

**701—103.18(421,441) Courses offered by the department of revenue.**

**103.18(1) *Class size.*** The director may determine the maximum number of students for a particular class in order to maintain a suitable learning environment. Applications to take a course shall be accepted in the order in which they are received by the department. If the number of applications received as of a specific mail delivery results in the receipt of more applications than there are spaces for the class, those applications received in that mail delivery shall be subject to a drawing by lot to determine those which shall be accepted for the class. However, persons who are not currently serving as assessors or deputy assessors shall not be admitted to a course ahead of persons serving as assessors or deputy assessors, regardless of the date on which their applications were received.

**103.18(2) *Examinations during the course.*** Examination questions and answers shall not be made available to persons other than employees of the department authorized by the director to have access to such information. Persons who take the examination shall not discuss with anyone the specific questions contained in the examination, nor shall they reveal any specific examination question to another person. This shall not restrict persons who have taken a course examination from discussing the general subject matter of the examination.

**103.18(3) *Materials and supplies.*** All examination materials shall be furnished by the department and must be returned to the monitor prior to the students leaving the examination. During the examination, students may be permitted to use their own slide rules or electronic calculators as long as their use does not disturb other students. Students shall not be permitted to bring any other materials into the examination room, nor shall they be permitted to take any materials from the examination room except their own slide rules or electronic calculators.

**103.18(4) *Personal conduct during course and examination.*** To preserve the integrity of the examinations and the assessing profession, each person taking an examination shall not exhibit behavior which is disruptive to other persons taking the examination, nor shall a person cheat or attempt to cheat on an examination in any manner.

**103.18(5) *Violations.*** Any person who intentionally violates any of the provisions of subrule 72.18(2), 72.18(3), or 72.18(4) shall be subject to the penalties specified in this subrule. If an infraction of subrule 72.18(2), 72.18(3), or 72.18(4) occurs and is detected and confirmed during the examination, the examination of the person committing the infraction shall be confiscated by the instructor and shall not be scored. If the infraction is detected and confirmed after the examination of the person committing the infraction has been scored, the score resulting from that examination shall be reduced to a failing grade and the director shall notify the assessor education advisory committee of the action taken. If the infraction is detected and confirmed during the course, the instructor shall expel the student from the classroom, and the student shall not be permitted to take the examination for the course.

**103.18(6) *Instructors.*** Course instructors shall inform all students of the provisions of subrules 72.18(2), 72.18(3), and 72.18(4). The instructors shall have the authority to enforce these rules in accordance with subrule 72.18(5).

**103.18(7) *Retaking examination.*** A person who receives a failing score on the examination for a course may retake the examination by submitting a request to the director within ten days of the date the director notifies the person of the examination score. The examination shall be retaken at the office of the department in Des Moines or at the site of any scheduled course examination, and shall be retaken within 30 days of the date the original examination was taken. A person who retakes an examination may not again take that particular course for credit until at least 30 days have passed from the date the examination was retaken. A special examination may be taken only once for a particular course, regardless of the number of times a student takes the course. A special examination shall be given only if the student took and failed the examination given at the end of a course taken for credit.

**103.18(8) *Review of examination.*** Persons who have taken a course examination may, after presenting proper identification, review their examinations in the office of the department's local government services division within 60 days after the date the examination has been administered. The review shall consist only of examining the person's own answer sheet and the question book. Persons reviewing their examinations shall not be permitted to take notes or otherwise transcribe information during this review, nor shall they have access to the answers to questions contained in the examination.

Persons who review their examinations shall be permitted to do so only once, and shall not be eligible to take the same examination for a period of at least 30 days following the date of the review of the examinations.

**103.18(9)** *Length of examination.* The director shall determine the appropriate amount of time in which persons may take each examination. Any person who arrives at the examination site after the examination has begun shall not be permitted to complete the examination after the time scheduled for completion.

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