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No boiler may be registered under section 12(5) of the Act, and no certificate issued under section 12(6), unless the standard conditions for material, design and construction in the regulations are met. The Chief Inspector may still register a boiler, subject to regulation 29 on second-hand boilers, where its material does not conform but is used in other countries as suitable for boilers, is not prohibited, and is made, fabricated and heat treated to the specified codes or standards; where its construction does not conform but the Board does not consider it inferior in strength and it is usual practice in other countries; or where it was built to the regulations but no certificate is forthcoming. Bessemer process steel and cast or malleable cast iron may not be used in any structural part under pressure. An application for registration carries the Inspecting Authority's certificate in Form-I, the maker's certificate in Form-IV(Part-A), drawings and the steel maker's certificate, and may be filed electronically with digital signatures. The registration fee runs from ₹1,200 for small industrial and small solar boilers to ₹21,600 plus ₹600 "for every 200 sq. meters or part thereof" for a boiler rating exceeding 3,000 square meters, and fee rules a State Government makes under section 42(1)(b) of the Act prevail. Appendix K allows 48 hours for a provisional order after the registration inspection and 30 days for assigning the registration number.

Where the regulations make no specific provision for a pressure part, the Inspecting Authority may permit its design, manufacture, inspection and certification to codes such as BS, EN, the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, TEMA, TRD, GOST and JIS, and its decision binds all Registering Authorities. Materials made to other national or international standards commonly used for boilers may be used under their own designations if the regulations do not prohibit them, with the allowable stresses and properties of those standards. A certificate in Form-V(Part-A) from a well-known steel maker recognized by the Board is accepted in place of the Inspecting Authority's; for pipes and tubes made by well-known pipe or tube makers recognized by the Board, in India or other countries, the makers' own certificate of material tests may be accepted

in place of the Inspecting Authority's for those tests; and castings and forgings from recognized well-known foundries and forges need no Inspecting Authority signature. For boilers, components and spares made outside India, drawings and material particulars go first to the Inspecting Authority in the country of manufacture; for fired boilers of 100 tons an hour and above and waste heat boilers of 20 tons an hour and above, then to the Technical Adviser (Boilers) for the selection of materials; and then to the Chief Inspector of the State where the boiler will be used, before manufacture begins. Appendix K gives the Technical Adviser 5 days, or 10 days for materials not previously approved for the same design pressure and temperature, and the Chief Inspector 21 days, counted from complete documents, after which approval is deemed granted.

Firms apply to the Secretary, Central Boilers Board, in Forms VI(Part-A) to VI(Part-G), which may be filed electronically, for recognition as a "Competent Authority, Inspecting Authority, Well-known Material Testing Laboratory, Well-known Steel Maker, Well-known Foundry or Forge, Well-known Tube or Pipe Maker and Well-known Remnant Life Assessment Organisation", with two years' experience in the activity. A firm in India pays ₹15,000, and ₹10,000 to renew. A firm in another country pays USD 10,000 to be recognized as a Competent Authority, steel maker, pipe or tube maker, or foundry or forge, to meet the expenses of the Evaluation Committee's visit, plus USD 2,000 for each additional unit in the same country, and USD 1,000 as an Inspecting Authority. The Evaluation Committee is to evaluate manufacturing works within ninety days of receipt of the fee for works in other countries and sixty days for works in India; the Appraisal Committee or Evaluation Committee, as the case may be, is to evaluate applicants for Competent or Inspecting Authority within sixty days of receipt of the fee. Recognition is valid for five years and renewable for five more on an application made at least three months before expiry; validity is deemed extended until the renewal is decided, and an appeal lies to the Chairperson of the Board.

An Inspecting Authority must be a registered entity, not a sole proprietorship, engaged in no commercial activity other than inspection, certification and related activities, and, to operate in India, registered in India with an in-house design and drawing inspection office in India; a Competent Authority operating in India must also be registered in India and have a workshop there. Boiler manufacturers are recognized separately, by an Inspecting Authority operating in the State, from Special Class (any type and capacity, at least 7,500 square meters covered) to Class IV (up to 17.5 kg/cm²) and as boiler component manufacturers, for three years, at fees of ₹20,000 to ₹5,000. Repairers are recognized by the State's Chief Inspector within 30 days, for two years, at fees of ₹15,000 to ₹2,500, with an endorsement fee to work in another State. The regulations mention the 1950 regulations only in that supersession clause and contain no transitional provision for recognitions or authorizations granted under them. They set no fee for a material testing laboratory or remnant life assessment organization in another country, or for renewal by a firm in another country.

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Document	Notification F. No. P-30014/3/2021-Boiler, making the Indian Boiler Regulations, 2026
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Supersedes	Indian Boiler Regulations, 1950, except as respects things done or omitted to be done before the supersession
Draft	G.S.R. 31(E), January 14, 2026, made available on January 27, 2026; no objections or suggestions received
Applies to	All boilers, including those working on natural circulation, forced circulation and forced flow with no fixed steam and water line
Recognition fee, firm in India	₹15,000; renewal ₹10,000
Recognition fee, firm in another country	USD 10,000, plus USD 2,000 per additional unit in the same country (Competent Authority, steel, pipe or tube, foundry or forge); USD 1,000 (Inspecting Authority)
Recognition valid for	Five years; renewal applied for at least three months before expiry
Approvals for boilers made outside India	Materials: 5 or 10 days, by the Technical Adviser (Boilers); design and drawings: 21 days, by the Chief Inspector; deemed granted after that
Signed by	Sandeep Sadanand Kumbhar, Secretary, Central Boilers Board

Recognition: who grants it, fees and validity

Category	Granted by	Fee, firm in India	Fee, firm in another country	Valid for
Inspecting Authority	Secretary, Central Boilers Board, on the Appraisal Committee's report	₹15,000; renewal ₹10,000	USD 1,000	Five years

Competent Authority	Secretary, Central Boilers Board, on the Evaluation Committee's report	₹15,000; renewal ₹10,000	USD 10,000, plus USD 2,000 per additional unit in the same country	Five years
Well-known Steel Maker	Secretary, Central Boilers Board, on the Evaluation Committee's report	₹15,000; renewal ₹10,000	USD 10,000, plus USD 2,000 per additional unit in the same country	Five years
Well-known Foundry or Forge	Secretary, Central Boilers Board, on the Evaluation Committee's report	₹15,000; renewal ₹10,000	USD 10,000, plus USD 2,000 per additional unit in the same country	Five years
Well-known Tube or Pipe Maker	Secretary, Central Boilers Board, on the Evaluation Committee's report	₹15,000; renewal ₹10,000	USD 10,000, plus USD 2,000 per additional unit in the same country	Five years
Well-known Material Testing Laboratory	Secretary, Central Boilers Board, on the Evaluation Committee's report	₹15,000; renewal ₹10,000	Not stated	Five years
"Well-known Remnant Life Assessment Organisation"	Secretary, Central Boilers Board, on the Evaluation Committee's report	₹15,000; renewal ₹10,000	Not stated	Five years
Boiler manufacturer: Special Class, Class I to Class IV, boiler component	Inspecting Authority operating in the State	₹20,000 (Special Class) to ₹5,000 (Class IV and components); renewal ₹10,000 to ₹2,500	Not stated	Three years
Boiler repairer: Special Class, Class I to Class III	Chief Inspector of Boilers of the State	₹15,000 to ₹2,500; renewal ₹7,500 to ₹1,250; endorsement in another State ₹5,000 to ₹1,000	Not stated	Two years

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