

**567—134.3(455B) Certification procedure.**

**134.3(1) Application.** Application for certification shall be made by completing a form provided by the department and submitting evidence of meeting the requirements found in rule 567—134.2(455B) (i.e., copy of certificate, license, description of experience and training).

**134.3(2) Certification fee.** The initial certification and each renewal application must be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee in the form of a check or money order payable to the Department of Natural Resources. The certification fee is \$200 every two years and must be renewed biennially by January 1 of each even-numbered year (i.e., 1994, 1996, etc.). No proration of certification fees will be done. The department will assess a fee for each training course and examination, based upon the cost of preparation and administration.

**134.3(3)** Rescinded IAB 1/9/02, effective February 13, 2002.

**134.3(4) Certification issuance and renewal.**

*a.* Upon receipt, review and acceptance of the application and certificate fee, the department shall furnish the applicant with a certificate showing the name of the individual and the expiration date.

*b.* In order to remain valid, a groundwater professional certificate must be renewed prior to the expiration date specified on the certificate. Renewal applications must be made on a form provided by the department and must be received by the department or postmarked at least 60 days prior to the expiration date of the registration or certification then in effect. The renewal application must be accompanied by the registration or certification fee specified in subrule 134.3(2) and proof of completing the continuing education requirements in 134.3(5).

**134.3(5) Continuing education.** All groundwater professionals are required to complete at least 12 hours of continuing education during each two-year certification period.

*a.* The initial course of instruction required in subrule 134.2(3) may be applied toward the first certification period's continuing education requirements. Continuing education credits may not be carried forward to the next certification period.

*b.* Continuing education must be in the areas relating to underground storage tank contamination assessment and corrective action activities. Courses other than those provided by the department must be submitted to the department for prior approval as meeting the continuing education requirement.

**134.3(6) Exemption from examination.** The department may provide for an exemption from the certification examination requirements for a professional engineer registered pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 542B upon submission of sufficient proof of exemption to the department. The person must be qualified in the field of geotechnical, hydrological, environmental, groundwater, or hydrogeological engineering. A groundwater professional exempted under this provision must meet the continuing education requirements of subrule 134.3(5).

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