

1301.1400 MINIMUM COMPETENCY CRITERIA.

Subpart 1. **Generally.** An individual conducting construction code inspections must meet the minimum competency criteria in this part, except that an individual holding a current certification as a building official under Minnesota Statutes, section 326B.133, is exempt from this part and part 1301.1600. All construction code inspectors hired on or after January 1, 2008, shall within one year of hire, be in compliance with the competency criteria of this part.

Subp. 2. **Building inspector.** To conduct the activities of a building inspector, an individual must meet at least one of the following minimum competency criteria:

- A. three years' experience in construction with specific skilled participation in the construction of foundations and superstructures;
- B. five years' experience in the complete design of buildings;
- C. successful completion of two or more BIT courses in building construction;
- D. vocational or trade school diploma or equivalent education related to building construction;
- E. bachelor's degree or more in architecture, engineering, or construction management;
- F. current certification by a national model building code group or a national standards writing group as a building inspector; or
- G. two years' experience conducting building construction inspections while under the supervision of a Minnesota designated building official.

Subp. 3. **Mechanical inspector.** To conduct the activities of a mechanical inspector, an individual must meet at least one of the following minimum competency criteria:

- A. three years' experience in the installation or design of mechanical systems;
- B. successful completion of two or more BIT courses, with at least one course specifically related to mechanical systems;
- C. vocational or trade school diploma or equivalent education related to the construction of mechanical systems;
- D. bachelor's degree or more in architecture or engineering; or
- E. current certification by a national model building code group or a national standards writing group in mechanical system inspections.

Subp. 4. **Plumbing inspector.** To conduct the activities of a plumbing inspector, an individual must meet at least one of the following minimum competency criteria:

A. three years' qualifying experience in the installation or design of plumbing systems that is obtained in compliance with Minnesota's plumbing licensure laws;

B. successful completion of two or more BIT courses, with at least one course specifically related to plumbing systems;

C. vocational or trade school diploma or equivalent education related to the construction of plumbing systems;

D. bachelor's degree or greater in architecture or engineering; or

E. current certification by a national model building code group or a national standards writing group in plumbing system inspection.

Subp. 5. **Combination inspector.** To conduct the activities of a combination inspector, an individual must meet the minimum competency criteria of subparts 2, 3, and 4.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 16B.655; 326B.135*

History: *32 SR 1933; L 2007 c 140 art 4 s 61; art 13 s 4; L 2008 c 337 s 64*

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