

**91C.1 Definition — exemption — combined registration and licensing process for plumbers and mechanical professionals.**

1. As used in [this chapter](#), unless the context otherwise requires, “contractor” means a person who engages in the business of construction, as the term “construction” is defined in the Iowa administrative code for purposes of the Iowa employment security law. However, a person who earns less than two thousand dollars annually or who performs work or has work performed on the person’s own property is not a contractor for purposes of [this chapter](#). The state, its boards, commissions, agencies, departments, and its political subdivisions including school districts and other special purpose districts, are not contractors for purposes of [this chapter](#).

2. If a contractor’s registration application shows that the contractor is self-employed, does not pay more than two thousand dollars annually to employ other persons in the business, and does not work with or for other contractors in the same phases of construction, the contractor is exempt from the fee requirements under [this chapter](#).

3. The labor services division of the department of workforce development and the Iowa department of public health will work with stakeholders to develop a plan to combine the contractor registration and contractor licensing application process for contractors licensed under [chapter 105](#), to be implemented in time for licensing renewals due July 1, 2017. The department of public health shall transfer to the labor services division a portion of each contractor license fee equal to three times the current contractor registration fee. Effective July 1, 2017, a contractor licensed under [chapter 105](#) shall register as a contractor under [this chapter](#) in conjunction with the contractor licensing process. At no cost to the labor services division, the department of public health shall collect both the registration and licensing applications as part of one combined application. The labor commissioner shall design the contractor registration application form to exclude from the division of labor’s contractor registration application process those contractors who are also covered by [chapter 105](#). The labor commissioner is authorized to adopt rules as needed to accomplish a merger of the application systems including transitional registration periods and fees.

[88 Acts, ch 1162, §2; 91 Acts, ch 136, §4; 97 Acts, ch 26, §1; 2006 Acts, ch 1176, §21; 2013 Acts, ch 77, §1, 36](#)