

CHAPTER 428
PLUMBING AND MECHANICAL SYSTEMS BOARD—LICENSURE FEES

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481—428.1(105) Fees. All fees are nonrefundable.

428.1(1) Fees for three-year initial licenses are as follows:

- a. An apprentice license as defined in 481—subrule 429.2(1) is \$50.
- b. A journey license as defined in 481—subrule 429.2(2) is \$180.
- c. A master license as defined in 481—subrule 429.2(3) is \$240.
- d. A medical gas pipe certificate as defined in rule 481—429.3(105) is \$75.
- e. An inactive license as defined in 481—subrules 429.2(5) and 429.2(6) is \$50.
- f. A contractor license as defined in 481—subrule 429.2(4) is \$250.
- g. A special restricted license as defined in 481—subrules 429.2(8), 429.2(9) and 429.2(10) is \$50.
- h. Fees for all initial licenses issued for a period of less than three years will be prorated using a one-sixth deduction for each six-month period.

428.1(2) Fees for three-year reciprocal licenses or three-year licenses obtained by verification in accordance with 481—Chapter 430 are as follows:

- a. An apprentice license as defined in 481—subrule 429.2(1) is \$50.
- b. A journey license as defined in 481—subrule 429.2(2) is \$180.
- c. A master license as defined in 481—subrule 429.2(3) is \$240.
- d. Fees for all reciprocal licenses or three-year licenses obtained by verification in accordance with 481—Chapter 430 issued for a period of less than three years will be prorated using a one-sixth deduction for each six-month period.

428.1(3) Fees for renewal of licenses are as follows:

- a. An apprentice license as defined in 481—subrule 429.2(1) is \$50.
- b. A journey license as defined in 481—subrule 429.2(2) is \$180.
- c. A master license as defined in 481—subrule 429.2(3) is \$240.
- d. A medical gas pipe certificate as defined in rule 481—429.3(105) is \$75.
- e. An inactive license as defined in 481—subrules 429.2(5) and 429.2(6) is \$50. However, no fee is necessary for an inactive specialty license as defined in 481—subrule 431.8(3) so long as the person possessing the inactive specialty license remains actively licensed as an apprentice.
- f. A contractor license as defined in 481—subrule 429.2(4) is \$250.
- g. A special restricted license as defined in 481—subrules 429.2(8), 429.2(9), and 429.2(10) is \$50. However, no fee is necessary for an inactive specialty license as defined in 481—subrule 431.8(3) so long as the person possessing the inactive specialty license remains actively licensed as an apprentice.

428.1(4) The examination application fee is \$35.

428.1(5) A late fee for failure to renew before expiration is determined as follows:

- a. A licensee who does not timely renew but renews a license on or before the following July 31 may reinstate and renew the license upon payment of the appropriate renewal fee and without payment of a late fee.
- b. A licensee who does not timely renew but renews a license between the following August 1 and August 31 may reinstate and renew the license without examination upon payment of a \$60 late fee and the appropriate renewal of license fee.
- c. A licensee who does not timely renew but renews a license after the following August 31 and on or before the following June 30 may reinstate and renew the license without examination upon payment of a \$100 late fee and the appropriate renewal of license fee.

428.1(6) Reserved.

428.1(7) The fee for written verification of licensee status is \$20.

428.1(8) The returned check fee is \$25.

428.1(9) The disciplinary hearing fee is a maximum of \$75.

428.1(10) The paper application fee is \$25 plus the appropriate license fee.

428.1(11) Combined license.

a. For purposes of this subrule, “combined license” means more than one active master, contractor, or journey person license in one or multiple disciplines held by the same individual.

b. A license fee for a combined license is the sum total of each of the separate license fees as set forth in subrules 428.1(1) through 428.1(3) reduced by 30 percent.

c. Only individual licenses purchased in a single transaction are eligible for the combined licensee fee reduction.

428.1(12) The fee for combining an HVAC-refrigeration or hydronics license to a mechanical license is \$50. This fee does not apply at the time of reissue.

428.1(13) The fee for submitting a petition for eligibility determination as defined in 481—subrule 429.13(2) is \$25.

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481—428.2(105) Annual review of fee schedule. Within 60 days following the end of each fiscal year, the board will submit a report to the general assembly in accordance with Iowa Code section 105.9(5) “a.”

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481—428.3(105) Waiver of fees. Fee waivers are available under the following circumstances:

428.3(1) The board will waive any fee charged to an applicant for a license if the applicant’s household income does not exceed 200 percent of the federal poverty income guidelines and the applicant is applying for the license for the first time in this state.

428.3(2) For an applicant who has been honorably or generally discharged from federal active duty or national guard duty, the board will waive an initial application fee and one renewal fee if those fees would otherwise be charged within five years of the discharge.

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