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## BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2018

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## Professional Licensing Bureau

### Background

The Professional Licensing Bureau (PLB) is part of the Banking Division of the Department of Commerce. The agency was created in 1986 as a result of statewide agency reorganization. In July 2006, it became a bureau of the Division of Banking. The Bureau oversees:

- Accountants
- Architects
- Engineers and Land Surveyors
- Landscape Architects
- Real Estate Brokers and Agents
- Real Estate Appraisers
- Interior Designers

The PLB provides support for the boards and commissions that govern each profession. The requirements for examination, licensing and regulation, review and investigation of complaints, licensee discipline, peer review committees, license renewal, and continuing education necessary for renewal are set by the boards and commissions with assistance from the Bureau. There are approximately 32,000 in-state and out-of-state licensees under the Bureau's purview.

### Funding

The Professional Licensing Bureau receives an annual General Fund appropriation.

### Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapters [542](#), [542B](#), [543B](#), [543D](#), [544A](#), [544B](#), and [544C](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [193](#), [193A](#), [193B](#), [193C](#), [193D](#), [193E](#), [193F](#), and [193G](#)

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### More Information

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