 and 32 of Title 38 and Section 903 of PL 96-342. It is also available to dependents of totally disabled veterans or veterans who died in service, Chapter 35 of title 38. ASME is pleased to announce it has received approval of their certification programs under this new benefit by the Division of Veteran's Affairs. Veterans, who have G.I. Bill education benefits, that have taken the following ASME Certification examinations (after March 1, 2001), are eligible to receive reimbursement of the examination fees: (GDTP) Geometric Dimensioning and Tolerancing Professional, (QRO) Provisional Certification of Operators of Resource Recovery Facilities, (QRO) Combustion System Operator certification, (QFO) Certification of Operators of Fossil-Fuel Fired Plants, (QHO) Provisional Certification of Operators of Hazardous Waste Incinerators. Veterans will be reimbursed whether they pass or fail the test. Reimbursement is not available if one has already passed a specific exam. For further information on the G.I. Bill Education Benefit Programs, visit www.gibill.va.gov (click on link for Education Benefits Programs) or call 1-888-GIBILL-1 (1-888.442-4551).