

567—81.13(455B) Certification renewal.

81.13(1) *Renewal period.* All certificates shall expire on June 30 of odd-numbered years and must be renewed every two years in order to maintain certification.

81.13(2) *Application for renewal.* An application for renewal will be mailed to currently certified operators prior to the expiration date of their certificates. Application for renewal must be made in accordance with this rule and the instructions on the form in order to renew the certificate for the next two years. Application for renewal of a certificate without penalty must be received by the director or postmarked prior to the expiration of the certificate, and shall be accompanied by the certification renewal fee.

81.13(3) *Late application.* A late application for renewal of a certificate may be made provided that the application is received by the director or postmarked within 60 days of the expiration of the certificate on forms provided by the department. Such late application shall be accompanied by the penalty fee and the certification renewal fee.

81.13(4) *Failure to renew.* If a certificate holder fails to renew within 60 days following expiration of the certificate, the right to renew the certificate is automatically terminated. Certification may be allowed at any time following such termination, provided that the applicant meets all education and experience eligibility requirements pursuant to 81.7(455B), and successfully completes an examination. The applicant must then apply for certification in accordance with 81.10(455B).

81.13(5) *Expired certificate.* An operator may not continue as the operator-in-charge of a plant, distribution system, operating shift, or major segment of the plant or distribution system after expiration of a certificate unless the certificate is renewed.