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Requirements & Guidelines for renewing Advanced Packer (AP) Ratings

Advanced Packer (AP) ratings expire on the 31st March each year but may be renewed up to six months after that date. To renew an AP rating the AP must satisfy an Advanced Rigger (AR) or Chief Instructor (CI), who is a current AP, that they are current in all aspects of advanced packing relevant to their status. Once an Advanced Packer rating has expired the packer may not exercise the privileges of that rating until the rating is renewed.

Reserve Parachute Packers must keep a log of all reserves packed.

The AR or CI must inspect the packing log of the Advanced Packer to ensure that they are completing the relevant Records of Inspection (ROI); Forms 112 or 112A correctly, in accordance with Form 275 (Guidelines for Completion of Forms 112 & 112A and Document Checks).

The log should show a minimum of 10 reserve repacks and reflect a range of types as applicable to the rating.

The AR or CI should also audit at least one reserve pack of the AP by either disassembling a pack job (if the AP is current) or by supervising a complete repack.

Currency is hard to define but an AP must have packed at least one reserve in the three months preceding renewal, and a minimum of ten in the preceding year.

If the AP has not packed in the previous three months, then the AR or CI must supervise at least one pack prior to endorsing the rating and if the AP is short of the minimum ten packs then they should present themselves to an AR/RE for re-assessment of different types as applicable to their rating; The number of packs will be decided by the evaluator, but could mean a retest on 4 types.