

**641—30.2 (105) Continuing education requirements.**

**30.2(1)** The continuing education compliance period shall begin on the license issue date and end on the license expiration date.

**30.2(2)** The following continuing education requirements shall apply only to each licensee's first renewal on or after July 1, 2014. For all renewals thereafter, the requirements of subrule 30.2(3) shall apply:

*a.* All inactive and active master and journey licensees shall be required to complete a minimum of 8 hours of board-approved continuing education, of which 4 hours shall be in the practice discipline in which the licensee holds a license. A minimum of 2 hours of the 8 hours shall be in the content area of the applicable Iowa plumbing or mechanical codes, and 2 hours of the 8 hours shall be in the content area of the Iowa Occupational Safety and Health Act.

*b.* All inactive and active master and journey licensees holding licenses in multiple mechanical code disciplines (i.e., HVAC, hydronics, or refrigeration) with the same license expiration date shall obtain a minimum of 14 hours of board-approved continuing education, of which 8 hours shall be in any of the practice disciplines in which the licensee holds a license. A minimum of 2 hours of the 14 hours shall be in the content area of the applicable Iowa mechanical code, and 4 hours of the 14 hours shall be in the content area of the Iowa Occupational Safety and Health Act. All inactive and active master and journey licensees holding a plumbing discipline license and at least one mechanical code discipline license (i.e., HVAC, hydronics, or refrigeration) with the same expiration date shall obtain a minimum of 16 hours of board-approved continuing education, of which 8 hours shall be in any of the practice disciplines in which the licensee holds a license. A minimum of 2 hours of the 16 hours shall be in the content area of the Iowa plumbing code, 2 hours of the 16 hours shall be in the content area of the Iowa mechanical code, and 4 hours of the 16 hours shall be in the content area of the Iowa Occupational Safety and Health Act.

*c.* An individual possessing one special, restricted license issued pursuant to Iowa Code section 105.18(3) shall be required to complete the same number and type of continuing education hours as set forth in paragraph 30.2(2) "a." For purposes of paragraph 30.2(2) "c," the prescribed practice discipline for each special, restricted license shall be the discipline under which the special license is a sublicense.

*d.* An individual possessing two or more special, restricted licenses issued pursuant to Iowa Code section 105.18(3) shall be required to complete the same number and type of continuing education hours as set forth in paragraph 30.2(2) "b." For purposes of paragraph 30.2(2) "d," the prescribed practice discipline for each special, restricted license shall be the discipline under which the special license is a sublicense.

**30.2(3)** During each continuing education compliance period, each active or inactive master and journey person licensee must obtain the following amounts of continuing education:

*a. Safety education.* Each licensee holding a single license shall complete two hours, and each licensee holding multiple licenses shall complete four hours, of continuing education in the content area of the Iowa Occupational Safety and Health Act.

*b. Code education.*

(1) Each licensee holding one or more licenses or sublicenses in a mechanical discipline shall complete two hours of continuing education in the content area of the Iowa mechanical code.

(2) Each licensee holding a plumbing license or sublicense shall complete two hours of continuing education in the content area of the Iowa plumbing code.

*c. Discipline education.*

(1) A licensee holding a single plumbing license or sublicense, or a single license or sublicense in a mechanical discipline, shall complete four hours of continuing education in the discipline in which the licensee holds a license.

(2) A licensee holding multiple licenses or sublicenses shall complete eight hours of continuing education in the relevant disciplines.

*d. Private school or college maintenance specialty license.* For the purposes of this subrule, a private school or college routine maintenance specialty license shall be considered to be a sublicense of whatever discipline(s) in which the licensee actually practices.

**30.2(4)** Up to one-half of board-approved continuing education required by subrule 30.2(2) each continuing education compliance period may be obtained through completion of computer-based continuing education programs/activities approved by the board.

**30.2(5)** It is the responsibility of each licensee to finance the cost of continuing education.

**30.2(6)** A licensee who is a presenter of a board-approved continuing education program may receive credit once per continuing education compliance period for the presentation of the program. The licensee may receive the same number of hours granted the attendees.

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