

641—43.3(136B) General provisions.

43.3(1) Except as provided in this chapter, no person may test for the presence of radon or radon progeny in the state of Iowa unless the person has been certified by the department of public health. This requirement also applies to persons whose place of business is located in Iowa, or in a state other than Iowa, and who offer radon testing to residents of Iowa either directly or through the mail.

43.3(2) Individual qualifications for radon measurement specialist. No individual may be certified as a radon measurement specialist unless all of the following conditions are met:

a. Be at least 18 years of age at the time of application;

b. Possess two years of relevant professional work experience. Relevant postsecondary education may be substituted for professional work experience. Relevant postsecondary education includes a college curriculum in architecture, engineering, building construction or the physical sciences. Relevant professional work experience includes house testing/evaluation for the presence of radon, design and installation of heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems, design or construction of buildings, or related activities approved by the department of public health;

c. Use detection devices approved by EPA and the department to measure radon. The detection device must be obtained from an Iowa certified radon measurement laboratory. When a portable electronic detection device is used, the device must be calibrated on at least an annual basis by the manufacturer, or by persons acceptable to the department. The records of calibration must be maintained for review by the department or agents of the department.

43.3(3) Individual qualifications for radon measurement laboratory. No business may be certified as a radon measurement laboratory unless the business:

a. Is successfully enrolled with either the NEHA or NRSB Radon/Radon Progeny Measurement Proficiency Program (RMPP), and

b. Follows all applicable EPA and department protocols and guidelines.

43.3(4) No certification shall be approved unless the applicant demonstrates to the department that the following conditions are met:

a. Has in place a quality assurance plan and quality control procedures, approved by the department, for all measurements and equipment;

b. Has shown the ability or intention to comply with the Radon Testing and Abatement Act, Iowa Code chapter 136B, or this chapter, or has been able or willing to conduct radon-related activities forthrightly and honestly with the applicant's clients.

43.3(5) Requirements for continued certification shall include the following:

a. A certified person located within the state of Iowa shall allow the department, its agents, employees, and contractors, upon presentation of appropriate credentials, to have access without undue delay to the person's facilities, offices and files for inspection and examination of records and equipment. The certified person shall also allow the department, its agents, employees, and contractors to accompany the person while performing any radon measurement, for the purpose of inspection of those activities, with the approval of the property owner or resident on whose property the activities are being performed.

b. The certified person shall remain in compliance with the Act and this chapter.