641—23.7(105) Specialty licenses and certifications.

23.7(1) *Medical gas certification.*

a. A person who possesses a medical gas certification and who performs medical gas brazing will maintain the person's brazing continuity.

b. A person who possesses a medical gas certification will maintain the person's valid certification issued from the National Inspection Testing Certification Corporation (NITC) or an equivalent authority approved by the board.

23.7(2) *Hearth systems specialty license.*

a. A person who possesses a hearth systems specialty license will maintain the person's valid certification issued from the National Fireplace Institute or equivalent authority approved by the board.

b. A hearth systems specialty license allows a licensee to perform work in the installation of gas burning and solid fuel appliances that offer a decorative view of the flames, from the connector pipe to the shutoff valve located within three feet of the appliance. A hearth systems specialty license further allows for work in the venting systems associated with a hearth appliance, log lighters, gas log sets, fireplace inserts, and freestanding stoves. A hearth systems specialty license does not allow a licensee to install a shutoff valve or perform any other mechanical or HVAC-refrigeration work.

c. A person possessing a hearth systems specialty license will not perform Iowa Code chapter 105-covered work beyond the limited scope of the person's specialty license, and will not perform work within the limited scope of the person's specialty license unless the person can conform to the minimum standard of acceptable and prevailing practice of a licensee performing such work.

23.7(3) *Service technician HVAC specialty license.*

a. A licensee who holds a service technician HVAC specialty license by demonstrating the licensee possesses a valid certification from North American Technician Excellence, Inc. or an equivalent authority approved by the board will maintain valid certification from North American Technician Excellence, Inc. or an equivalent authority approved by the board.

b. A service technician HVAC specialty license allows a licensee to perform work from the appliance shutoff valve to the appliance and any part and component of the appliance, including the disconnection and reconnection of the existing appliance to the gas piping and the installation of a shutoff valve no more than three feet from the appliance. A service technician HVAC specialty license does not allow a licensee to perform any other mechanical or HVAC-refrigeration work.

c. A person possessing a service technician HVAC specialty license will not perform Iowa Code chapter 105-covered work beyond the limited scope of the person's specialty license, and will not perform work within the limited scope of the person's specialty license unless the person can conform to the minimum standard of acceptable and prevailing practice of a licensee performing such work.

23.7(4) *Disconnect/reconnect plumbing technician specialty license.*

a. A disconnect/reconnect plumbing technician specialty license allows a licensee to perform work from the appliance shutoff valve or the fixture shutoff valve to the appliance or fixture and any part or component of the appliance or fixture, including the disconnection and reconnection of the existing appliance or fixture to the water or sewer piping and the installation of a shutoff valve no more than three feet from the appliance or fixture. A disconnect/reconnect plumbing technician specialty license does not allow a licensee to perform any other plumbing work.

b. A person possessing a disconnect/reconnect plumbing technician specialty license will not perform Iowa Code chapter 105-covered work beyond the limited scope of the person's specialty license, and will not perform work within the limited scope of the person's specialty license unless the person can conform to the minimum standard of acceptable and prevailing practice of a licensee performing such work.

23.7(5) *Private school or college routine maintenance specialty license.*

a. A private school or college routine maintenance specialty license allows a licensee to perform routine maintenance within the scope of the licensee's employment with a private school or college. For purposes of this subrule, "routine maintenance" means the maintenance, repair, or replacement of existing fixtures or parts of plumbing, mechanical, HVAC-refrigeration, sheet metal, or hydronic systems in which no changes in original design are made. Fixtures or parts do not include smoke and fire dampers

or water, gas, or steam piping permanent repairs except for traps and strainers. Routine maintenance includes emergency repairs. Routine maintenance does not include the replacement of furnaces, boilers, cooling appliances, or water heaters more than 100 gallons in size.

b. A person possessing a private school or college routine maintenance specialty license will not perform Iowa Code chapter 105-covered work beyond the limited scope of the person's specialty license, and will not perform work within the limited scope of the person's specialty license unless the person can conform to the minimum standard of acceptable and prevailing practice of a licensee performing such work.

23.7(6) *Dual licensure as an apprentice prohibited.* A licensee cannot simultaneously possess both an active apprentice license and an active specialty license.

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