

Chapter H 63

LICENSING OF AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLER
FITTERS AND CONTRACTORS

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H 63.01 Apprenticeship. (1) **REGISTRATION.** Every automatic fire sprinkler fitter apprentice shall register with the department immediately. Registration forms will be furnished by the department which shall require the applicant to indicate his name, age, preliminary schooling, beginning date of indenture, name and address of employer and such other information as the department may require.

(2) **QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION.** All applicants for registration as apprentices must 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 be required to attend part-time school 4 hours per week during the entire period of their apprenticeship. In each case when the applicant seeks to establish the equivalency of completion of the 12th grade, the matter shall be referred to the department.

(3) **RESPONSIBILITY OF EMPLOYER.** Registration as an apprentice shall not be accepted unless the particular contractor for whom the apprentice is to work is equipped and qualified to have an apprentice and that the requirements as to both shop and school training will be complied with. Contractors employing registered apprentices shall report to the department any changes made in relation to the continued employment of such apprentices.

(4) **SUSPENSION OF REGISTRATION.** (a) Whenever an apprenticeship ceases to exist or whenever a registration has been accepted under such conditions as would not have warranted an acceptance if the facts had been presented or when there has been willful noncompliance with the shop and school training requirements, the department shall suspend such registration until the conditions shall have been remedied or cancel such registration if necessary.

(b) A registration which has lapsed either through suspension or cancellation may be renewed in the same manner as new registrations and the department may grant such credit toward completion of the 5-year apprenticeship as it may deem proper in each case.

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H 63.02 Journeyman automatic fire sprinkler fitter license. (1) **JOURNEYMAN.** Proof of experience, skill, and related instruction shall be provided by all applicants for journeyman licenses. Proof shall consist of a completed accredited apprenticeship program in automatic fire sprinkler systems installation, or a list of 5 installations

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installed in a one-year period prior to March 1, 1967, with the following items included for each specific installation listed:

(a) Installation hours per job and number of sprinkler heads installed in each system. Sprinkler heads taken off domestic water supply shall not qualify.

(b) A minimum of 1,000 hours per year engaged in automatic fire sprinkler systems installation.

(c) Other information the department may require.

(2) **APPRENTICESHIP.** The department may determine and prescribe the conditions under which any person may serve an automatic fire sprinkler system apprenticeship, as to preliminary and vocational, technical and adult educational school attendance requirements, and credit for such school attendance in serving such an apprenticeship. Every person, regardless of age, commencing an automatic fire sprinkler apprenticeship after July 1, 1973, shall be indentured under chapter 106, Wis. Stats. The term of an automatic fire sprinkler apprentice shall be 5 years, but the department of industry, labor and human relations or the department may upon application of the apprentice or his employer or both, extend such term for not to exceed one additional year. After expiration of an apprenticeship term, no apprentice shall engage in the business of automatic fire sprinkler work either as an apprentice or as a journeyman automatic fire sprinkler fitter unless after the expiration of the apprenticeship term he secures a journeyman automatic fire sprinkler fitter's license. In case of failure to pass the examination for such license, he 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 by the rules and regulations of the department.

(3) **PRACTICAL TRAINING.** (a) *Instruction and experience.* The apprentice shall receive instruction and experience in all branches of automatic fire sprinkler system installations.

(b) *First 2 1/2 years.* During the first 2 1/2 years, the apprentice shall be given the opportunity to install automatic fire sprinkler material as his skill will permit under the immediate supervision of a journeyman automatic fire sprinkler fitter licensed in Wisconsin.

(c) *2 1/2 through 5 years.* During the second half of the third year and the fourth and fifth years any apprentice who is meeting the related instruction requirement may, under general supervision of a licensed journeyman automatic fire sprinkler fitter, make automatic fire sprinkler installations as the apprentice's skill will permit.

(d) *School credits.* Apprentice applicants who have attended an accredited trade school may receive up to 6 months credit for each school year completed. Any attendance of less than one year shall not receive recognition.

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H 63.03 Automatic fire sprinkler contractor license. (1) **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:

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