

**4695.3000 DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS.**

Subpart 1. **Investigation upon complaint.** Upon receipt of a complaint or other communication, whether oral or written, which alleges or implies the existence of a ground for denial of registration or disciplinary action as specified in subpart 2 the commissioner or council may initiate an investigation.

Prior to any disciplinary action a written complaint shall be obtained from a complaining party. In so doing, the council may request the registrant to appear before them to determine the merits of the situation in question. In each case, the council shall make a recommendation to the commissioner as to whether proceedings under the Administrative Procedure Act would be appropriate and should be initiated.

Subp. 2. **Refusal to grant or renew registration.** The commissioner may refuse to grant or renew a registration, suspend or revoke a registration, or use any reasonable lesser remedy against a registrant for any of the following reasons:

A. submission of false or misleading information or credentials in order to obtain or renew registration;

B. failure to meet the requirements for initial or renewal registration; or

C. incompetency, negligence, or inappropriate conduct in the performance or environmental health duties or related functions.

Subp. 3. **Compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act.** Disciplinary actions shall comply with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, Minnesota Statutes, chapter 14.

Subp. 4. **Revocation or suspension.** Upon revocation or suspension, the registrant shall return to the commissioner his/her registration and current renewal certificates.

Subp. 5. **Reregistration after revocation.** A registrant who has had his/her registration revoked shall not be entitled to apply for reregistration until at least one year following the effective date of the revocation or such longer period of time specified by the commissioner.

Subp. 6. **Reinstatement.** A suspended registration may be reinstated upon fulfillment of the terms of suspension; provided, however, that all requirements of the rules for registration renewal, if applicable, shall be met prior to reinstatement.

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