

NOTICE OF MODIFICATION TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

CAN/BNQ 3680-600

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Updating of the certification program CAN/BNQ 3680-600 in reference to the standard CAN/BNQ 3680-600/2024 and the certification protocol BNQ 3680-900/2025

The aim of this notice is to inform you of:

- the updating of the certification program CAN/BNQ 3680-600 now offered in reference to the standard CAN/BNQ 3680-600/2024 and the certification protocol BNQ 3680-900/2025;
- the terms and conditions surrounding the transition period offered to manufacturers in order for them to comply with the new requirements set forth in the 2024 edition of the standard CAN/BNQ 3680-600/2024 and the 2025 edition of the certification protocol BNQ 3680-900.
- the terms and conditions surrounding the transition granted to manufacturers between the NQ 3680-910 and CAN/BNQ 3680-600 programs.

The certification program in reference to the 2024 edition of the standard CAN/BNQ 3680-600 is now subject to the requirements of the certification protocol BNQ 3680-900/2025 *Onsite Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems - Certification Protocol*. This document provides clarifications to the general rules of procedure of the information document BNQ 9902-001. It also outlines BNQ's specific conditions for intervention and the specific requirements that manufacturers shall meet as part of the certification program.

The terms and conditions surrounding this transition period are as follows.

- Starting September 1, 2025, any new application for certification will be processed based on the certification program's new requirements.
- Manufacturers already holding a certificate of conformity or having a file open at the BNQ will not have to file a new application.
- Starting September 1, 2025, BNQ's periodic inspection visits scheduled for fall 2025 may be conducted on the basis of the certification program's new requirements, and the BNQ will deliver certificates of conformity in relation to the standard's 2024 edition as the manufacturers will demonstrate that they meet these program's requirements.
- The updating of the manufacturer's certificate of conformity based on the certification program's new requirements will allow its continuation. The expiry date of the modified certificate of conformity will be identical to the expiry date of the certificate of conformity held by the manufacturer in relation to the 2009 edition of the standard.
- **December 31 2026**, is however the deadline for manufacturers holding a certificate of conformity in relation to the 2009 edition of the standard CAN/BNQ 3680-600 to demonstrate they meet the 2024 certification program's new requirements.
- Starting **July 1, 2027**, the BNQ will withdraw all valid certificates of conformity in relation to the standard's 2009 edition. After that date, manufacturers seeking certification will have to file a new application with the BNQ, and application fees will be charged.

The terms and conditions surrounding the transition granted to manufacturers between the NQ 3680-910/2000 and CAN/BNQ 3680-600/2024 programs would be as follows:

- Prior to the date of listing of the CAN/BNQ 3680-600 certification program in the Règlement sur l'évacuation et le traitement des eaux usées des résidences isolées RETEURI (chapter Q-2, r. 22), NQ 3680-910 certificates of compliance held by manufacturers will remain valid as long as the manufacturers demonstrate that they comply with the requirements of the NQ 3680-910 certification program.

- In the event that the CAN/BNQ 3680-600 certification program is listed in the RETEURI (chapter Q-2, r. 22), the NQ 3680-910 certificates of conformity held by manufacturers would be archived as manufacturers demonstrate that they meet the requirements of the new CAN/BNQ 3680-600/2024 certification program, and the BNQ would issue certificates of conformity with appendices indicating the models certified for Quebec.
- In the event that the CAN/BNQ 3680-600 certification program is referenced in the RETEURI (chapter Q-2, r. 22), for manufacturers holding an NQ 3680-910 certificate of compliance, the BNQ would recognize that the performance and seasonal reliability tests for certified models would be valid for the CAN/BNQ 3680-600/2024 certification program.
- The correspondence between treatment classes in standards NQ 3680-910 and CAN/BNQ 3680-600 could be established as follows:

Type of treatment	Standard NQ 3680-910/2000	Standard CAN/BNQ 3680-600/2024
Primary treatment	Class I	B-I (TSS only)
Secondary treatment	Class II	B-II
Advanced secondary treatment	Class III	B-III, D-I
Tertiary treatment with phosphorus removal	Class IV	B-III, D-I, P-I
Tertiary treatment with disinfection	Class V	B-III, D-III

- In the event that the CAN/BNQ 3680-600 certification program is referenced in RETEURI chapter Q-2, r. 22), manufacturers holding a certificate of conformity in relation to the 2000 edition of standard NQ 3680-910 will have to demonstrate that they comply with the new marking requirements of the CAN/BNQ 3680-600/2024 certification program.

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