

21—36.2(196) Licensing. An egg handler's license shall be obtained from the department for each location at which eggs will be candled and graded. In order to obtain an egg handler's license, the applicant shall comply with the standards contained in Iowa Code chapter 196 and this chapter.

36.2(1) A license is not transferable. License fees are not refundable unless the license is surrendered to the department prior to the effective date of the license.

36.2(2) A license is valid for two years, is renewable, and expires on October 1.

36.2(3) A valid license and the most recent inspection report, along with any current complaint or reinspection reports, shall be posted no higher than eye level where the public can see them. For the purpose of this subrule, only founded complaint reports shall be considered a complaint. Founded complaints shall be posted until either the mail-in recheck form has been submitted to the regulatory authority or a recheck inspection has been conducted to verify that the violations have been corrected.

36.2(4) Any change in business ownership or business location requires a new license. Multiple locations operated simultaneously each require a separate license.

36.2(5) The regulatory authority may require documentation from a license holder.

36.2(6) A delinquent license shall only be renewed if it is renewed within 60 days of its expiration. If a delinquent license is not renewed within 60 days, an establishment must apply for a new license and meet all the requirements for licensure. Establishments that have not renewed the license within 60 days of the expiration of the license shall be closed by the department or a contractor. The establishment shall not be reopened until a new license application has been submitted and approved.

36.2(7) License fees for egg handlers are based on the total number of cases of eggs purchased or handled during the month of April (Iowa Code section 196.3) and are charged as follows:

- a.* For less than 125 cases—\$40.40;
- b.* For 125 to 249 cases—\$94.50;
- c.* For 250 to 999 cases—\$135.00;
- d.* For 1,000 to 4,999 cases—\$270.00;
- e.* For 5,000 to 9,999 cases—\$472.50;
- f.* For 10,000 or more cases—\$675.00.

For the purpose of determining fees, each case shall be 30 dozen eggs.

36.2(8) The department shall charge a voluntary inspection fee of \$100 when a voluntary inspection is requested.

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