

**481—321.623(103A) Installation seal and certificate procedures for manufactured homes.**

**321.623(1)** *Application for seals.* Any installer who has met the applicable requirements of 481—Chapter 325 may apply for installation seals as needed. Such seals may be obtained from the commissioner or local building officials or building department who is a participant in the state's installation program.

**321.623(2)** *Manufactured home installation certificates.* The installer of manufactured homes shall supply the building code commissioner and the owner of the unit with the signed and completed installation certificate that has been issued by the Iowa building code commissioner, within 30 days of affixing the Iowa installation seal.

**321.623(3)** *Obtaining installation certificates.* Any person who installs a tie-down system or any portion thereof shall be supplied with the installation certificate forms when ordering installation seals and the payment of the appropriate fee. Installers who are not listed as an installer shall be supplied the proper form to be attached to the copy of the installation certificate to be filed with the commissioner, which will record compliance with the approved system.

**321.623(4)** *Placement of installation seal.*

*a.* The installation seal shall be placed in a readily visible location on the rear of the unit. Those units manufactured after June 15, 1976, shall have the installation seal placed adjacent to the federal (HUD) label. Those units manufactured before June 15, 1976, shall have the installation seal placed at the left rear corner above any skirting.

*b.* Multiple width units require only one seal for the completed installation. Additions that are added after the initial installation shall have an installation seal on that portion.

**321.623(5)** *Denial and repossession of installation seals.* Should investigation or inspection reveal that an approved installer has not installed an anchoring system, support system, or the complete tie-down system according to these rules and the code, the commissioner may deny such installer's application for new installation seals and any installation seals previously issued shall be confiscated. Upon satisfactory proof of modification of such installation bringing them into compliance, such dealer or installer may resubmit an application for installation seals.

**321.623(6)** *Seal removal, installation.* Should a violation of the rules regarding installation be found, the commissioner may remove the installation seal after furnishing the owner or a designated agent with a written statement of such violation. The commissioner shall not issue a new installation seal until corrections have been made and the owner or a designated agent has requested an inspection pursuant to subrule 321.625(1).

**321.623(7)** *Lost or damaged seals, installation.* When an installation seal is lost or damaged, the commissioner shall be notified in writing. Damaged or lost installation seals shall be replaced by the commissioner upon payment of the replacement installation seal fee as provided in rule 481—322.20(103A).

**321.623(8)** *Return of seals, installation.* When a dealer or installer discontinues the installation of manufactured homes, the dealer or installer shall notify the commissioner within ten days of the date of such discontinuance and return all unused installation seals that have been issued to the dealer or installer. Installation seals may not be transferred by any dealer or installer after being issued to that dealer or installer.

**321.623(9)** *Seals for existing manufactured homes.* Seals may be obtained for existing manufactured homes that are tied down in accordance with the requirements of rule 481—321.627(103A).

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