

661—276.1(100D) Establishment of program. There is established within the state fire marshal division a fire protection system installer and maintenance worker licensing program called the fire protection system technician license. The program is established pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 100D.

276.1(1) Licensing required. A person shall not act as a fire protection system installer and maintenance worker without being currently licensed as a fire protection system technician by the state fire marshal, except for the following:

a. A person licensed as a professional engineer pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 542B who is providing consultation or develops plans or other work concerning the installation or design of fire protection systems shall not be required to be licensed pursuant to this chapter.

b. A person whose work on fire protection systems is limited to routine maintenance shall not be required to be licensed pursuant to this chapter.

c. A person who is licensed as a plumber pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 105 and whose work is within the scope of that license shall not be required to be licensed pursuant to this chapter.

d. A person who is working as an apprentice fire protection system technician under the direct supervision of a responsible managing employee or under the direct supervision of a licensed fire protection system technician who is on site while the work is being performed shall not be required to be licensed pursuant to this chapter. For purposes of this rule, “direct supervision” means that the person supervising the person performing the work shall be on the job site while the work being supervised is performed.

e. A person who demolishes fire protection system components shall not be required to be licensed pursuant to this chapter when the work involves the demolition of a complete fire protection system or if the work results in placing a fire protection system out of service. If a fire protection system has been placed out of service, work required to place it into service must be performed by a person licensed to perform such work pursuant to this chapter. A person who demolishes a fire protection system or components thereof shall comply with any local ordinance, statute or administrative rule which requires notification to a local fire authority or the state fire marshal.

f. A person who is a responsible managing employee of a fire extinguishing system contractor licensed pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 100C shall not be required to be licensed pursuant to this chapter, provided that the work performed which is subject to the provisions of this chapter is within the scope of the endorsement or endorsements of the licensure of the licensed contractor employing the responsible managing employee.

276.1(2) Endorsement. Any person acting as a fire protection system installer and maintenance worker shall do so only in relation to systems and work covered by the endorsements on the person’s license. The license of each technician shall carry an endorsement for one or more of the following:

a. Automatic sprinkler system installation.

b. Special hazards system installation.

c. Preengineered dry chemical or wet agent fire protection systems installation.

d. Preengineered water-based fire protection systems in one- and two-family dwellings installation.

e. Automatic sprinkler system maintenance inspection.

f. Special hazards system maintenance inspection.

g. Preengineered dry chemical or wet agent fire protection systems maintenance inspection.

h. Preengineered water-based fire protection systems in one- and two-family dwellings maintenance inspection, or

i. Fire protection technician trainee.

276.1(3) Length of licensure. Licensure shall normally be for two years and shall expire on March 31 of the second year after the license has been issued. A license which is effective on a date other than April 1 shall be effective on the date on which the license is issued and shall expire the next March, after one year has passed from the date on which the license was issued. A technician trainee license may be renewed once and a person may work as a technician trainee for a maximum of four years.

EXCEPTION: Any license currently issued with an expiration date of December 31 shall automatically be extended to expire the following March 31 without first requiring prior application for renewal or additional fees.

276.1(4) *Inquiries.* Inquiries regarding the fire protection system technician licensing program may be addressed to:

State Fire Marshal Division
Iowa Department of Public Safety
Attn: SFM Licensing Administration
215 East 7th Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Inquiries may be addressed by electronic mail to sfmlicense@dps.state.ia.us or by the United States Postal Service.

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