

641—29.7(105) License renewal.

29.7(1) *Renewal period.* The period of licensure to operate as a contractor or work as a master, journeyperson or apprentice in the plumbing, mechanical, HVAC-refrigeration, sheet metal, or hydronic disciplines or work as a certified medical gas system installer or work in the specialty license disciplines developed by the board is a period of three years. All licenses issued will expire on June 30 every three years, beginning with June 30, 2026. Fees for new licenses issued after the July 1 beginning of each three-year renewal cycle will be prorated using a one-sixth deduction for each six-month period of the renewal cycle.

29.7(2) *Renewal notification.* The licensee is responsible for renewing the license prior to its expiration.

29.7(3) *Specific renewal requirements.*

a. Active and inactive apprentice, specialty, journeyperson, and master licenses. An apprentice, specialty, journeyperson, or master licensee seeking renewal shall:

- (1) Submit an application for renewal online or on the forms provided by the board office.
- (2) Meet the continuing education requirements as set forth in rule 641—30.2(105), unless no continuing education is necessary as specified in 641—subrule 23.8(3), 30.2(2), or 30.6(1).
- (3) Include the appropriate fee as specified in 641—Chapter 28. A penalty will be assessed by the board for late renewal, as specified in 641—Chapter 28.

b. Medical gas piping certification holders. A medical gas piping certification holder seeking renewal shall:

- (1) Submit an application for renewal either electronically or on the forms provided by the board office.
- (2) Provide evidence that the person has maintained valid certification issued from the National Inspection Testing Certification (NITC) Corporation or an equivalent authority approved by the board.
- (3) Include the appropriate fee as specified in 641—Chapter 28.

c. Contractor licenses. Renewal of the contractor license constitutes registration as a contractor under Iowa Code chapter 91C. A contractor licensee seeking renewal shall:

- (1) Submit an application for renewal on the forms provided by the board office. Licensees may renew their licenses online or via paper application.
- (2) Include evidence of professional liability insurance and a surety bond mandated by subrule 29.2(4).
- (3) As specified in 875—Chapter 150, include proof of workers' compensation insurance coverage, proof of unemployment insurance compliance and, for out-of-state contractors, a bond as described in Iowa Code chapter 91C.
- (4) Include the appropriate license fee as specified in 641—Chapter 28. A penalty will be assessed by the board for late renewal, as specified in 641—Chapter 28.
- (5) Include the fee for a three-year contractor registration as specified in 875—Chapter 150.

29.7(4) *Complete and timely filed application.* Renewal applications are due 30 days prior to expiration per Iowa Code section 105.20(2). No renewal application is considered timely and sufficient until received by the board office and accompanied by all material necessary for renewal, including applicable renewal and late fees. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. For purposes of establishing timely filing, the postmark on a paper submittal or the date of the electronic time stamp for online renewals will be used.

29.7(5) *Late renewal.* A licensee has a one-month grace period after the expiration date of the license to renew without payment of a late fee.

a. A licensee who seeks to renew more than one month but less than two months after the license expiration date may renew upon payment of the late fee in the amount specified in 641—Chapter 28 in addition to the renewal fee.

b. A license remains valid for practice for up to two months past the expiration date of the license. After two months, the license lapses and becomes invalid for practice until the license is reinstated.

29.7(6) Reinstatement. A person seeking reinstatement of a lapsed license must submit an application for reinstatement electronically or on the forms provided by the board office and include all mandated documentation and fees.

a. A licensee who allows a license to lapse for more than two months but not more than 365 days may reinstate and renew the license upon payment of the late penalty fee in the amount specified in 641—Chapter 28 in addition to the renewal fee. A specialty, journeyperson or master licensee must also meet the continuing education requirements as set forth in rule 641—30.2(105), unless no continuing education is mandated as specified in 641—subrule 23.8(3), 30.2(2), or 30.6(1).

b. A person holding a specialty, journeyperson or master license who allows the license to lapse for more than one year may reinstate and renew the license by providing evidence of one of the following:

(1) For a journeyperson or master licensee, retaking and successfully passing the applicable licensing examination; or

(2) Retaking and successfully completing all continuing education requirements as set forth in rule 641—30.2(105) for each renewal period in which the license was not timely renewed.

c. A contractor licensee seeking reinstatement of a license that has been lapsed for more than one year may reinstate and renew the license by submitting evidence of meeting the requirements specified in subrule 29.7(3) and payment of any mandated fees.

d. A licensee who reinstates and renews a lapsed license is not entitled to a prorated renewal fee.
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