

661—276.1 (100D) Establishment of program. There is established within the fire marshal division a fire protection system installer and maintenance worker licensing program. The program is established pursuant to 2009 Iowa Code Supplement chapter 100D as amended by 2010 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2355.

276.1(1) Licensing required. A person shall not act as a fire protection system installer and maintenance worker without being currently licensed as a fire protection system installer and maintenance worker by the fire marshal, except for the following as provided in 2009 Iowa Code Supplement section 100D.11 as amended by 2010 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2355:

a. A person licensed as a professional engineer pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 542B who is providing consultation or develops plans or other work concerning the installation or design of fire protection systems shall not be required to be licensed pursuant to this chapter.

b. A person whose work on fire protection systems is limited to routine maintenance shall not be required to be licensed pursuant to this chapter.

c. A person who is licensed as a plumber pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 105 and whose work is within the scope of that license shall not be required to be licensed pursuant to this chapter.

d. A person who is working as an apprentice fire protection system installer and maintenance worker under the direct supervision of a responsible managing employee or under the direct supervision of a licensed fire sprinkler installer and maintenance worker who is on site while the work is being performed shall not be required to be licensed pursuant to this chapter. For purposes of this rule, “direct supervision” means that the person supervising the person performing the work shall be on the job site while the work being supervised is performed.

e. A person who demolishes fire protection system components shall not be required to be licensed pursuant to this chapter when the work involves the demolition of a complete fire protection system or if the work results in a fire protection system’s being placed out of service. If a fire protection system has been placed out of service, work required to place it into service must be performed by a person licensed to perform such work pursuant to this chapter. A person who demolishes a fire protection system or components thereof shall comply with any local ordinance, statute or administrative rule which requires notification to a local fire authority or the state fire marshal.

f. A person who is a responsible managing employee of a fire extinguishing system contractor certified pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 100C shall not be required to be licensed pursuant to this chapter, provided that the work performed which is subject to the provisions of this chapter is within the scope of the endorsement or endorsements of the certification of the certified contractor employing the responsible managing employee.

276.1(2) Endorsement. Any person acting as a fire protection system installer and maintenance worker shall do so only in relation to systems and work covered by the endorsements on the person’s license. The license of each installer and maintenance worker shall carry an endorsement for one or more of the following:

a. Automatic sprinkler system installation and maintenance;

b. Special hazards fire suppression system installation and maintenance;

c. Installation of preengineered dry chemical or wet agent fire protection systems;

d. Maintenance of preengineered dry chemical or wet agent fire protection systems;

e. Installation of preengineered water-based fire protection systems in one- and two-family dwellings;

f. Maintenance of preengineered water-based fire protection systems in one- and two-family dwellings;

g. Any combination thereof.

276.1(3) Length of licensure. Licensure shall normally be for two years and shall expire on December 31 of the year following the issuance of the license. A license which is effective on a date other than January 1 shall be effective on the date on which the license is issued and shall expire on December 31 of the year following the year in which the license is issued. The fee for licenses issued for less than a full two-year period shall be prorated on the basis of the number of quarters for which the license shall be in effect.

EXCEPTION: Any license issued before January 1, 2011, shall expire on December 31, 2012.

276.1(4) *Inquiries.* Inquiries regarding the fire protection system installer and maintenance worker licensing program may be addressed to:

Fire Protection System Installer and Maintenance Worker Licensing Program

Fire Marshal Division

Iowa Department of Public Safety

215 East 7th Street

Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Inquiries may be addressed by electronic mail to fesccp@dps.state.ia.us; by telephone to (515)725-6145; or by facsimile to (515)725-6172.

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