

**661—275.5 (100C) Application and fees.**

**275.5(1) Application.** Any contractor seeking certification as a fire extinguishing system contractor shall submit a completed application form to the fire marshal. The application shall be filed no later than 30 days prior to the date on which certification is required or on which an existing certification expires. An application form may be obtained from the fire marshal or from the Web site of the fire extinguishing system contractors certification program. The application form shall be submitted with all required attachments and the required application fee established in subrule 275.5(2). An application shall not be considered complete unless all required information is submitted, including required attachments and fees, and shall not be processed until it is complete.

NOTE: The Web site for the fire extinguishing system contractors certification program is: <http://www.dps.state.ia.us/fm/fescgp/index.shtml>.

**275.5(2) Certification fee.** The certification fee shall be \$500 per year. If an application is denied, all except \$100 of the fee may be refunded if the applicant applies to the fire marshal for a refund. No refund of the certification fee shall be made if the certification is revoked or if the denial of the certification is based on the applicant's knowingly including false or misleading information on the application.

If an application for certification provides for more than one responsible managing employee pursuant to rule 661—275.3(100C), there shall be an additional fee of \$50 for each responsible managing employee beyond the first. If an application for certification provides for more than one endorsement as provided in subrule 275.1(2), there shall be an additional fee of \$50 for each endorsement beyond the first.

EXCEPTION: If a certification is effective after April 1 and no later than June 30, the certification fee shall be \$500. The certification fee for a certification which becomes effective between July 1 and September 30 shall be \$400. The certification fee for a certification which becomes effective between October 1 and December 31 shall be \$300. The certification fee for a certification which becomes effective between January 1 and March 31 shall be \$200. If an application for certification provides for more than one responsible managing employee pursuant to rule 661—275.3(100C), there shall be an additional fee of \$50 for each responsible managing employee beyond the first. If an application for certification provides for more than one endorsement as provided in subrule 275.1(2), there shall be an additional fee of \$50 for each endorsement beyond the first.

**275.5(3) Payment.** The certification fee shall be submitted by draft, check, or money order in the applicable amount payable to the Fire Extinguishing System Contractors Certification Program. If the application is denied, the certification fee less \$100 shall be returned to the applicant, except as provided in subrule 275.5(2).

**275.5(4) Amended certification fee.** The fee for issuance of an amended certification is \$100. The fee shall be submitted with the request for an amended certification. A contractor shall request and the fire marshal shall issue an amended certificate for any of the items listed in paragraphs "a," "b," and "c":

- a. A change in the designation of a responsible managing employee;
- b. A change in insurance coverage; or
- c. A change in any other material information included in or with the initial or renewal application.

A change in the address of the business is a material change. However, if the request for an amended certificate is solely a change of business address, the address of the business to which the certificate being amended was sent is in an area subject to a disaster emergency proclamation issued by the governor pursuant to Iowa Code section 29C.6, and the relocation occurs as a result of flooding or storm damage or other conditions which form a basis for the issuance of the disaster emergency proclamation, the fee shall not apply, although an amended certificate shall be issued.

d. Other changes in the information required in the application form, including renewal of insurance coverage with a new expiration date, shall be reported to the fire marshal but shall not require issuance of an amended certification or payment of the amended certification fee.

**275.5(5) Attachments.** Required attachments to the application for certification include, but are not limited to, the following:

*a.* Documentation verifying that the contractor has in force the insurance coverage required by subrule 275.4(2). The documentation shall include an acknowledgment that the contractor's insurance coverage extends to any work performed by the contractor within the scope of certification pursuant to this chapter. The documentation may consist of a letter from the insurance carrier or a copy of the insurance certificate with an endorsement showing the required information.

*b.* Documentation verifying that the person designated as the responsible managing employee and any persons designated as alternate responsible managing employees have met the applicable certification requirements.