

IDAPA 07 - DIVISION OF BUILDING SAFETY
07.02.05 - RULES GOVERNING PLUMBING SAFETY LICENSING
DOCKET NO. 07-0205-0902
NOTICE OF RULEMAKING - PROPOSED RULE

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Section 67-5221(1), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency has initiated proposed rulemaking procedures. The action is authorized pursuant to Sections 54-2605(1) and 54-2617, Idaho Code.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE: Public hearing(s) concerning this rulemaking will be scheduled if requested in writing by twenty-five (25) persons, a political subdivision, or an agency, not later than October 21, 2009.

The hearing site(s) will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Requests for accommodation must be made not later than five (5) days prior to the hearing, to the agency address below.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The following is a nontechnical explanation of the substance and purpose of the proposed rulemaking:

In 2009, Section 54-2606, Idaho Code, was amended to provide the Idaho Plumbing Board with the authority to establish continuing education requirements for journeyman and contractor plumbers. Currently, no rules provide for specific requirements regarding continuing education. Advancements in technology and changing job responsibilities may require a plumber to update their knowledge and skills consistent with any new developments in the plumbing profession. Continuing education helps to assure the plumbing community and the public that an individual is qualified by knowledge and skills to work in the trade. This rule change would establish the specific continuing education requirements that journeyman and contractor plumbers must fulfill within specified timeframes in order to renew their certificate of competency in accordance with Section 54-2617, Idaho Code. It also requires the approval of courses of instruction and instructors by the Division of Building Safety.

FEE SUMMARY: The following is a specific description of the fee or charge imposed or increased: N/A

FISCAL IMPACT: The following is a specific description, if applicable, of any negative fiscal impact on the state general fund greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) during the fiscal year resulting from this rulemaking: N/A

NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING: Pursuant to Section 67-5220, Idaho Code, negotiated rulemaking was not conducted because of the simple nature of the rulemaking.

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: For assistance on technical questions concerning the proposed rule, contact Steve Keys, Deputy Administrator - Operations, (208) 332-8986.

Anyone may submit written comments regarding this proposed rulemaking. All written comments must be directed to the undersigned and must be delivered on or before October 28, 2009.

DATED this 18th day of August, 2009.

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE PROPOSED TEXT FOR DOCKET NO. 07-0205-0902

016. CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY -- ISSUANCE, RENEWAL, EXPIRATION, REVIVAL -- FEES.

01. Issuance. Certificates of competency shall be issued in such a manner as to create a renewal date that coincides with the birthdate of the individual to whom the certificate is issued and allows for renewals every three (3) years. (4-6-05)

a. Certificates of competency shall be issued for a period of no less than one (1) year and no more than three (3) years. For example: a qualified applicant who applies for a certificate of competency in August of year one (1) but whose birthday will not occur until March of year two (2) shall be issued a certificate of competency renewable on the anniversary of the applicant's birthdate. (4-6-05)

b. The fee for issuance of certificates of competency shall be prorated based on the number of months for which it is issued. (4-6-05)

02. Renewal. Certificates of competency shall be renewed in such a manner as will achieve a staggered system of certificate renewal using the birthdate of the individual to whom the certificate is issued as the expiration date. (4-6-05)

a. Certificates of competency shall be renewed for a period of no less than one (1) year and no more than three (3) years. (4-6-05)

b. The fee for renewal of certificates of competency shall be prorated based on the number of months for which it is issued. (4-6-05)

c. Continuing Education. The Idaho Plumbing Board will establish criteria for approval of instruction and instructors and courses and instructors will be approved by the Plumbing Bureau. Proof of completion of the following continuing education requirements must be submitted to the Plumbing Bureau prior to, or with the application for, licensure renewal by any licensee in order to renew a journeyman or contractors plumbing license. ()

i. Journeyman must complete eight (8) hours of continuing education for every three-year license cycle, or complete an exam administered by the Division. Of the required eight (8) hours, four (4) hours must be plumbing code update related and the other four (4) hours may be industry related training. ()

ii. Contractors must complete sixteen (16) hours of continuing education for every three-year license cycle. Hours accrued obtaining journeyman education may be applied toward this requirement whenever applicable. ()

03. Expiration - Revival. (4-6-05)

a. Certificates that are not timely renewed will expire. (4-6-05)

b. A certificate that has expired may be revived within twelve (12) months of its expiration by submitting a completed application and paying the same fee as for an initial certificate and meeting all other certification requirements. (4-6-05)

c. Revived certificates shall be issued in such a manner as to create a renewal date that coincides with the birthdate of the applicant to achieve a staggered system of renewal. (4-6-05)