

321—25.18(231C) Structural and life safety reviews for a new program.

25.18(1) Prior to construction or remodeling of a building for use in a new program, DIA shall review the blueprints for compliance with requirements pursuant to this chapter. Construction and remodeling shall include new construction, modification of any part of an existing building, addition of a new wing or floor to an existing building, or conversion of an existing building.

25.18(2) A program applicant shall submit to DIA blueprints wet-sealed by an Iowa-licensed architect or Iowa-licensed engineer and the blueprint plan review fee as stated in 321—Chapter 27 at Department of Inspections and Appeals, Lucas State Office Building, 321 E. 12th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0083.

25.18(3) Failure to submit the blueprint plan review fee with the blueprints shall result in delay of the blueprint plan review until the fee is received.

25.18(4) DIA shall review the blueprints and notify the Iowa-licensed architect or Iowa-licensed engineer in writing regarding the status of compliance with requirements.

25.18(5) The Iowa-licensed architect or Iowa-licensed engineer shall respond to DIA to state how any noncompliance with requirements will be resolved.

25.18(6) Upon final notification by DIA that the blueprints meet structural and life safety requirements, construction or remodeling of the program may commence.

25.18(7) DIA shall schedule an on-site visit of the program with the contractor, or Iowa-licensed architect or Iowa-licensed engineer, during the construction or remodeling process to ensure compliance with the approved blueprints. Any noncompliance with requirements must be resolved prior to approval for certification.