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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 also 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 that has packed one reserve in the preceding three months would not be considered current, nor would an AP that has packed only one type of rig 4 times in the previous year.

If there is any question as to whether they are not current enough then their reserve packing should be supervised by a suitable qualified person prior to renewal.