

**ILHR 81.08 Plumber license-retiree.** The department may issue to a person who has a valid license as a master plumber, master plumber-restricted, journeyman plumber or journeyman plumber-restricted and who is at least 62 years old or is physically unable to carry out the responsibilities of the profession, a plumber's license designated as retiree for the respective category.

(1) **ISSUANCE.** A plumber license-retiree shall be issued upon receipt of a completed application and the fee as specified in s. ILHR 81.16.

(2) **EXPIRATION.** A plumber license-retiree shall not have an expiration date, but may be suspended or revoked as specified in s. ILHR 81.14.

(3) **RESTRICTION.** A person holding a plumber license-retiree may not engage or offer to engage in any plumbing work except that which is permitted under s. 145.06 (4), Stats.

(4) **RENEWAL.** A person holding a plumber license-retiree may renew their old active license without licensure examination provided the appropriate license renewal fee as specified in s. ILHR 81.16.

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**ILHR 81.09 Utility contractor license and registration of pipe layers.** (1) **PROOF OF EXPERIENCE.** Proof of experience and skill in the planning, superintending and practical installation shall be provided by all persons making application for a utility contractor license. The application shall be presented to the department on forms provided by the department. The application shall be accompanied by the appropriate license fee specified in s. ILHR 81.16. In addition, the following documents shall be provided to the department:

(a) At least 2 letters from municipalities, or metropolitan sewage districts, where utilities were installed, or an architect or engineer, evidencing skill in the planning, superintending and practical installation of sanitary sewers, storm sewers or water service piping installations;

(b) An indication of the length of skilled utility contracting experience;

(c) A description of all related experience and training of the person seeking licensure; and

(d) A document providing such other information the department may require.

(2) **APPLICATION AND QUALIFICATION.** (a) All applicants for a utility contractor license, if not self-employed, shall provide the name of their employer.

(b) Should the licensed utility contractor leave the employ of a utility contracting firm, the firm may not be qualified to do business as a utility contracting firm after 30 days unless another employe becomes licensed as a utility contractor.

(3) **REGISTRATION.** The person who qualifies a utility contracting firm shall register with the department, on forms furnished by the department.

(4) **PIPE LAYERS.** The utility contractor shall be responsible for employing registered pipe layers.

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(a) **REGISTRATION.** The utility contractor shall submit the names of employes to be registered as pipe layers with the department. Registration forms shall be furnished by the department. The name, age, education, beginning date of employment of each pipe layer and such other information as the department may require shall be submitted.

(b) **QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION.** All applicants for registration as pipe layers shall be at least 18 years of age.

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**ILHR 81.10 Licensing of automatic fire sprinkler fitters and contractors.**

(1) **APPRENTICESHIP.** (a) *General.* The department may determine and prescribe the conditions under which any person may serve an automatic fire sprinkler system apprenticeship. Credit shall be granted for educational and training programs approved by the department. Every person, regardless of age, commencing an automatic fire sprinkler system apprenticeship after July 1, 1973, shall be indentured under ch. 106, Stats. The term of an automatic fire sprinkler system apprentice shall be 4 years, but the department may upon application of the apprentice or the apprentice's employer or both, extend the term, but an extension shall not exceed one year. After expiration of an apprenticeship term no apprentice may engage in the business of automatic fire sprinkler system work either as an apprentice or as journeyman automatic fire sprinkler fitter unless after the expiration of the apprenticeship term the apprentice secures a journeyman automatic fire sprinkler fitter's license. In case of failure to pass the examination for the license, the apprentice may continue to serve as an apprentice but not beyond the time for reexamination for a journeyman automatic fire sprinkler fitter's license, as prescribed in sub. (4) (f).

(b) *Registration.* Every automatic fire sprinkler system apprentice shall register with the department within 30 days after beginning the apprenticeship. Registration forms shall be furnished by the department. All applicants shall indicate their name, age, preliminary schooling, beginning date of indenture, name and address of employer and such other information as the department may require.

(c) *Qualifications.* All applicants for registration as apprentices shall have reached the age of 16 years and have completed the 12th grade in school or its equivalent. Applicants who have not completed the 12th grade or its equivalent shall attend part-time school at least 4 hours per week during the entire period of their apprenticeship or until such time the apprentice graduates from 12th grade.

(d) *Practical training.* 1. The apprentice shall receive instruction and experience in all branches of automatic fire sprinkler system installations.

2. During the first 2 years of apprenticeship, the apprentice shall be given the opportunity to install automatic fire sprinkler system material as the apprentice's skill permits. The apprentice shall be under the immediate supervision of a journeyman automatic fire sprinkler fitter licensed in Wisconsin.

3. During the third and fourth years of apprenticeship an apprentice may, under general supervision of a licensed journeyman automatic fire sprinkler fitter, make only those automatic fire sprinkler system installations as the apprentice's skill permits.

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(e) *School credits.* Apprentice applicants who have attended accredited trade school courses in automatic fire sprinkler systems may receive up to 6 months credit toward their apprenticeship for each school year completed. Any attendance of less than one year may not receive recognition.

(f) *Responsibility of employer.* The contractor for whom the apprentice is to work shall be equipped and qualified to train apprentices. Shop and school training requirements established in s. 106.01 (5) (d), Stats., shall be met. Any changes made in relation to the continued employment and training of apprentices shall be reported to the department.

(g) *Suspension.* If an apprenticeship ceases to exist, if registration is accepted with incomplete or inaccurate information, or if willful non-compliance with the shop and school training requirements exists, the department shall suspend a registration until the deficiencies are remedied. The department may cancel registration. A registration which has lapsed either through suspension or cancellation may be renewed in the same manner as new registrations. The department may grant credit toward completion of the 4-year apprenticeship.

(2) JOURNEYMAN AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLER FITTER LICENSE. (a) *Application.* Application for a journeyman automatic fire sprinkler fitter license shall be made on forms provided by the department.

(b) *Proof of experience.* Proof of experience, skill and related instruction shall be provided by all applicants for licenses as part of the application. Proof shall consist of a completed accredited apprenticeship program in automatic fire sprinkler systems installation or a list of 5 installations installed in a one-year period prior to March 1, 1967, with the following items included for each specific installation listed:

1. Installation hours per job and number of sprinkler heads installed in each system. Sprinkler heads taken off domestic water supply shall not qualify;
2. A minimum of 1,000 hours per year engaged in automatic fire sprinkler systems installation; and
3. Other information the department may require.

(3) AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLER CONTRACTOR LICENSE. (a) *Application.* Application for an automatic fire sprinkler contractor license shall be made on forms provided by the department.

(b) *Proof of experience.* Proof of experience, skill and background shall be provided by all applicants for an automatic fire sprinkler contractor license. Proof shall consist of a letter of past business contact from a general contractor, a customer, an architect or engineer and the approving agency, such as, but not limited to, an insurance company and a list of 5 installations of automatic fire sprinkler systems installed in a one-year period prior to March 1, 1967, with the following items included for each specific installation listed:

1. Installation hours per job and number of sprinkler heads installed in each system. Sprinkler heads taken off domestic water supply shall not qualify;
2. Approval agency for each installation listed; and
3. Other information the department may require.

(c) *Responsibility.* The individual making application or writing the examination for the automatic fire sprinkler contractor license shall be a principal or officer of the firm who shall be knowledgeable and responsible for the design, installation and certification of all automatic fire sprinkler systems or portions of systems installed by the licensed contractor.

(d) *Termination.* The individual who has qualified the contractor for licensure shall remain as a principal or officer of the firm. Upon separation of such individual for any reason from the contractor's employ, the firm shall be required to have the replacement show evidence of qualifications by application to the department. The change shall be registered with the department within 90 days. Where deemed necessary, the department may require a written or oral examination to evaluate the qualification of the replacement. An individual may qualify only one automatic fire sprinkler contracting firm at any one time.

(e) *Registration.* The automatic fire sprinkler contractor shall register with the department the principal or officer who qualifies the contractor for licensure on forms provided by the department.

(4) EXAMINATIONS. (a) *General.* At least 2 automatic fire sprinkler system examinations for the licensing of journeyman and contractors shall be conducted annually at such time and place as the department may direct. An apprentice shall be eligible to make application for examination 90 days prior to the expiration and completion date of the indentured apprenticeship. A license shall be issued upon receipt of a passing grade in the examination and expiration of the apprenticeship. Application forms for examination for licensure and renewal of licenses may be obtained from the department.

(b) *Date of filing application.* All applications for examination shall be received by the department at least 4 weeks prior to the date of examination. Failure to have the application on file with the department within the required time shall necessitate postponement of the applicant's appearance to the next examination. All applications shall expire after a period of one year from the date of filing.

(c) *Notice of examination.* Notice of the time and place of examination shall be sent by first class mail to those who have approved applications on file. Such notice shall be mailed to the address given on the application form and shall be presented by the applicant to gain admittance to the examination room. Failure to receive the notice due to change in address shall not be the responsibility of the department.

(d) *Character of examinations.* 1. The examination shall be conducted by the automatic fire sprinkler system contractors and journeymen council. The examinations shall consist of written tests and may be practical or oral in part. The examination shall cover the theory and practice of automatic fire sprinkler systems, the interpretation of charts, blueprints and plans of automatic fire sprinkler system installations, and such other tests as the committee may deem necessary.

2. Applicants shall participate in all portions of the examination and shall acquire a grade of 75% or greater to be eligible for licensure. Applicants who fail to acquire a passing grade shall be required to rewrite the complete examination.

(e) *Materials used in examination.* Applicants shall furnish the necessary tools and materials for the examination as requested by the examiners.

(f) *Reexamination.* Applicants failing an initial examination may be reexamined within 3 months. Applicants may not be eligible for a second reexamination until the expiration of 6 months after the first reexamination, and not for the third and subsequent reexaminations until the expiration of one year after the last reexamination.

(5) **TEMPORARY PERMITS.** Temporary permits shall become void upon the date of the first examination following issuance of the permit and shall be surrendered to the department. Not more than 2 temporary permits may be issued to an individual or contractor in any 12-month period, or not more than 3 temporary permits shall be issued in a 5-year period. Applicants for temporary permits shall comply with all other applicable rules and statutes.

(6) **ALLOWABLE MAINTENANCE.** The weekly or monthly testing of sprinkler alarm equipment, fire pumps, valves, or appurtenances; the refilling of storage and pressure tanks; or the replacement of automatic fire sprinkler heads under emergency conditions, shall not require licensure under ch. 145, Stats.

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**ILHR 81.11 Registration for the maintenance of automatic fire sprinklers.**

(1) **GENERAL.** Unless a temporary permit is secured in accordance with sub. (4), a business establishment shall obtain a registration certificate from the department prior to initiating any repair or maintenance activities to an existing automatic fire sprinkler system within its facilities.

(2) **APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE.** A business establishment applying for an automatic fire sprinkler maintenance registration certificate shall:

(a) Submit to the department a completed application on forms furnished by the department;

Note: Application for registration certificate is to be made on form SBD 6796.

(b) Submit to the department the registration fee specified in s. ILHR 81.16; and

(c) Employ at least one person:

1. Who is to be responsible for the repair and maintenance activities to the existing automatic fire sprinkler system; and

2. Who has demonstrated a knowledge of repairing and maintaining an automatic fire sprinkler system by passing a department examination.

(3) **DEPARTMENT EXAMINATION.** (a) At least 3 department examinations for a person of a business establishment which is seeking an automatic fire sprinkler maintenance registration certificate shall be conducted annually at such time and place as the department may direct.

(b) All applications for examination shall be received by the department at least 4 weeks prior to the date of examination. Failure to have the application on file with the department within the required time shall

necessitate postponement of the applicant's appearance until the next examination. All applications shall expire after a period of one year from the date of filing.

(c) An examination fee for each applicant shall be submitted to and received by the department prior to the date of the examination. Examination fees are specified in s. ILHR 81.16.

(d) Notice of the time and place of examination shall be sent by first class mail to those who have approved applications on file. Such notice shall be mailed to the address given on the application form and shall be presented by the applicant to gain admittance to the examination room. Failure to receive the notice due to change in address shall not be the responsibility of the department.

(e) Applicants shall participate in all portions of the examination. A grade of 75% or better is required in order to pass the examination. Applicants who fail to acquire a passing grade shall be required to rewrite the complete examination.

(4) TEMPORARY PERMIT. (a) *General.* Prior to obtaining an automatic fire sprinkler maintenance registration certificate, the department may issue a temporary permit to a business establishment to engage in the repair and maintenance activities specified in sub. (5) upon submission of:

1. A completed application for an automatic fire sprinkler maintenance registration certificate;

2. Satisfactory evidence documenting the knowledge of automatic fire sprinkler systems of the person responsible for the repair and maintenance activities; and

3. The temporary permit fee specified in s. ILHR 81.16.

(b) *Expiration.* A temporary permit shall be void upon the date of the first examination following issuance of the permit.

(5) REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES. A business establishment possessing a valid automatic fire sprinkler maintenance registration certificate or a temporary permit may, within its facilities:

(a) Replace or repair any component of an existing automatic fire sprinkler system including daily maintenance and emergency repairs to underground fire mains and fire pumps; and

(b) Modify or extend an existing automatic fire sprinkler system by no more than 15 sprinkler heads per project.

Note: Section ILHR 51.23 requires that all installed automatic fire sprinkler systems be maintained for efficient service as specified in NFPA No. 13A.

(6) TERMINATION OF QUALIFYING PERSON. If the person who is responsible for the repair and maintenance activities permitted under sub. (5) and who has qualified a business establishment for an automatic fire sprinkler maintenance registration certificate under sub. (2) (c) leaves the employment of the business establishment, the business establishment:

(a) Shall surrender to the department its automatic fire sprinkler maintenance registration certificate; and