

641—43.4(136B) Application for certification.

43.4(1) An application for certification or renewal of certification as a radon measurement specialist or a radon measurement laboratory shall be filed on a form prescribed by the department and shall contain complete and accurate information.

a. An application for a radon measurement specialist must include:

(1) Proof of successful completion of a department-approved training course on radon/radon progeny measurements. A certificate of attendance is required.

(2) Proof of successful completion of an examination approved by this department. A letter from NEHA or NRSB showing a passing score for the radon measurement specialist examination fulfills this requirement.

(3) Proof of two years of postsecondary education in architecture, natural science, engineering, or a related discipline. A college transcript must be included to fulfill this requirement or a detailed resume evidencing two years of relevant professional work experience, such as conducting professional home inspections; or the design and installation of heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems; or the design or construction of buildings; or related activities approved by the department; or a combination of professional work experience and postsecondary education.

(4) A quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) plan for all measurement devices and equipment. If laboratory devices are used, the names and addresses of the Iowa certified radon measurement laboratories must be included. If a continuous radon monitor is used, the name of the manufacturer, model, and picture of the monitor must be included. The manufacturer of any device used must have EPA or other national agency approval which indicates the device has been approved for measuring radon. Only measurement devices from Iowa certified radon measurement laboratories or a continuous radon monitor that has been satisfactorily calibrated and approved by the Iowa radon program are allowed for use in performing radon measurements.

(5) Standard operating procedures (SOPs). Procedures must include information concerning the placement and pickup of devices used, who performs the tests, and what measures will be used to ensure all tests are in conformance with EPA protocols and procedures.

(6) A signed statement that the individual will follow all EPA radon measurement guidelines and protocols.

(7) A signed statement that the individual will submit radon test results every 30 days to the Iowa radon program within the department. The radon test results may be submitted on a form, a diskette, or through E-mail in a manner that is approved by the department.

(8) A signed statement that the individual will keep all records for a minimum of five years after the radon test is completed.

(9) A copy of the confidentiality waiver that reports results to the customer as outlined in Iowa Code section 136B.2.

(10) A signed statement that the individual will submit to the department within 14 working days any changes in the original application and that the individual will acquire at least eight hours of continuing education credits every two years before certification is renewed.

(11) The fee specified in 43.4(6).

b. An application for a radon measurement laboratory must include:

(1) Proof of successful participation in the NEHA or NRSB Radon/Radon Progeny Measurement Proficiency Program.

(2) A quality assurance plan and quality control procedures for all measurements and equipment.

(3) A signed statement that all EPA, NEHA and NRSB and any department measurement guidelines and protocols will be followed.

(4) Name(s) and address(es) of any retail operation(s) selling the laboratory's testing service(s) within Iowa.

(5) A signed statement that all changes in the original application will be submitted to the department within 14 working days.

(6) The fee specified in 43.4(6).

43.4(2) The department may require the applicant to submit supplementary statements containing additional information to enable the department to determine whether an application should be approved or denied, or whether a previously issued certification should be amended, suspended, or revoked.

43.4(3) Each application or supplementary statement shall be signed by either the applicant personally, or a person authorized in writing by the applicant to do so on the applicant's behalf.

43.4(4) A certification will be valid for one year following the date of issuance. No radon measurement covered by this chapter can be conducted after the expiration of the term of certification unless an application for renewal certification has been received by the department 30 days prior to the expiration date of certification and is pending approval. If the application is rejected, no radon test or measurement may be conducted by that applicant in the state of Iowa if a financial arrangement is involved.

43.4(5) Renewal of an annual certification must contain all the information requested in the Notice of Renewal for certification along with the fee specified in subrule 43.4(6). The application to renew credentials must also include a signed and dated continuing education form and a copy of a course certificate which indicates the name of the individual receiving continuing education, the amount of continuing education the individual has received, and the date the continuing education course was given.

43.4(6) Radon certification fees. Any person wishing to become certified as a radon measurement specialist or as a radon measurement laboratory is required to pay fees sufficient to defray the cost of administering this chapter. Fees which must be submitted are as follows:

a. Application fee.

(1) Each person with Iowa residency wishing certification under the provisions of 641—43.1(136B) shall pay a nonrefundable \$25 application fee.

(2) Each person without Iowa residency wishing certification under 641—43.1(136B) shall pay a nonrefundable \$100 application fee.

b. Annual certification fee.

(1) Each individual requesting certification and renewing certification as a radon measurement specialist must pay a nonrefundable annual fee of \$250.

(2) Each person requesting certification and renewing certification as a radon measurement laboratory must pay a nonrefundable annual fee of \$500.

c. Each person wishing to give reciprocal recognition of credentials from another jurisdiction must pay the appropriate fees in 43.4(6).

d. Returned check and late fees. Persons who fail to pay required fees to the department are subject to the following penalty(ies):

(1) \$15 for each insufficient funds check submitted for payment of radon testing fees.

(2) \$25 per month for failure to pay annual radon testing certification fees starting after the annual renewal date or date of expiration.

e. If payment is not received and the certification has been expired 30 days, certification will be revoked immediately. In order to regain certification, the person must reapply and pay the appropriate fees as outlined in this subrule.