

**641—29.7(105) License renewal.**

**29.7(1) *Renewal period.*** The period of licensure to operate as a contractor or work as a master, journeyman or apprentice in the plumbing, mechanical, HVAC-refrigeration, sheet metal, or hydronic disciplines or work as a certified medical gas system installer or work in the specialty license disciplines developed by the board shall be for a period of three years, except as allowed or required in circumstances described in this subrule.

*a.* All licenses issued or renewed on or after July 1, 2014, shall expire on June 30 every three years, beginning with June 30, 2017.

*b.* Licensees with a renewal date that falls from July 1, 2014, through June 29, 2017, shall have the license renewal fee prorated using a one-sixth deduction for each six-month period following July 1, 2014. Applicable late renewal fees shall apply during this period. Licenses renewed through June 29, 2017, shall be issued with an expiration date of June 30, 2017.

*c.* Fees for new licenses issued after the July 1 beginning of each three-year renewal cycle shall be prorated using a one-sixth deduction for each six-month period of the renewal cycle.

*d.* A licensee whose license expires between June 30, 2014, and July 1, 2017, may voluntarily renew the license early so the license may have an expiration date of June 30, 2017. This voluntary early renewal may happen at any time on or after July 1, 2014. Notwithstanding any shortened compliance period, licensees who renew their licenses between June 30, 2014, and July 1, 2017, shall meet all of the continuing education requirements that would otherwise be required at both the July 1, 2017, renewal and the prior renewal.

**29.7(2) *Renewal notification.***

*a.* Through December 31, 2016, the board shall send a renewal notice by regular mail to each licensee at the address on record at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the license. After December 31, 2016, the board shall cease this practice.

*b.* The licensee is responsible for renewing the license prior to its expiration.

*c.* Failure of the licensee to receive the notice does not relieve the licensee of the responsibility for renewing the license.

**29.7(3) *Specific renewal requirements.***

*a. Active and inactive apprentice, specialty, journeyman, and master licenses.* An apprentice, specialty, journeyman, or master licensee seeking renewal shall:

(1) Submit an application for renewal either electronically or on the forms provided by the board office.

(2) Meet the continuing education requirements as set forth in rule 641—30.2(105), unless no continuing education is required as specified in 641—subrule 23.8(3), 30.2(2), or 30.6(1).

(3) Include the appropriate fee as specified in 641—Chapter 28. A penalty shall be assessed by the board for late renewal, as specified in 641—Chapter 28.

*b. Medical gas piping certification holders.* A medical gas piping certification holder seeking renewal shall:

(1) Submit an application for renewal either electronically or on the forms provided by the board office.

(2) Provide evidence that the person has maintained valid certification issued from the National Inspection Testing Certification (NITC) Corporation or an equivalent authority approved by the board.

(3) Include the appropriate fee as specified in 641—Chapter 28.

*c. Contractor licenses.* Beginning with the July 1, 2017, renewal and each renewal thereafter, renewal of the contractor license shall constitute registration as a contractor under Iowa Code chapter 91C. A contractor licensee seeking renewal shall:

(1) Submit an application for renewal on the forms provided by the board office. Licensees may renew their licenses online or via paper application.

(2) Include evidence of professional liability insurance and a surety bond required by subrule 29.2(4).

(3) As specified in 875—Chapter 150, include proof of workers' compensation insurance coverage, proof of unemployment insurance compliance and, for out-of-state contractors, a bond as described in Iowa Code chapter 91C.

(4) Include the appropriate license fee as specified in 641—Chapter 28. A penalty shall be assessed by the board for late renewal, as specified in 641—Chapter 28.

(5) Include the fee for a three-year contractor registration as specified in 875—Chapter 150.

**29.7(4) Complete and timely filed application.** No renewal application shall be considered timely and sufficient until received by the board office and accompanied by all material required for renewal and all applicable renewal and late fees. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. For purposes of establishing timely filing, the postmark on a paper submittal will be used and, for renewals submitted online, the date of the electronic time stamp will be used.

**29.7(5) Late renewal.** A licensee shall have a one-month grace period after the expiration date of the license to renew without payment of a late fee.

*a.* A licensee who seeks to renew more than one month but less than two months after the license expiration date may renew upon payment of the late fee in the amount specified in 641—Chapter 28 in addition to the renewal fee.

*b.* A license remains valid for practice for up to two months past the expiration date of the license. After two months, the license shall lapse and become invalid for practice until the license is reinstated.

**29.7(6) Reinstatement.** A person seeking reinstatement of a lapsed license must submit an application for reinstatement electronically or on the forms provided by the board office and include all required documentation and fees.

*a.* A licensee who allows a license to lapse for more than two months but not more than 365 days may reinstate and renew the license upon payment of the late penalty fee in the amount specified in 641—Chapter 28 in addition to the renewal fee. A specialty, journeyman or master licensee must also meet the continuing education requirements as set forth in rule 641—30.2(105), unless no continuing education is required as specified in 641—subrule 23.8(3), 30.2(2), or 30.6(1).

*b.* A person holding a specialty, journeyman or master license who allows the license to lapse for more than one year may reinstate and renew the license by providing evidence of one of the following:

(1) For a journeyman or master licensee, retaking and successfully passing the applicable licensing examination; or

(2) Retaking and successfully completing all continuing education requirements as set forth in rule 641—30.2(105) for each renewal period in which the license was not timely renewed.

*c.* A contractor licensee seeking reinstatement of a license that has been lapsed for more than one year may reinstate and renew the license by submitting evidence of meeting the requirements specified in subrule 29.7(3) and payment of any required fees.

*d.* A licensee who reinstates and renews a lapsed license shall not be entitled to a prorated renewal fee.

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