

481—429.6(105) Examination.

429.6(1) General. An applicant for licensure as a plumbing or mechanical system professional must successfully pass the licensing examination for the discipline. The examination will be specific to each license type, approved by the board, and administered by the board-approved vendor.

429.6(2) Examination.

a. The examination will be written and proctored by a testing agency selected by the board and conducted either in person or online.

b. The examination will be offered periodically during the year. The time and location will rotate between multiple sites in the state of Iowa, as determined by the department, with approval of the board.

c. The examination will not be subject to review by applicants. Upon request from an applicant, the testing vendor will provide information about the sections that the applicant failed, but shall not provide an applicant access to actual examination questions or answers. Any fees associated with the review process will be assessed by and payable to the testing vendor. The applicant is responsible for paying all associated examination fees.

d. A score of 75 percent or better is considered passing.

429.6(3) Examination application.

a. An applicant will complete and submit a board-approved examination application either online or on a paper application a minimum of 15 business days prior to taking an examination.

b. An application must be accompanied by the appropriate fees. All fees are nonrefundable. Fees for online applications are by credit card only. A check or money order may accompany a paper application.

c. No application will be considered by the board without the appropriate verifiable documentation.

d. The applicant will be notified and issued an examination entrance letter upon approval of the examination application.

e. If the applicant is notified that the application is incomplete, the applicant must contact the board office within 90 days. Incomplete applications will be considered invalid and after 90 days will be destroyed.

f. Examination fees are payable directly to the board-approved testing vendor. All transactions are the responsibility of the applicant and testing vendor. The board is not responsible for refunds from the testing vendor.

g. An applicant shall present current photo identification in order to sit for the examination.

h. An applicant for licensure by examination who does not pass the examination within one year from the original application date has to submit a new application.

i. A master examination applicant will not receive permission to sit for a master examination unless the applicant establishes that the applicant:

(1) Has previously been licensed as a master in the applicable discipline; or

(2) Has previously been licensed as a journeyperson in the applicable discipline and has at least two years of journeyperson experience in the applicable discipline.

j. A journeyperson examination applicant may apply to sit for the examination up to 12 months prior to completion of the 48 months of required apprentice credit, which include the granting of advanced standing or credit for previously acquired experience, training, or skills.

429.6(4) Expiration of passing examination score. An applicant who successfully passes an examination must apply for licensure in the applicable discipline at the applicable discipline level within two years of notification that the applicant successfully passed the examination. A passing examination score will expire if the applicant fails to apply for licensure within the two-year period as set forth herein, and the applicant will be required to successfully retake said examination to become licensed.

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