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CHAPTER 20

PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE

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DIVISION I

FORM AND RATE REQUIREMENTS

191—20.1(505,509,514A,515,515A,515F) General filing requirements.

20.1(1) Insurance companies required to file rates or forms with the division shall submit required rate and form filings and any fees required for the filings electronically using the National Association of Insurance Commissioners' System for Electronic Rate and Form Filing (SERFF). Insurance companies must comply with the division's requirements, including both the Iowa general instructions and the specific submission requirements for the type of insurance for which the companies are submitting forms or rates, as set out on the SERFF Web site at www.serff.org.

20.1(2) No rate filing shall include any adjustment designed to recover underwriting or operating losses incurred out of state. Upon request by the commissioner, insurers doing business in Iowa shall segregate in their rate filings data from any state identified by the commissioner, and the filings shall include a certification that no portion of any rate increase is designed to recover underwriting or operating losses incurred in another state.

191—20.2(505) Objection to filing.

20.2(1) Any insured or established organization with one or more insureds among its members that has an objection to a form filing may submit to the insurance commissioner a written request for a hearing on the filing. A request for a hearing must be filed within 20 days after the filing has been received by the commissioner.

20.2(2) Within 20 days after receipt of the request for a hearing, the commissioner will hold a hearing to consider the objection to the filing. The commissioner will provide not less than 10 days' written notice of the time and place of the hearing to the person or association filing the demand, to the filing insurer or organization, and to any other person requesting notice. The commissioner may suspend or postpone the effective date of the filing pending the hearing. Upon consideration of the information received at the hearing, the commissioner may determine whether or not to approve the filing.

191—20.3(515,515A,515C,518,518A,520) Letter of transmittal. Rescinded IAB 10/25/06, effective 11/29/06.

191—20.4(505,509,514A,515,515A,515F) Policy form filing.

20.4(1) Each policy form, endorsement, application and agreement modifying the provisions of policies must bear an identification form number. This form number must be in the lower left-hand corner unless uniform or authentic forms are used.

20.4(2) Rescinded IAB 2/19/14, effective 3/26/14.

20.4(3) A form filing which has not been previously approved, disapproved or questioned shall be deemed approved on or after 30 days from its receipt.

[ARC 1334C, IAB 2/19/14, effective 3/26/14]

191—20.5(515A) Rate or manual rule filing.

20.5(1) Every insurer shall determine and file its final rates with the commissioner pursuant to provisions of Iowa Code chapter 515F, except for insurers of workers' compensation who are specifically excluded by Iowa Code section 515F.5 and residual market mechanisms.

a. Advisory organizations may file on behalf of their member and subscriber companies prospective loss costs, supplementary rate information and supporting information as defined in Iowa Code section 515F.2. Advisory organization filings shall be filed and made effective in accordance with

the provisions of Iowa Code sections 515F.4 to 515F.6 or 515F.23 to 515F.25 that apply to the filing and approval of rates and supplementary rating information.

b. An insurer may satisfy its obligation to make rate filings by becoming a participating insurer of a licensed advisory organization that makes reference filings of advisory prospective loss costs and by authorizing the commissioner to accept such filings on its behalf. The insurer's rates shall be the prospective loss costs filed by the advisory organization which have been put into effect in accordance with 20.5(1) "a," combined with the loss cost adjustments which are filed in accordance with this paragraph.

c. An insurer may satisfy its obligation to make filings of supplementary rating information by becoming a participating insurer of a licensed advisory organization which makes such filings and by authorizing the commissioner to accept such filings on its behalf, subject to any modifications filed by the insurer.

d. If an insurer has previously filed forms modifying coverage provided by the applicable advisory organization forms, such fact should be noted in the rate filing.

20.5(2) Rate filings shall reflect that due consideration has been given to the factors enumerated in Iowa Code section 515F.4(1), and shall be accompanied by supporting statistical exhibits. In addition, each filing shall note the date of the last revision of rates affecting this coverage and briefly describe the nature of that revision.

20.5(3) Insurers making filings in their own behalf and advisory organizations shall identify each page filed by printing, typing or stamping their own name thereon.

20.5(4) If a company filing rates used the manuals of an advisory organization in its filings, any portion of the manuals of the organization which will not be followed by the filing must be clearly shown as deleted or amended by use of an appropriately numbered exception page.

20.5(5) For residual market mechanisms, insurers making filings in their own behalf shall identify the submission as an independent filing or a deviation from the bureau filing. A deviation filing is a submission which represents modification of a form or rate or rule previously filed by an authorized rating organization or advisory organization on behalf of its member and subscriber companies. If an insurer has previously filed forms modifying coverage provided by the applicable standard or bureau forms, such fact should be noted in the rate filing.

191—20.6(515A) Exemption from filing requirement.

20.6(1) An insurer requesting, pursuant to Iowa Code section 515F.5(4), suspension or modification of the requirement of filing of a rate shall provide the commissioner with a full explanation for the proposed exemption from the filing requirement together with any actuarial data available and shall furnish the commissioner with any additional material the commissioner may desire.

20.6(2) If the commissioner finds that a proposed rate represents a classification for which credible and homogeneous statistical experience does not exist and cannot be analyzed using standard actuarial techniques to produce a statistically significant average rate for the individual risks within the classification, the commissioner may exempt the proposed rate from the filing requirement.

20.6(3) An insurer shall maintain statistical records of the experience and expenses attendant upon the risks covered by any rate exempted by the commissioner from the filing requirement. The insurer may supplement statistical information with information filed with the commissioner by an advisory organization.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 515A.4(6).

191—20.7(515E) Risk retention and purchasing groups. Rescinded IAB 11/22/06, effective 12/27/06.

191—20.8(515A) Rate filings for crop-hail insurance. Rate filings for crop-hail insurance shall be submitted on or before March 15 of each calendar year. Each company may file one set of rates per policy plan per calendar year which shall remain in effect throughout the current crop year. In the absence of a new filing, rates on file from the previous year will remain in effect. Each filing shall be accompanied by a cover letter, synopsis sheet and supporting data which justifies the filed rate.

191—20.9(515F) Licensing advisory organization. Rescinded IAB 3/28/07, effective 5/2/07.

191—20.10(515F) Exemptions. Rescinded IAB 3/28/07, effective 5/2/07.

191—20.11(515) Exemption from form and rate filing requirements.

20.11(1) The following lines of insurance shall be exempt from the form filing requirements of Iowa Code section 515.102:

- Aircraft hull and aviation liability
- Difference-in-conditions
- Kidnap-ransom
- Manuscript policies and endorsements issued to not more than two insureds in Iowa
- Political risk
- Reinsurance
- Terrorism
- War risk
- Weather insurance

20.11(2) Insurers shall be exempt from filing rates for the lines of insurance exempted in 20.11(1).

20.11(3) An insurer shall within 30 days of request provide the commissioner with any of the information which is exempted from form and rate filing requirements.

[ARC 1125C, IAB 10/16/13, effective 11/20/13]

191—20.12(515,515F) Use of credit history in underwriting and making of rates for personal automobile and homeowners policies. Rescinded IAB 11/24/04, effective 12/29/04.

191—20.13 to 20.40 Reserved.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 515F and Iowa Code section 515.109.

DIVISION II
IOWA FAIR PLAN ACT

191—20.41(515,515F) Purpose. This division is intended to implement and interpret 2003 Iowa Acts, chapter 119, for the purpose of establishing procedures and requirements for a mandatory risk-sharing facility for basic property insurance coverage. This division is also intended to encourage improvement of and reasonable loss prevention measures for properties located in Iowa and to further orderly community development.

191—20.42(515,515F) Scope. This division shall apply to all insurers licensed to write property insurance in Iowa.

191—20.43(515,515F) Definitions.

“Basic property insurance” means insurance against direct loss to property as defined in the standard fire policy and extended coverage, vandalism, and malicious mischief endorsements; homeowners insurance; and such other coverage or classes of insurance as may be added to the FAIR Plan by the commissioner. Basic property insurance shall include:

1. Coverage provided in the customary fire policy and in the customary extended coverage and builders risk endorsements.

2. Coverage against loss or damage by burglary or theft, or both.

3. Coverage at least equivalent to that provided in a modified coverage form homeowners policy.

“Habitational risk” means:

1. Dwellings, permanent or seasonal, designed for occupancy by not more than four families or containing not more than four apartments.

2. Private outbuildings used in connection with any of the risks described in “1.”

3. Trailer homes at a fixed location.

4. Household and personal property in risks described in “1” to “3.”

5. Tenants' contents in dwellings or apartment houses.

"*Iowa FAIR Plan*" or "*the Plan*" means the nonprofit, unincorporated mandatory risk-sharing facility established by this division to provide for basic property insurance.

"*Location*" means a single building and its contents, or contiguous buildings and their contents, under one ownership.

"*Manufacturing risks*" means those risks eligible to be written under the customary manufacturing business interruption policy forms approved by the commissioner. The following are not considered manufacturing risks:

1. Dry cleaning and laundering—Carpet, rug, furniture, or upholstery cleaning; diaper service or infants' apparel laundries; dry cleaning; laundries; linen supply.

2. Installation, servicing and repair—Electrical equipment; electronic equipment; glazing; household furnishings and appliances; office machines; plumbing, heating and air conditioning; protective systems for premises, vaults and safes.

3. Laboratories—Blood banks; dental laboratories; medical or X-ray laboratories.

4. Duplicating or similar services—Blueprinting and photocopying services; bookbinding; electrotyping; engraving; letter service (mailing or addressing companies); linotype or hand composition; lithographing; photo engraving; photo finishing; photographers (commercial).

5. Warehousing—Cold storage (locker establishments); cold storage warehouse; furniture or general merchandise warehouse.

6. Miscellaneous—Barber shops; beauty parlors; cemeteries; dog kennels; electroplating; equipment rental (not contractors' equipment); film and tape rental; funeral directors; galvanizing, tinning, detinning; radio broadcasting, commercial wireless and television broadcasting; taxidermists; telephone or telegraph companies; textiles (bleaching, dyeing, mercerizing or finishing of property of others); veterinarians and veterinary hospitals.

"*Motor vehicles*" means vehicles which are self-propelled.

"*Weighted premiums written*" means:

1. Gross direct premiums less return premiums, dividends paid or credited to policyholders, or the unused or unabsorbed portions of premium deposits, with respect to property in this state excluding premiums on risks insured under the Plan, for basic property insurance, for homeowners multiple peril policies, for farm dwelling policies and for the basic property insurance premium components of all other multiple peril policies.

2. In addition, 100 percent of the premiums obtained for homeowners multiple peril policies shall be added to 100 percent of the premiums obtained for basic property insurance and the basic property insurance premium components of all other multiple peril policies. The basic year for the computation shall be the first preceding calendar year.

191—20.44(515,515F) Eligible risks.

20.44(1) All risks at a fixed location shall be eligible for inspection and considered for insurance under the Plan except motor vehicles, inland marine risks, and manufacturing risks as defined above.

20.44(2) The maximum limits of coverage for the type of basic property insurance for customary fire and extended coverage which may be placed under the Plan are those established by the governing committee from time to time.

20.44(3) The maximum limits of coverage for the type of basic property insurance for burglary and theft which may be placed under the Plan are those established by the governing committee from time to time.

20.44(4) The maximum limits of coverage for the type of basic property insurance for homeowners coverage which may be placed under the Plan are those established by the governing committee from time to time.

191—20.45(515,515F) Membership.

20.45(1) Every insurer licensed to write one or more components of basic property insurance shall be considered a member of the Plan. Any other insurer may, upon application to and approval by the governing committee, become a member.

20.45(2) An insurer's membership terminates when the insurer is no longer authorized to write basic property insurance in Iowa, but the effective date of termination shall be the last day of the fiscal year of the Plan in which termination occurs. Any insurer so terminated shall continue to be governed by the provisions of this division until the insurer completes all of its obligations under the Plan.

20.45(3) Any voluntary insurer member may terminate its membership only as of the last day of the fiscal year of the Plan by giving written notice to the Plan 30 days prior to the last day of the fiscal year of the Plan. The governing committee upon a majority vote may terminate the membership of a voluntary insurer. Any such terminated member shall continue to be governed by the provisions of this division until the insurer completes all of its obligations under the Plan.

20.45(4) Subject to the approval of the commissioner, the governing committee may charge a reasonable annual membership fee.

191—20.46(515,515F) Administration.

20.46(1) The Plan shall be administered by the governing committee, subject to supervision of the commissioner, and operated by a manager appointed by the governing committee.

20.46(2) The governing committee shall consist of seven members, each of whom shall serve for a period of one year or until a successor is elected or designated. Each member shall have one vote.

191—20.47(515,515F) Duties of the governing committee.

20.47(1) The governing committee shall meet as often as may be required to perform the general duties of the administration of the Plan, or on the call of the commissioner. Four members of the committee present or by proxy shall constitute a quorum. Members of the committee who choose to appoint a proxy shall give a written proxy to the person elected to act as proxy. The written proxy shall then be filed with the governing committee, thus ensuring the validity of the proxy's actions as the governing committee performs its duties.

20.47(2) The governing committee shall be empowered to appoint a manager, who shall serve at the pleasure of the committee, to budget expenses, levy assessments, disburse funds, and perform all other duties of the Plan. The adoption of or substantive changes in pension plans or employee benefit programs for the manager and staff shall be subject to approval of the governing committee.

20.47(3) The governing committee may designate, with the approval of the commissioner, a rate service organization as defined in Iowa Code chapter 515F, to make inspections as required under the Plan and to perform such other duties as may be authorized by the governing committee.

20.47(4) The manager shall annually prepare an operating budget which shall be subject to approval of the governing committee.

20.47(5) The governing committee shall submit to the commissioner periodic reports setting forth information as the commissioner may request. On or before April 1 of each year, the governing committee shall submit a report summarizing any new programs or reforms in operation undertaken during the preceding calendar year in order to comply with any new legislation, regulations or directives affecting the Plan. This report shall contain a statistical tabulation on business written in accordance with the Plan.

20.47(6) The governing committee shall separately code all policies written by the Plan so that appropriate records may be compiled for purposes of performing loss prevention and other studies of the operation of the Plan.

20.47(7) The governing committee shall authorize the manager to file rates, surcharge schedules and forms for prior approval by the commissioner.

20.47(8) The governing committee shall prepare such agreements and contracts as may be necessary for the execution of this division consistent with its provisions.

191—20.48(515,515F) Annual and special meetings.

20.48(1) There shall be an annual meeting of the insurers on a date fixed by the governing committee at which time members may be chosen.

20.48(2) A special meeting shall be called by the governing committee within 40 days after receipt of written request from any ten insurers, not more than one of which may be in a group under the same management or ownership.

20.48(3) The time and place of all meetings shall be reasonable. Twenty days' notice of an annual or special meeting shall be given in writing by the governing committee to all insurers defined above. Four members present in person or by proxy shall constitute a quorum. Voting by proxy shall be permitted.

20.48(4) Any matter not inconsistent with the law or this division may be proposed and voted upon at any special meeting of the committee. Notice of any such proposal shall be mailed to each insurer not less than 20 days prior to the final date fixed by the committee for voting thereon.

191—20.49(515,515F) Application for insurance.

20.49(1) Any person who has an insurable interest in an eligible risk in property permitted to be written in the Plan and who has received within the last six months a notice of rejection, nonrenewal or cancellation from an insurer may apply for insurance by the Plan.

20.49(2) An inspection need not be made if the governing committee determines that insurance can be provided for specified classes of risks on the basis of representations of the applicant or insurance producer.

20.49(3) The Plan may bind coverage. The Plan may wait until receipt of the inspection report or receipt of additional underwriting information before determining whether to bind coverage. Coverage will be bound by the Plan by acknowledgement to the producer.

191—20.50(515,515F) Inspection procedure.

20.50(1) The inspection by the Plan shall be without cost to the applicant.

20.50(2) The manner and scope of the inspection shall be prescribed by the Plan with the approval of the commissioner.

20.50(3) An inspection report shall be made for each property inspected covering pertinent structural and occupancy features as well as the general condition of the building and surrounding structures. Representative photographs may be taken during the inspection to indicate the pertinent features of building, construction, maintenance, occupancy, and surrounding property.

20.50(4) After the inspection, a copy of the completed inspection report and any relevant photographs shall be kept on file by the Plan. The report shall include a description of any deficient physical condition changes proposed by the inspector. A copy of the inspection report shall be made available to the applicant or producer upon request.

191—20.51(515,515F) Procedure after inspection and receipt of application.

20.51(1) After receipt of the application, the inspection report, and any additional underwriting information requested from the applicant, the Plan shall within five business days complete and send to the applicant an action report advising the applicant of one of the following:

a. That the risk is acceptable. If the inspection reveals substandard conditions, appropriate charges may be imposed, but the report shall specify the improvements necessary for removal of each such charge.

b. That the risk is declined unless reasonable improvements noted in the action report are made by the applicant and confirmed by reinspection.

c. That the risk is declined because it fails to meet reasonable underwriting standards as set forth in 191—20.52(515,515F). Reasonable underwriting standards as set forth in 191—20.52(515,515F) shall not include neighborhood or area location or any environment hazard beyond the control of the property owner.

20.51(2) If the risk is accepted, the action report shall advise the applicant of:

a. The amount of coverage the Plan agrees to write.

- b.* The amount of coverage the Plan agrees to write if specified improvements are made.
- c.* The amount of coverage the Plan agrees to write only if a large or special deductible is agreed to by the applicant.

20.51(3) If the risk is accepted, the Plan, upon receipt of the premium, shall deliver the policy to the applicant or to the licensed producer designated by the applicant for delivery to the applicant. The Plan shall remit the commissions to the licensed producer designated by the applicant.

191—20.52(515,515F) Reasonable underwriting standards for property coverage.

20.52(1) The following characteristics may be used in determining whether a risk is acceptable for property coverage. Where there is more than one cause for declination, all causes shall be listed and complied with before the property may be accepted for insurance purposes.

a. Physical condition of property; however, the mere fact that a property does not satisfy all current building code specifications will not, of itself, suffice as a reason for declination.

b. The property's present use as extended vacancy or extended unoccupancy of the property for 60 consecutive days. Properties that are vacant or unoccupied for more than 60 days may be insured while rehabilitation or reconstruction work is actively in process, meaning that the insured or owner should make monthly progress in order to complete the rehabilitation or reconstruction within a one-year time frame.

c. Other specific characteristics of ownership, condition, occupancy or maintenance that violate the law and that result in substantial increased exposure to loss. Any circumstance considered under this paragraph must relate to the peril insured against.

d. Physical condition of buildings which results in an outstanding order to vacate, in an outstanding demolition order or in being declared unsafe in accordance with the applicable law.

e. One or more of the conditions for nonrenewal as listed in 191—20.54(515,515F) currently exist. The Plan shall upon notice that conditions at the buildings have changed consider new application for coverage.

f. Vandalism and malicious mischief coverage shall not be provided for a dwelling or commercial property where the property has been subject to two vandalism and malicious mischief losses, each loss amounting to at least \$500, in the immediately preceding 12-month period, or three or more such losses in the immediately preceding 24-month period.

g. Previous loss history or matters of public record concerning the applicant or any person defined as an insured under the policy.

h. Any other guidelines which have been approved by the commissioner.

20.52(2) Reserved.

[ARC 8624B, IAB 3/24/10, effective 4/28/10]

191—20.53(515,515F) Reasonable underwriting standards for liability coverage.

20.53(1) The following characteristics may be used in determining whether a risk is acceptable for liability insurance on homeowner policies:

a. Broken, cracked, uneven or otherwise faulty steps, porches, decks, sidewalks, patios and similar areas.

b. Downspouts or drains which discharge onto sidewalks or driveways.

c. Unsafe conditions including inadequate lighting of stairways.

d. Animals known to be vicious or animals that have caused a liability claim.

e. Swimming pools or private ponds not fenced in accordance with local regulations.

f. Unsafe, or the absence of, handrails.

g. Junk cars, empty refrigerators, trampolines or other potentially dangerous objects in the yard which are an attraction to children.

h. Previous loss history or matters of public record concerning the applicant or any person defined as an insured under the policy.

i. Any other guidelines which have been approved by the commissioner.

20.53(2) Liability insurance shall only be provided as contained in the Iowa FAIR Plan homeowners policy.

20.53(3) Liability insurance shall not be provided for risks with any of the deficiencies set forth in paragraphs 20.53(1) “a” through “g,” as disclosed by the application or inspection, until the deficiencies have been corrected.

20.53(4) Liability insurance may not be provided where there is a business operating at the insured location, unless the applicant has in force a business liability policy with limits of at least \$100,000 per occurrence providing premises liability coverage.

20.53(5) Liability insurance shall not be provided where the applicant owns three or more horses or other riding animals, unless the applicant has in force a liability policy with limits of at least \$100,000 per occurrence providing coverage for the ownership and use of the horses or other riding animals.

191—20.54(515,515F) Cancellation; nonrenewal and limitations; review of eligibility.

20.54(1) The Plan shall not cancel or refuse to renew a policy issued by the Plan except for the following reasons:

a. Facts as confirmed by inspection or investigation which would have been grounds for nonacceptance of the risk by the Plan had they been known to the Plan at the time of acceptance.

b. Changes in the physical condition of the property or other changed conditions as confirmed by inspection or investigation that make the risk uninsurable pursuant to paragraphs “j” and “k.”

c. Nonpayment of premiums.

d. At least 65 percent of the rental units in the building are unoccupied, and the insured has not received prior approval from the Plan of a rehabilitation program which necessitates a high degree of unoccupancy.

e. Unrepaired damage exists and the insured has stated that repairs will not be made, or such time has elapsed as clearly indicates that the damage will not be repaired. The elapsed time under this paragraph is a length of time over 60 days where the damage remains unrepaired, unless there are known to be extenuating circumstances.

f. After a loss, permanent repairs have not been commenced within 60 days following payment of the claim, unless there are known to be extenuating circumstances. The 60-day period starts upon acceptance of payment of the claim.

g. Property has been abandoned for 90 days or more.

h. There is good cause to believe, based on reliable information, that the building will be burned for the purpose of collecting the insurance on the property. The removal of damaged salvageable items, such as normally permanent fixtures, from the building shall be considered under this paragraph when the insured can provide no reasonable explanation for such removal.

i. A named insured or loss payee or other person having a financial interest in the property being convicted of the crime of arson or a crime involving a purpose to defraud an insurance company. The fact that an appeal has been entered shall not negate the use of this paragraph.

j. The property has been subject to more than two losses, each loss amounting to at least \$500 or 1 percent of the insurance in force, whichever is greater, in the immediately preceding 12-month period, or more than three such losses in the immediately preceding 24-month period, provided that the cause of such losses is due to the conditions which are the responsibility of the owner named insured or due to the actions of any person defined as an insured under the policy.

k. Theft frequency in which there have been more than two thefts, each loss amounting to at least \$500, in a 12-month period.

l. Material misrepresentation in any statement to the Plan.

m. On homeowners policies, excessive theft or liability losses. If a given property has been subject to two vandalism and malicious mischief losses, each loss amounting to at least \$500, in the immediately preceding 12-month period, or three or more such losses in the immediately preceding 24-month period, the Plan may convert the homeowners policy to a dwelling policy without vandalism and malicious mischief coverage.

20.54(2) The Plan shall terminate all insurance contracts in accordance with Iowa Code sections 515.125, 515.127, and 515.128.

20.54(3) At the completion of 36 months of coverage and prior to the completion of 48 months, each risk shall be reviewed for its eligibility for coverage in the voluntary market. The risk shall be submitted by the Plan to the producer of record, if any, for a search of the voluntary market. If the producer resubmits the risk to the Plan, the risk must be resubmitted with a new application and a written statement from the producer that a search of the voluntary market was performed.

[ARC 8624B, IAB 3/24/10, effective 4/28/10]

191—20.55(515,515F) Assessments.

20.55(1) Participation and assessments by and upon each insurer in the Plan for losses and expenses in connection with Plan business shall be levied and assessed by the governing committee of the Plan on the basis of participation factors determined annually, giving effect to the proportion which such insurer's weighted premiums written bears to the aggregate weighted premiums written by all insurers in the Plan.

20.55(2) De minimis assessments. Any assessment of less than \$20 shall not be billed to an insurer, but will be accumulated as a deferred assessment until the cumulative amount deferred is at least \$20.

20.55(3) Late payment fee. Assessments shall be due and payable when billed. If any member fails to pay an assessment within 60 days after it is due, the insurer shall pay interest from the billing date at the rate of 1.5 percent per month. In the event that an insurer fails to pay any applicable late payment fee with an assessment, the amount of such unpaid late payment fee will be included in the amount of the insurer's next assessment.

20.55(4) Credits for voluntary writings. The Plan may develop a voluntary writing credit policy, subject to approval by the commissioner. Credits may be used as offsets to member company assessments made by the Plan.

191—20.56(515,515F) Commission.

20.56(1) Commission to the licensed producer designated by the applicant shall be 10 percent of all policy premiums. The Plan shall not license or appoint producers.

20.56(2) In the event of cancellation of a policy, or if an endorsement is issued which requires the premium to be returned to the insured, the producer shall refund proportionally to the Plan commissions on the return premium at the same rate at which such commissions were originally paid.

191—20.57(515,515F) Public education. In cooperation with the insurance commissioner, the Plan shall undertake a continuing education program with insurers, producers and consumers about the Plan's insurance program and its availability. All insurers and producers shall cooperate fully in the continuing education program. Such continuing education program will include the publication and distribution of literature:

1. Describing the Plan and its general operation;
2. Explaining the possible cost savings of obtaining insurance in the voluntary market; and
3. Advising of the availability of rate comparison charts.

191—20.58(515,515F) Cooperation and authority of producers.

20.58(1) Each insurer shall require its licensed producers to cooperate fully in the accomplishment of the intents and purposes of the Plan.

20.58(2) Licensed insurance producers shall not act as agents for the Plan.

20.58(3) Licensed insurance producers shall not do any of the following:

- a. Bind coverage for the Plan.
- b. Alter or change policies issued by the Plan.
- c. Settle losses of the Plan.
- d. Act on behalf of the Plan or commit the Plan to any course of action.

20.58(4) Licensed insurance producers shall assist applicants who need to apply for coverage under the Plan, and shall submit applications that meet the requirements under rule 191—20.49(515,515F). Producers shall follow the rules and procedures of the Plan.

191—20.59(515,515F) Review by commissioner. The governing committee shall report to the commissioner the name of any insurer or producer which fails to comply with the provisions of the Plan or with any rules prescribed thereunder by the governing committee or to pay within 30 days any assessment levied.

191—20.60(515,515F) Indemnification. Each person serving on the governing committee or any of its subcommittees, each member of the Plan, and the manager and each officer and employee of the Plan shall be indemnified by the Plan against all cost, settlement, judgment, and expense actually and necessarily incurred by that person in connection with the defense of any action, suit, or proceeding in which that person is made a party by reason of that person's being or having been a member of the governing committee or a member or manager or officer or employee of the Plan, except in relation to matters as to which that person has been judged in an action, suit, or proceeding to be liable by reason of willful misconduct in the performance of that person's duties as a member of the governing committee or as a member, manager, officer or employee of the Plan. This indemnification shall not apply to any loss, cost or expense on insurance policy claims under the Plan. Indemnification under this rule shall not be exclusive of other rights to which the member, manager, officer, or employee may be entitled as a matter of law.

191—20.61 to 20.69 Reserved.

These rules are intended to implement 2003 Iowa Acts, chapter 119.

DIVISION III
CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE FOR COMMERCIAL LENDING TRANSACTIONS

191—20.70(515) Purpose. The purpose of division III is to clarify what information an insurance company regulated by the division may provide its customer in connection with a commercial real estate transaction between the customer and a lender.

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191—20.71(515) Definitions. For purposes of division III, the following definitions shall apply:

“*ACORD*” means the Association for Cooperative Operations Research and Development.

“*Commercial real estate transaction*” means a non-recourse commercial lending transaction in which the underlying property serves as the primary collateral securing the borrower's repayment of the loan and neither the borrower nor any of its members, partners, or shareholders, nor any related person to any of the aforementioned persons, bears the economic risk of loss in the event of a payment default under the terms of the lending transaction.

“*Division*” means the insurance division.

“*ISO*” means the insurance services office.

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191—20.72(515) Evidence of insurance.

20.72(1) Prior to the issuance of an insurance policy by an insurer, an insured who has entered into a commercial real estate transaction may request that the relevant insurer or a producer acting on behalf of the insurer provide the following items as evidence of insurance:

a. An ACORD Form 75, a successor ACORD form, an ISO binder form, or a substantially similar binder form approved by the division; and

b. An ACORD Form 28, a successor ACORD form, an ISO certificate form, or a substantially similar certificate of insurance form approved by the division.

The insurer or the producer acting on behalf of an insurer has the sole discretion to determine which division-approved binder form or certificate of insurance form the insurer or producer uses to comply with this rule.

20.72(2) An insurer or a producer acting on behalf of an insurer shall comply with a request made pursuant to this rule within 20 business days of the receipt of the request. The requirements of this rule shall not apply to an insurance producer who:

- a. Is unauthorized to provide the documents described in this rule; and
- b. Informs the insured of this fact within 20 business days of the receipt of the request.

20.72(3) Delivery of a binder along with a certificate of insurance requested pursuant to this rule may be accomplished by regular mail, overnight delivery, facsimile, physical delivery, electronic means, or other appropriate means.

20.72(4) Notwithstanding any language on a form provided pursuant to subrule 20.72(1) which language states that the form is for “information only,” a binder together with a certificate of insurance delivered pursuant to this rule shall be valid and may be relied upon by the borrower or by the borrower’s lender as evidence of insurance, including in any private civil action or administrative proceeding, until the delivery of the insurance policy to the borrower or the cancellation of the binder pursuant to Iowa Code sections 515.125 to 515.127.

20.72(5) An insurer or producer acting on behalf of an insurer that produces or delivers a binder and certificate of insurance to its customer pursuant to this rule may charge a reasonable fee for the production and delivery of the documents.

20.72(6) All insurers and all producers subject to this rule shall comply with the terms hereof within 90 days from May 9, 2012.

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CHAPTER 3
APPLICATION AND RENEWAL PROCESS

[Prior to 11/14/01, see 193C—Chapter 1]

193C—3.1(542B) General statement. A person requesting to be licensed as a professional engineer or professional land surveyor shall submit a completed, standardized, notarized application form, which may be obtained from the board's office or electronically from the board's Internet Web page.

3.1(1) Application expiration. On the examination application due date, the examination application is considered current if it has been one year or less since it was signed and notarized. A comity application expires one year from the date that it was signed and notarized.

3.1(2) Branch licensure. A list of engineering branches in which licensure is granted can be obtained from the board's office. Branches conform to those branches generally included in collegiate curricula. An applicant for licensure in Iowa shall be licensed first in the branch or branches indicated by the applicant's education and experience. A minimum of 50 percent of the required practical experience in which the individual is to be examined shall have been in that same branch of engineering.

3.1(3) Academic transcripts.

a. United States institutions. Completion of post-high school education shall be evidenced by the board's receipt of an applicant's transcripts directly from the office of the registrar of each institution attended.

b. Institutions outside the United States. Transcripts from institutions located outside the boundaries of the United States of America shall be sent directly from the institution to an evaluation service and shall be evaluated for authenticity and substantial equivalency with Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, Inc. (ABET) or Engineering Accreditation Commission (EAC) accredited engineering programs. To be readily acceptable, such evaluations shall be from the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES). However, the board may accept evaluations from other recognized foreign credential evaluators satisfactory to the board. The expense of the evaluation is the responsibility of the applicant. Each evaluation shall be sent directly to the board from the evaluation service and shall include a copy of the transcript in the form sent to the evaluation service directly from the educational institution. Each evaluation must address both whether the transcript is authentic and whether the engineering program is equivalent to those accredited by ABET or EAC.

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193C—3.2(542B) Examination application components and due dates.

3.2(1) Fundamentals of Engineering examination application components and due dates. Applications for the Fundamentals of Engineering examination are submitted directly to the examination service selected by the board to administer the examinations.

3.2(2) Fundamentals of Land Surveying examination application components and due dates. The components of this application include: the completed, notarized application form; references pursuant to 193C—paragraph 5.1(5)“b”; and transcripts. Fundamentals of Land Surveying examination applications must be submitted to the board office. Examinations are offered during four two-month testing periods throughout the year. Applications must be postmarked on or before October 15 for the January/February window, February 15 for the April/May window, April 15 for the July/August window, and August 15 for the October/November window.

3.2(3) Principles and Practice examination application components and due dates. Principles and Practice of Engineering and Principles and Practice of Land Surveying examination applications require a detailed review and must, therefore, be submitted to the board office, postmarked on or before July 15 of each year for the examination given in the fall and on or before January 15 of each year for the examination given in the spring. The Principles and Practice examination application packet, including the following components, must be postmarked on or before the deadline date: (1) the completed, notarized and signed application form; (2) the required number of references; (3) the project statement; and (4) the ethics questionnaire. In addition, a complete application file must include verification of examination records and transcripts. Examination applications will not be reviewed by the board until the application file is complete. Since the verification of examination records must be sent directly from

the jurisdiction where the applicant took the Fundamentals of Engineering examination, the applicant should contact the other jurisdiction well in advance of the deadline for submittal of the application to request this verification in order to ensure that the verification is received by the board no later than July 25 for the fall examination or by January 25 for the spring examination. For transcripts, the applicant should contact the university well in advance of the deadline for submittal of the application to ensure that the transcripts are received no later than July 25 for the fall examination or by January 25 for the spring examination. Examination application files that are not complete by January 25 will not be reviewed for the spring examination. Likewise, examination applications that are not complete by July 25 will not be reviewed for the fall examination.

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193C—3.3(542B) Comity applications.

3.3(1) The components of a comity application include: the completed, notarized application form; the ethics questionnaire; references; transcripts; and verification of examinations, as appropriate. Comity applicants may submit the NCEES record in lieu of providing references, verifications, transcripts, and employment history. Since the verification of examination records must, in most cases, be sent directly from the jurisdiction where the applicant took the Fundamentals of Engineering and Principles and Practice Engineering examinations, the applicant should contact the other jurisdiction in advance of submitting the application to request this verification and make every effort to have the verification sent to the board at the time that the application is submitted. Likewise, for transcripts the applicant should contact the university in advance of submitting the application to make every effort to have the transcripts transmitted to the board at the time that the application is submitted.

3.3(2) Comity applications will be reviewed as they are completed. Comity applications will not be reviewed until all components have been received.

3.3(3) Comity applicants will be notified in writing via regular mail or E-mail regarding the results of the review of their applications.

3.3(4) Temporary permits. The board does not issue temporary permits. Based upon review by a board member, temporary permits were previously issued to applicants whose applications met all requirements and who were expected to qualify for approval by the full board at the next regularly scheduled board meeting. Since applications that meet these criteria are now routinely processed as they are completed and reviewed, temporary permits are no longer necessary.

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193C—3.4(542B) Renewal applications.

3.4(1) *Expiration dates.* Certificates of licensure expire biennially on December 31. Certificates that were initially issued in even-numbered years expire in odd-numbered years and certificates that were initially issued in odd-numbered years expire in even-numbered years. In order to maintain authorization to practice engineering or land surveying in Iowa, licensees are required to renew their certificates of licensure on or prior to the expiration date. A licensee who fails to renew prior to the date the certificate expires shall not be authorized to practice in Iowa unless the certificate is reinstated as provided in these rules. However, the board will accept an otherwise sufficient renewal application which is untimely if the board receives the application and late fee within 30 days of the date of expiration.

3.4(2) *Renewal notification.* The board typically mails a renewal notification to a licensee's last-known address at least one month prior to the license expiration date. Neither the board's failure to mail a renewal notification nor the licensee's failure to receive a renewal notification shall affect in any way the licensee's duty to timely renew if the licensee intends to continue practicing in Iowa. Licensees need to contact the board office if they do not receive a renewal notification prior to the expiration date.

3.4(3) *Renewal process.* Upon receipt of a timely and sufficient renewal application, with the proper fee, the board's executive secretary shall issue a new license reflecting the next expiration date, unless grounds exist for denial of the application.

3.4(4) *Notification of expiration.* The board shall notify licensees whose certificates of licensure have expired. This notification may be provided through publication in the division's newsletter. The

failure of the board to provide this courtesy notification, or the failure of the licensee to receive the courtesy notification, shall not extend the date of expiration.

3.4(5) *Sanction for practicing after license expiration.* A licensee who continues to practice in Iowa after the license has expired shall be subject to disciplinary action. Such unauthorized activity may also provide grounds to deny a licensee's application to reinstate.

3.4(6) *Timely and sufficient renewal application.* Within the meaning of Iowa Code section 17A.18(2), a timely and sufficient renewal application shall be:

a. Received by the board in paper or electronic form, or postmarked with a nonmetered United States Postal Service postmark on or before the expiration date of the certificate;

b. Fully completed; and

c. Accompanied by the proper fee. The fee shall be deemed improper if, for instance, the amount is incorrect, the fee was not included with the application, the credit card number provided by the applicant is incorrect, the date of expiration of a credit card is left off the application or is incorrect, the attempted credit card transaction is rejected, or the applicant's check is returned for insufficient funds.

3.4(7) *Responsibility for accuracy of renewal application.* The licensee is responsible for verifying the accuracy of the information submitted on the renewal application regardless of how the application is submitted or by whom it is submitted. For instance, if the office manager of a licensee's firm submits an application for renewal on behalf of the licensee and that information is incorrect, the licensee will be held responsible for the information and may be subject to disciplinary action.

3.4(8) *Denial of renewal application.* If the board, upon receipt of a timely, complete and sufficient application to renew a certificate of licensure, accompanied by the proper fee, denies the application, the executive secretary shall send written notice to the applicant by restricted, certified mail, return receipt requested, identifying the basis for denial. Grounds may exist to deny an application to renew a license if, for instance, the licensee has failed to satisfy the continuing education required as a condition for licensure. If the basis for the denial is a pending disciplinary action or a disciplinary investigation which is reasonably expected to culminate in a formal disciplinary action, the board shall utilize the procedures applicable to disciplinary actions, including the initiation of a contested case. If the basis for denial is not related to a pending or imminent disciplinary action, the applicant may contest the board's decision as provided in 193—7.40(546,272C).

3.4(9) *Continuing education requirement.* A licensee who does not satisfy the continuing education requirements for licensure renewal will be denied renewal of licensure in accordance with subrule 3.4(8).

3.4(10) *Consent order option.* When a licensee appears to be in violation of mandatory continuing education requirements of 193C—Chapter 7, the board may, in lieu of proceeding to a contested case hearing on the denial of renewal as provided in uniform division rule 193—7.40(546,272C), offer the licensee the opportunity to sign a consent order. While the terms of a consent order will be tailored to the specific circumstances at issue, the consent order will typically impose a penalty between \$50 and \$250, depending on the severity of the violation, and establish deadlines for compliance, and the consent order may impose additional educational requirements upon the licensee. A licensee is free to accept or reject the offer. If the offer of settlement is accepted, the licensee will be issued a renewed certificate of licensure and, if the terms of the consent order are not complied with, will be subject to disciplinary action. If the offer of settlement is rejected, the matter will be set for hearing, if timely requested by the applicant pursuant to uniform division rule 193—7.40(546,272C).

3.4(11) *Inactive status.* Licensees who are not engaged in engineering or land surveying practices that require licensure in Iowa may be granted inactive status. No inactive licensee may practice in Iowa unless otherwise exempted in Iowa Code chapter 542B.

193C—3.5(542B) Reinstatement of licensure.

3.5(1) To reinstate a license that has lapsed for one year or more, the applicant for reinstatement must pay the fee required by 193C—2.1(542B) and must satisfy one of the following requirements:

a. Provide documentation of 45 professional development hours achieved within the current and previous biennium (dual licensees must provide documentation of 30 professional development hours for each profession); or

b. Successfully complete the principles and practice examination within one year immediately prior to application for reinstatement; or

c. For an applicant for reinstatement who is an out-of-state resident, submit a statement from the resident state's licensing board as documented evidence of compliance with the resident state's mandatory continuing education requirement during the period that the licensee's Iowa license was lapsed. The statement shall bear the seal of the licensing board. An applicant for reinstatement whose resident state has no mandatory continuing education requirement shall comply with the documented evidence requirement as outlined in this subrule and at 193C—subrule 7.8(2).

3.5(2) To reinstate a license that has lapsed for less than one year, the applicant for reinstatement must pay the fee required by 193C—2.1(542B) and must satisfy one of the following requirements:

a. Provide documentation of 30 professional development hours achieved within the current and previous biennium (dual licensees must provide documentation of 20 professional development hours for each profession); or

b. Successfully complete the principles and practice examination within one year immediately prior to application for reinstatement; or

c. For an applicant for reinstatement who is an out-of-state resident, submit a statement from the resident state's licensing board as documented evidence of compliance with the resident state's mandatory continuing education requirement during the period that the licensee's Iowa license was lapsed. The statement shall bear the seal of the licensing board. An applicant for reinstatement whose resident state has no mandatory continuing education requirement shall comply with the documented evidence requirement as outlined in this subrule and at 193C—subrule 7.8(2).

3.5(3) A lapsed license may not be reinstated to inactive status.

3.5(4) To reinstate from inactive status to active status, the applicant for reinstatement must pay the fee required by 193C—2.1(542B) and must provide documentation of 45 professional development hours achieved within the current and previous biennium (dual licensees must provide documentation of 30 professional development hours for each profession).

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 542B.2, 542B.6, 542B.13, 542B.14, 542B.15, 542B.20, 542B.30, 272C.2 and 272C.3.

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CHAPTER 4
ENGINEERING LICENSURE
[Prior to 11/14/01, see 193C—1.4(542B)]

193C—4.1(542B) Requirements for licensure by examination. The specific requirements for initial licensing in Iowa are established in Iowa Code section 542B.14, and it is the board's intention to issue initial licensure only when those requirements are satisfied chronologically as set forth in the statute.

4.1(1) First, the applicant for initial licensure in Iowa must satisfy the educational requirements as follows:

a. Graduation from an engineering program of four years or more.

(1) If an applicant did not graduate from an Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology/Engineering Accreditation Commission (ABET/EAC)- or Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board (CEAB)-accredited curriculum, the applicant must also complete, in addition to the engineering degree, one extra year of practical experience satisfactory to the board after receiving the engineering degree.

(2) An engineering technology curriculum does not constitute an engineering program of four years or more.

b. If an applicant obtained an associate of science degree or a more advanced degree between July 1, 1983, and June 30, 1988, the board shall only require satisfactory completion of a minimum of two years of postsecondary study in mathematics, physical sciences, engineering technology, or engineering at an institution approved by the board and six years of practical experience which, in the opinion of the board, is of satisfactory character to properly prepare the applicant for the Fundamentals of Engineering examination. (Applicants qualifying under this subrule must successfully complete the Fundamentals of Engineering examination by June 30, 2001.)

4.1(2) Second, the applicant must successfully complete the Fundamentals of Engineering examination (FE exam).

a. An applicant may take the FE exam any time after the educational requirements as specified above are completed, but the applicant must successfully complete the FE exam prior to taking the Principles and Practice of Engineering examination.

b. College seniors studying an ABET/EAC- or CEAB-accredited curriculum may take the FE exam during the final academic year. Applicants will be permitted to take the examination during the testing period which most closely precedes anticipated graduation.

c. An applicant who graduated from a satisfactory engineering program and has 25 years or more of work experience satisfactory to the board shall not be required to take the FE exam.

d. An applicant who has earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree from an institution in the United States of America with an accredited Bachelor of Science engineering degree program in the same discipline, or a similar doctoral degree in a discipline approved by the board, shall not be required to take the FE exam.

e. Commencing with the computer-based FE exams in 2014, all FE exam candidates will apply directly to the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) and will self-attest as to the candidate's eligibility to sit for the FE exam. At that time, NCEES will cease its prior practice of receiving and verifying college transcripts for candidates with ABET/EAC- or CEAB-accredited engineering degrees and for candidates in their senior years of such programs. The board will also cease its practice of processing FE exam applications for those candidates who hold engineering degrees from nonaccredited programs who must have one year of experience in order for the degrees to be accepted by the board. The board will instead verify acceptable education and experience at the time an applicant applies to sit for the Principles and Practice of Engineering examination or applies for an Engineer Intern (EI) number. The board shall apply the education and experience standards set forth in this rule, but will allow reasonable flexibility in timing in the event an applicant sat for and passed the FE exam at a point earlier than provided in this rule. The board will not, however, issue an EI number unless all required experience has been satisfied at the time of the EI application.

4.1(3) Third, the applicant must satisfy the qualifying experience requirements. The purpose of this provision is to ensure that the applicant has acquired the professional judgment, capacity and competence to design engineering works, structures, and systems. The following criteria will be considered by the board in determining whether an applicant's experience satisfies the statutory requirements.

a. Oversight. All applicants must have direct supervision or professional tutelage (instruction, guidance, mentoring, review, and critique) from one or more licensed professional engineers. This experience must be verified by one or more licensed professional engineers who are familiar with the applicant's work and can attest that the experience was of the required quality and was accurately described. Verification of the qualifying experience is provided through the reference forms. It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide reference forms to the licensed professional engineers to complete and return directly to the board.

(1) To be readily acceptable, all of the qualifying experience shall be under the direct supervision and tutelage of one or more licensed professional engineers.

(2) To be considered, a portion of the qualifying experience shall be under the direct supervision or tutelage of one or more licensed professional engineers. In this case, the rest of the qualifying experience shall be under the direct supervision or tutelage of an unlicensed graduate engineer.

b. Documentation of experience. All applicants must submit references and a work project description. Applicants who did not have all of their qualifying experience under the direct supervision and tutelage of one or more licensed professional engineers (see subparagraph 4.1(3)"a"(2)) must also submit the additional supporting documentation described in subparagraph 4.1(3)"b"(3). The board reserves the right to contact the employer and the person providing tutelage on the project for information about the project experience acquired by the applicant.

(1) References. An applicant for the Principles and Practice of Engineering examination shall submit five references on forms provided by the board.

1. At least three of the five references shall be from licensed professional engineers.

2. At least one of the licensed professional engineers who provide a reference for the applicant shall have provided direct supervision or professional tutelage in the course of a mentoring relationship on such matters as technical skills; professional development; the exercise of professional judgment, ethics, and standards in the application of engineering principles and in the review of such matters by others; and the professional obligations of assuming responsible charge of professional engineering works and services.

3. At least one reference shall be from a supervisor. If the applicant has had more than one supervisor, at least two of the references shall be from a supervisor of the applicant. An applicant shall submit supervisor references to verify at least four years of qualifying experience.

4. If an applicant has had professional experience under more than one employer, the applicant shall provide references from individuals with knowledge of the work performed under a minimum of two employers.

5. The board reserves the right to contact references, supervisors, or employers for information about the applicant's professional experience and competence or to request additional references.

6. All licensed professional engineers who submit references for an applicant shall be sufficiently familiar with the applicant's work product to formulate credible opinions on the applicant's capacity to assume responsible charge of professional engineering works and services.

7. Applicants who have not been supervised or provided tutelage by a licensed professional engineer for at least four years of qualifying experience shall submit one or more references to verify tutelage by one or more unlicensed graduate engineers, as provided in subparagraph 4.1(3)"a"(2).

8. The board uses references partially as a means of verifying an applicant's record of experience. The applicant must distribute a reference form to individuals who are asked to submit references for the applicant. To each reference form, the applicant shall attach a copy of the portion of the applicant's experience record that is being addressed by the referring individual.

9. An applicant for the Fundamentals of Engineering examination whose engineering degree is not from an ABET/EAC or CEAB accredited engineering program must provide a reference from a supervisor on a form provided by the board.

10. The board may require the applicant to submit additional letters of reference or other evidence of suitable tutelage and supervision.

11. The board may require an oral interview with the applicant or other evidence to verify the applicant's knowledge and experience in the principles and practice of engineering.

12. The board may conduct interviews with persons providing tutelage or supervision to the applicant.

(2) Work project description. An applicant for initial licensure as a professional engineer must include with the application a work project statement describing a significant project on which the applicant worked during the previous 12 months. The board will review all work project statements and will approve only those that include all of the components listed below in paragraphs 4.1(3) "b"(2)"1" to "4" and meet the criteria listed in paragraph 4.1(3) "b"(2)"5."

1. The statement shall describe the applicant's degree of responsibility for the project.

2. The statement shall identify the project's owner and location.

3. The statement shall include the name of the supervisor in charge of the project and, if the supervisor is a professional engineer, the license number of the supervisor.

4. The statement shall be signed and dated by the applicant.

5. Criteria the board shall use in evaluating the acceptability of the project as qualifying experience for the applicant shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- The degree to which the project and the experience described have progressed from assignments typical of initial assignments to those more nearly expected of a licensed professional;

- The scope and quality of the professional tutelage experienced by the applicant;

- The technical decisions required of the applicant in the project; and

- The professional decisions required of the applicant.

(3) Additional supporting documentation. Applicants who did not have all of their qualifying experience under the direct supervision and tutelage of one or more licensed professional engineers (see subparagraph 4.1(3) "a"(2)) must also submit the following additional supporting documentation.

1. Cover letter to the board requesting consideration.

2. Reference from the unlicensed engineer who provided direct supervision or tutelage on forms provided by the board, to include:

- Assessment of the applicant's performance, development, integrity, and ability to assume responsible charge.

- Description of the engineer's background in education and experience.

- Nature of the tutelage provided to the applicant.

c. *Quality.* Qualifying experience shall be of such quality as to demonstrate that the applicant has developed technical skill and initiative in the correct application of engineering principles. Such experience should demonstrate the applicant's capacity to review the application of these principles by others and to assume responsibility for engineering work of professional character.

d. *Scope.* Experience shall be of sufficient breadth and scope to ensure that the applicant has attained reasonably well-rounded professional competence in a basic engineering field, rather than highly specialized skill in a narrow and limited field.

e. *Progression.* The record of experience shall indicate successive and continued progress from initial, subprofessional work of simpler character to recent, professional work of greater complexity and a higher degree of responsibility, as well as continued interest and effort on the part of the applicant toward further professional development and advancement. In evaluating this progression, the board will consider both subprofessional and professional activity as reported by the applicant. However, only work experience obtained after the applicant's receipt of the qualifying degree will be considered, except as described in paragraph 4.1(3) "f." Subprofessional work includes the time spent as an engineering technician, engineering assistant, inspector, or similar under the direct supervision of a licensed professional engineer. Professional work includes the time during which the applicant was occupied in engineering work of higher grade and responsibility than that defined above as subprofessional work. Time spent in teaching engineering subjects in a college or university at the level of assistant professor or higher may be listed as professional work.

f. Special work experience. Work experience prior to graduation from college may be accepted toward satisfaction of qualifying experience requirements only as follows: Cooperative work programs administered by engineering colleges and verified on the transcript and internships administered by engineering colleges with a verifying reference from the internship supervisor will be considered as half-time credit, with a maximum allowance of 6 months (12 months of cooperative work experience or internship) applicable toward the satisfaction of qualifying experience requirements. An applicant's advanced education, military experience, or both will be reviewed in order to determine if they are applicable toward the statutory requirements for experience.

g. Advanced education. An applicant who has earned a master of science degree that includes research experience, in addition to writing an associated thesis, from an institution in the United States of America with an accredited bachelor of science engineering degree program in the same discipline and who has fulfilled the requirements for a bachelor of science degree may be granted a maximum of one-half year's experience credit. An applicant who has earned a doctor of philosophy degree from an institution in the United States of America with an accredited bachelor of science engineering degree program in the same discipline may be granted a maximum of one year's experience credit in addition to the one-half year's credit for the master of science degree.

h. Teaching experience. Teaching of engineering subjects at the level of assistant professor or higher in an accredited engineering program may be considered as experience, provided the applicant's immediate supervisor is a licensed professional engineer in the jurisdiction in which the college or university is located. If the applicant's immediate supervisor is not a licensed professional engineer, a program of mentoring or peer review by a licensed professional engineer acceptable to the board must be demonstrated. Applicants using teaching or research as experience must have a minimum of four years of acceptable experience in research, industry, or consulting. The board shall consider the complexity of the project(s) presented, the degree of responsibility of the applicant within the project, and other factors the board deems relevant. Academic experience must demonstrate increasing levels of responsibility for the conduct and management of projects involving engineering research, development or application. The board reserves the right to contact employers for information about the applicant's professional experience and competence.

i. Joint applications. Applicants requesting licensure both as a professional engineer and a land surveyor must submit a history of professional experience in both fields. Such histories will be considered separately on a case-by-case basis. The board does not grant full credit for concurrent experience in both professions.

j. Corporate exemption. The purpose of the provisions on qualifying experience which authorize the board to consider some experience that was not acquired under the direct supervision and tutelage of a licensed professional engineer is to provide a path toward licensure for those applicants who gain experience in settings where licensure is not required under the corporate exemption set forth in Iowa Code section 542B.26 or under similar statutory provisions in other jurisdictions. Such applicants may lawfully gain professional engineering experience under the supervision or tutelage of graduate engineers who are not licensed. To aid such applicants, the following guidelines are provided:

(1) The board shall not consider any experience gained under circumstances where the applicant could not lawfully have practiced professional engineering.

(2) The board shall not consider any experience the applicant may have attained in compliance with the law but that was not under the supervision or tutelage of a graduate engineer. The fundamental purpose of qualifying experience is professionally guided training to expand and complement engineering education. Self-guided experience does not qualify.

(3) Persons who desire licensure as professional engineers who are not directly supervised by licensed professional engineers should form tutelage relationships with licensed professional engineers as early in the process of gaining experience as is feasible. Unlicensed graduate engineers are not authorized to offer professional engineering services to the public or to be in responsible charge of such services; nor are they subject to the examinations required for licensure, the professional and ethical standards applicable to licensees, or the regulatory oversight of a licensing authority. Qualifying

experience is intended to address both technical competence and the obligations to the public of a licensed professional engineer.

(4) Because the circumstances of individual applicants in corporate exemption settings are diverse, it is not possible to identify the minimum period of time during which the applicant must receive supervision or tutelage from one or more licensed professional engineers to be eligible for licensure. The board shall take into consideration both the quantity and quality of such experience. In general, an applicant’s exposure to supervision or tutelage by one or more licensed professional engineers should reflect a sustained period of in-depth interaction from which the licensed engineers are in a position to form credible opinions on the applicant’s qualifications to be in responsible charge of engineering services offered to the public as a licensed professional engineer.

(5) The burden is on the applicant to demonstrate to the board’s satisfaction that the combination of unlicensed and licensed supervision and tutelage satisfies the requirements of qualifying experience described in this rule.

4.1(4) Fourth, the applicant must successfully complete the Principles and Practice of Engineering examination.

a. To qualify to take this examination, the applicant must present a record of four years or more of practical experience in engineering work which is of a character satisfactory to the board. This experience must have been obtained after the receipt of the qualifying education and prior to the application due date for the examination.

b. An applicant for the Principles and Practice of Engineering examination shall have a minimum of one year of practical experience in the United States of America or a territory under its jurisdiction.

4.1(5) Education and experience requirements. The board will require the minimum number of years set forth on the following chart before an applicant will be permitted to take either the Fundamentals of Engineering or the Principles and Practice of Engineering examination. Column 1 indicates the years of practical experience required prior to the Fundamentals of Engineering examination in addition to the completion of the required educational level. To determine the total years of practical experience required prior to taking the Principles and Practice of Engineering examination, column 2 is added to column 1.

| EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR EXAMINATION APPLICANTS | | |
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| | 1 | 2* |
| If the applicant’s educational level is: | The applicant must have the following additional years of experience prior to taking the Fundamentals of Engineering examination: | The applicant must have the following years of experience after receipt of the qualifying degree and prior to taking the Principles and Practice of Engineering examination: |
| A 4-year bachelor’s degree in an accredited engineering program | 0 | 4 |
| A 4-year bachelor’s degree in mathematics or physical sciences plus a master’s degree* in engineering | 0 | 4 |
| A 4-year bachelor’s degree in technology or architecture plus a master’s degree* in engineering | 0 | 4 |
| A 4-year bachelor’s degree in engineering from a nonaccredited engineering program | 1 | 4 |
| A 4-year bachelor’s degree in engineering from a nonaccredited engineering program plus a master’s degree* in engineering | 0 | 4 |

*For purposes of this subrule, an applicant’s master’s degree in engineering must be from an institution in the United States of America with an accredited bachelor’s degree in the same curriculum, and the master’s degree candidate must be required to fulfill the requirements for the bachelor’s degree in the same area of specialization.

4.1(6) Required examinations. All examinations are uniform examinations prepared and graded by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES). The board may negotiate an agreement with an examination service to administer the examinations to applicants approved by the board, in which case applicants shall pay examination fees directly to the service.

a. Fundamentals of Engineering examination (fundamentals examination). The Fundamentals of Engineering examination is a written examination covering general engineering principles and other subjects commonly taught in accredited engineering programs.

b. Principles and Practice of Engineering examination (professional examination). The Principles and Practice of Engineering examination is a written examination designed to determine proficiency and qualification to engage in the practice of professional engineering only in a specific branch. The Principles and Practice of Engineering two-module Structural examination is a written examination designed to determine proficiency and qualification to engage in the practice of structural engineering. A separate examination shall be required for each branch in which licensure is granted. An applicant may obtain a Structural branch license by passing either the Principles and Practice of Engineering Civil (Structural) examination or the Principles and Practice of Engineering two-module Structural examination.

c. Passing scores. The board reviews test results for each examination and determines what level shall constitute a minimum passing score for that examination. In making its determination, the board generally is guided by the passing score recommended by the NCEES. The board fixes the passing score for each examination at a level which it concludes is a reasonable indication of minimally acceptable professional competence.

d. Reexamination. An applicant who fails an examination may request reexamination at the next examination period without reapplication to the board. If the applicant intends to retake the examination, the applicant must notify the examination service selected by the board to administer the examinations prior to the application due date for the examination.

e. Failure to appear. An applicant who fails to appear for an examination may sit for the examination the next time it is offered without reapplication provided the application will not be more than one year old at the time of the application due date for the examination and the applicant notifies the examination service selected by the board to administer the examinations prior to the application due date for the examination.

f. Materials permitted in examination room. For security reasons, applicants shall comply with requirements regarding materials permitted in the examination room as issued by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying and provided to candidates prior to the examination.

g. Release of examination results. Results of any examination shall only be reported as pass or fail except that the candidate who fails an examination may be provided with the candidate's converted score and a diagnostic report indicating areas of weakness, as available.

4.1(7) Examination subversion. Any individual who subverts or attempts to subvert the examination process may, at the discretion of the board, have the individual's examination scores declared invalid for the purpose of licensure in Iowa, be barred from engineering licensure and examinations in Iowa, or be subject to the imposition of other sanctions the board deems appropriate.

a. Conduct that subverts or attempts to subvert the examination process includes, but is not limited to:

(1) Conduct that violates the security of the examination materials, such as removing from the examination room any of the examination materials; reproducing or reconstructing any portion of the licensing examination; aiding by any means in the reproduction or reconstruction of any portion of the licensing examination; or selling, distributing, buying, receiving, or having unauthorized possession of any portion of a future, current, or previously administered licensing examination.

(2) Conduct that violates the standards of test administration, such as communicating with any other examination candidate during the administration of the licensing examination; communicating with others outside of the examination site during the administration of the examination; copying answers from another candidate or permitting one's answers to be copied by another candidate during the administration of the examination; or having in one's possession during the administration of the

licensing examination any device or materials that might compromise the security of the examination or examination process, such as calculating and computing devices not on the list of devices approved by the examination provider or provided by the examination provider.

(3) Conduct that violates the examination process, such as falsifying or misrepresenting educational credentials or other information required for admission to the licensing examination or impersonating an examination candidate or having an impersonator take the licensing examination on one's behalf.

b. Any examination candidate who wishes to appeal a decision of the board under this subrule may request a contested case hearing. The request for hearing shall be in writing, shall briefly describe the basis for the appeal, and shall be filed in the board's office within 30 days of the date of the board decision that is being appealed. Any hearing requested under this subrule shall be governed by the rules applicable to contested case hearings under 193—Chapter 7.

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193C—4.2(542B) Requirements for licensure by comity. A person holding a certificate of licensure to engage in the practice of engineering issued by a proper authority of a jurisdiction or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, or any foreign country, based on requirements that do not conflict with the provisions of Iowa Code section 542B.14 and who has met standards determined by the board to be substantially equivalent to those required of applicants for initial licensure in this state may, upon application, be licensed without further examination. When determining whether the licensing standards satisfied by a comity applicant are substantially equivalent to those required in Iowa, the board considers each of the four licensing prerequisites in Iowa Code section 542B.14(1) individually. The licensing standards satisfied by the comity applicant must accordingly be equal or superior to those required in Iowa for education, fundamentals examination, experience, and professional examination. Unless expressly stated in this chapter, the board will not consider an applicant's superior satisfaction of one licensing prerequisite, such as a higher level of education than is required in Iowa, as resolving an applicant's lack of compliance with another prerequisite, such as professional examination. Comity applicants are governed by the same standards as are required of applicants for initial licensure in Iowa.

4.2(1) References. An applicant for licensure by comity shall submit references on forms provided by the board to verify at least four years of satisfactory experience after the receipt of the qualifying degree. This experience must be under the supervision of a licensed professional engineer, or the applicant must provide unlicensed tutelage references verifying at least four years of satisfactory engineering experience, as provided in paragraph 4.1(3) "a." The board reserves the right to contact employers for information about the applicant's professional experience and competence.

4.2(2) Basis for evaluation of applications. Applications for licensure by comity will be evaluated on the following basis:

a. The applicant's record of education, references, practical experience, and successful completion of approved examinations will be reviewed to determine if it currently satisfies the substantive requirements of Iowa Code section 542B.14. In reviewing the education, references, and practical experience of comity applicants, the board will use the same criteria used by the board to determine the eligibility of a candidate for the Principles and Practice of Engineering examination; or

b. The applicant's licensure in a jurisdiction other than Iowa will be reviewed to determine if it was granted only after satisfaction of requirements substantially equivalent to those that are required of applicants for initial licensure in Iowa by Iowa Code section 542B.14.

4.2(3) Evaluation of comity application process.

a. First, the applicant for licensure by comity from a jurisdiction other than Iowa must meet or exceed the education requirements set forth in Iowa Code section 542B.14. In addition, if the applicant did not graduate from an Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology (ABET)/Engineering Accreditation Commission (EAC) or Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board (CEAB) approved curriculum, the applicant must have completed a year of practical experience satisfactory to the board. This year of experience must be in addition to the four years of practical experience in engineering work as required in paragraph 4.2(3) "d."

b. Second, the applicant must have successfully completed the Fundamentals of Engineering examination.

(1) An applicant who graduated from a satisfactory engineering program and who has 25 years or more of work experience satisfactory to the board shall not be required to take the Fundamentals of Engineering examination.

(2) An applicant who has earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree from an institution in the United States of America with an accredited Bachelor of Science engineering degree program in the same discipline, or a similar doctoral degree in a discipline approved by the board, shall not be required to take the Fundamentals of Engineering examination.

c. Third, the applicant must have successfully completed the Principles and Practice of Engineering examination.

d. Fourth, the applicant must have a record of four years or more of practical experience in engineering work which is of a character satisfactory to the board. This experience must have been obtained after the receipt of the appropriate education and must meet the requirements for practical experience found at paragraph 4.1(3)“*a.*”

e. While the board will consider evidence presented by a comity applicant on non-NCEES examinations successfully completed in a foreign country, the non-NCEES examination will be compared with the appropriate NCEES examination. A non-NCEES professional examination, for instance, must be designed to determine whether a candidate is minimally competent to practice professional engineering in a specific branch of engineering, such as civil, structural, electrical, or mechanical engineering. The examination must be written, objectively graded, verifiable, and developed and validated in accordance with the testing standards of the American Psychological Association or equivalent testing standards. Free-form essays and oral interviews, while valuable for certain purposes, are not equal or superior to NCEES examinations for reasons including the subjective nature of such procedures, lack of verifiable grading standards, and heightened risk of inconsistent treatment.

4.2(4) Education and experience requirements.

a. For applicants who were originally licensed in a jurisdiction other than Iowa prior to July 1, 1988, the board will employ the following chart to determine if the applicant’s licensure was granted after satisfaction of requirements substantially equivalent to those which were required by Iowa Code section 542B.14 at the time of the applicant’s original licensure. Column 1 indicates the years of practical experience that were required prior to the Fundamentals of Engineering examination in addition to the completion of the required educational level. To determine the total years of practical experience that were required prior to taking the Principles and Practice of Engineering examination, column 2 is added to column 1.

| EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR COMITY APPLICANTS Who were licensed prior to July 1, 1988 | | |
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| If the applicant’s educational level was: | The applicant must have had the following additional years of experience prior to taking the Fundamentals of Engineering examination: | The applicant must have had the following years of experience after receipt of the qualifying degree and prior to taking the Principles and Practice of Engineering examination: |
| No post-high school education | 8 | 4 |
| Postsecondary study in mathematics or physical sciences | | |
| One year | 7 | 4 |
| Two years | 6 | 4 |
| Three years | 5 | 4 |
| Four years | 3 | 4 |
| Four-year BS degree in mathematics or physical sciences plus master’s degree in engineering | 0 | 4 |

| EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR COMITY APPLICANTS Who were licensed prior to July 1, 1988 | | |
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| If the applicant's educational level was: | The applicant must have had the following additional years of experience prior to taking the Fundamentals of Engineering examination: | The applicant must have had the following years of experience after receipt of the qualifying degree and prior to taking the Principles and Practice of Engineering examination: |
| Postsecondary study in engineering technology programs and architecture | | |
| One year | 7 | 4 |
| Two years | 5.5 | 4 |
| Three years | 4 | 4 |
| Four-year degree in a nonaccredited engineering technology program or BA in architecture | 2.5 | 4 |
| Four-year degree in an accredited engineering technology program | 2 | 4 |
| Bachelor of architecture, four years or more | 2 | 4 |
| Four-year degree in engineering technology or architecture plus master's degree in engineering | 0 | 4 |
| Postsecondary study in a nonaccredited engineering program | | |
| One year | 7 | 4 |
| Two years | 5 | 4 |
| Three years | 3 | 4 |
| Four-year BS degree | 1 | 4 |
| Four-year degree in a nonaccredited engineering program plus master's degree in engineering | 0 | 4 |
| Postsecondary study in an accredited engineering program | | |
| Two years | 6 | 4 |
| Three years | 3 | 4 |
| Four-year degree in an accredited engineering program | 0 | 4 |

b. For applicants who were originally licensed in another jurisdiction and who meet the requirements of Iowa Code section 542B.14(1)(a)(3), the board will employ the following chart to determine if the applicant's licensure was granted after satisfaction of requirements substantially equivalent to those which were required by Iowa Code section 542B.14 at the time of the applicant's original licensure. Column 1 indicates the years of practical experience that were required prior to the Fundamentals of Engineering examination in addition to the completion of the required educational level. To determine the total years of practical experience that were required prior to taking the Principles and Practice of Engineering examination, column 2 is added to column 1.

| EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR COMITY APPLICANTS Who meet the requirements of Iowa Code section 542B.14(1)(a)(3) | | |
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| If the applicant's educational level was: | The applicant must have had the following additional years of experience prior to taking the Fundamentals of Engineering examination: | The applicant must have had the following years of experience after receipt of the qualifying degree and prior to taking the Principles and Practice of Engineering examination: |
| College or junior college (mathematics or physical sciences) | | |
| Two years | 6 | 4 |
| Three years | 5 | 4 |
| Four-year BS degree | 3 | 4 |
| Four-year BS degree plus master's degree in engineering | 0 | 4 |
| All engineering technology programs and architecture | | |
| Two years | 6 | 4 |
| Three years | 5 | 4 |
| Four-year degree, nonaccredited technology or BA in architecture | 3 | 4 |
| Four-year degree, accredited technology | 2 | 4 |
| Four-year degree or more, bachelor of architecture | 2 | 4 |
| Four-year BS degree, technology or architecture plus master's degree in engineering | 0 | 4 |
| Engineering program, nonaccredited | | |
| Two years | 6 | 4 |
| Three years | 3 | 4 |
| Four-year BS degree | 1 | 4 |
| Four-year BS degree plus master's degree in engineering | 0 | 4 |
| Engineering program, accredited | | |
| Two years | 6 | 4 |
| Three years | 3 | 4 |
| Four-year BS degree | 0 | 4 |

c. For all other applicants who were originally licensed in a jurisdiction other than Iowa on or after July 1, 1988, the board will employ the chart found at subrule 4.1(5) to determine if the applicant's licensure was granted after satisfaction of requirements substantially equivalent to those which are required by Iowa Code section 542B.14.

d. For purposes of this subrule, an applicant's master's degree in engineering must be from an institution in the United States of America with an accredited bachelor's degree in the same curriculum, and the master's degree candidate must be required to fulfill the requirements for the bachelor's degree in the same area of specialization.

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193C—4.3(542B) Requirements for a licensee requesting additional examination. A person holding an active certificate of licensure to engage in the practice of engineering issued by the state of Iowa may, upon written request and payment of the application and examination fees, take additional examinations in other branches of engineering without submitting a formal application to the board as described for initial or comity licensure.

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DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS

CHAPTER 1
ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION

[Prior to 9/7/88, see Public Instruction Department[670] Ch 49]

281—1.1(17A,256) State board of education. The state board of education, authorized by Iowa Code chapter 256, is the governing and policy-forming body for the department of education.

1.1(1) Membership. The board consists of nine voting members appointed by the governor, with approval of two-thirds of the members of the senate, with not more than five members from the same political party, and not more than five members of the same gender. Effective May 1, 2003, the board shall also consist of one nonvoting student member as outlined in rule 281—1.2(17A,256). The nonvoting student member shall be appointed without regard to political affiliation. The nonvoting student member shall not be considered for purposes of constituting the necessary quorum.

1.1(2) Officers. The board shall elect from its voting members a president and a vice president, each to serve a term of two years.

1.1(3) Terms. The voting members of the board are appointed for six-year terms, from May 1 to April 30, with the terms of three members expiring every two years. There is no statutory limitation to the number of terms a voting member may serve. The nonvoting student member shall serve a one-year term, from May 1 to April 30, as described in subrule 1.2(1).

1.1(4) Meetings. The board is required to hold no fewer than six meetings each year. The majority of the meetings are held in the state board room at the department of education in Des Moines, which is located on the second floor of the Grimes State Office Building on the corner of East 14th Street and Grand Avenue. By notice of the regularly published meeting agenda, the board may hold meetings in other areas of the state.

1.1(5) Compensation. All voting board members and the nonvoting student member are entitled to receive their necessary expenses while engaged in official duties. In addition, they shall be paid a per diem at the rate specified in Iowa Code section 7E.6. If the student member's parent or guardian provides supervision pursuant to subrule 1.2(4), the parent or guardian shall receive necessary expenses but not the per diem. Per diem and expense payments shall be made from appropriations to the department of education.

1.1(6) Additional board functions. In addition to its functions as the state board of education, the board constitutes:

- a. The state board for vocational education, Iowa Code section 256.7(2).
- b. The state board for vocational rehabilitation, Iowa Code section 259.3.
- c. The state board for community colleges, Iowa Code section 260C.3.

1.1(7) Advisory groups. The following advisory groups have been established by statute to provide advice to the state board in the indicated areas:

- a. Nonpublic schools advisory committee, Iowa Code section 256.15, to advise the board on matters affecting nonpublic schools.
- b. Community college council, Iowa Code section 256.31, to assist the state board of education with substantial issues which are directly related to the community college system.

281—1.2(17A,256) Student member of state board of education. The governor shall appoint a public high school student to serve as a nonvoting member of the state board of education.

1.2(1) Term. The nonvoting student member shall serve a term from May 1 to April 30. The student member may serve a second year as the nonvoting student member without having to reapply for the position if the student has another year of high school eligibility remaining before graduation. A vacancy in the membership of the nonvoting student member shall not be filled until the expiration of the term.

1.2(2) Qualifications. At the time of making application, the nonvoting student member shall meet all of the following qualifications:

a. The student must be a full-time, regularly enrolled tenth or eleventh grade student in an Iowa school district.

b. The student must have been regularly enrolled as a full-time student in the district of present enrollment for at least two consecutive semesters or the equivalent thereof.

c. The student must have a minimum cumulative grade point average in high school of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (3.75 on a 5.0 scale).

d. The student must demonstrate participation in extracurricular and community activities, as well as an interest in serving on the state board.

e. The student must have the consent of the student's parent or guardian, as well as the approval of the student's district.

1.2(3) *Application process.* The application process for the nonvoting student member is as follows:

a. The department shall, on behalf of the state board, prepare and disseminate application forms to all school districts in Iowa. In addition to the application itself, the student shall submit all of the following:

(1) A consent form signed by the student's parent or guardian.

(2) An approval of the application signed by the superintendent of the student's district of enrollment or the superintendent's designee.

(3) A letter of recommendation from a high school teacher from whom the student received instruction.

(4) A letter of recommendation from a person in the community familiar with the student's community activities.

b. The number of applicants in a year from any one district is limited as follows:

(1) If district enrollment for grades 10 through 12 is less than 400 students, there may be no more than one applicant from the district.

(2) If district enrollment for grades 10 through 12 is from 400 to 1199 students, there may be no more than two applicants from the district.

(3) If district enrollment for grades 10 through 12 is 1200 students or more, there may be no more than three applicants from the district.

c. All applications shall be submitted on or before February 1 of the year in which the term is to begin. Applications may be hand-delivered or postmarked on or before February 1 to the Iowa Department of Education, Office of the Director, Grimes State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0146.

d. All applications shall be initially screened by a committee to be appointed by the director of the department. The initial screening committee shall select not more than 20 semifinalists. If fewer than a total of 20 applications are received, the initial screening process may be omitted, at the discretion of the director of the department.

e. The applications of the semifinalists shall be reviewed by a committee appointed by the president of the state board. The committee shall submit a list of two to five finalists to the governor, who shall appoint the student member from the list submitted by the committee on behalf of the state board of education.

1.2(4) *Participation of student member in official board activities.* Upon appointment to the board, the student member shall, at minimum, fulfill the following requirements to remain eligible to serve:

a. The student shall maintain enrollment as a full-time student in an Iowa public school district. If the student moves or transfers from the district of application, the student must obtain the approval of the superintendent or the superintendent's designee in the student's new district of enrollment.

b. The student shall maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average in high school of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or 3.75 on a 5.0 scale.

c. The student shall attend regularly scheduled board meetings as required of voting board members. As a nonvoting member, the student may not participate in any closed session of the board.

d. The student member's absences from school to participate in official state board activities shall not be shown by the student's district as unexcused absences. The student member's participation in

board activities outside the regularly scheduled meetings of the state board shall be approved by the president of the board and the student's superintendent or the superintendent's designee.

e. If the student member is a minor, the student's parent or guardian must accompany the student while the student is participating in official state board activities at a location other than the student's resident community, unless the parent or guardian submits to the state board a signed release indicating that the parent or guardian has determined that such supervision is unnecessary.

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281—1.3(17A,256) Director of education. The director is responsible for exercising general supervision over the state system of public education and nonpublic schools to the extent that is necessary to ascertain compliance with provisions of the Iowa school laws. The director performs the function of executive officer of the state board of education.

1.3(1) Appointment, term, and salary. The director is appointed by the governor, appointment subject to approval of two-thirds of the members of the senate. The director serves at the pleasure of the governor. A salary range for this position is established by the general assembly with the governor setting the specific salary from within this range.

1.3(2) Qualifications. The director shall possess a background in education and administrative experience.

281—1.4(17A,256) Department of education. The department of education is established by the general assembly to act in a policy-making and advisory capacity and to exercise general supervision over the state system of education including (1) public elementary and secondary schools, (2) community colleges, (3) area education agencies, (4) vocational rehabilitation, (5) educational supervision over the elementary and secondary schools under the control of the department of human services, and (6) nonpublic schools to the extent necessary for compliance with the Iowa school laws.

The department shall also:

1. Stimulate and encourage educational radio and television and other educational communications services as necessary to aid in accomplishing the educational objectives of the state;
2. Meet the informational needs of the three branches of state government; and
3. Provide for the improvement of library services to all Iowa citizens and foster development and cooperation among libraries.

The department of education shall act as an administrative, supervisory, and consultative agency.

1.4(1) Organization.

a. Office of the director. The director is the chief administrator of the department and serves as chief executive officer of the state board of education.

b. Division of community colleges and workforce preparation. The division oversees career and technical education as well as the community colleges.

c. Division of financial and information services. The division provides internal operations and information technology to the agency as well as planning, research and evaluation services.

d. Division of early childhood, elementary and secondary education. The division consists of bureaus that oversee instructional services, practitioner preparation, administration and school improvement services, and food and nutrition services.

e. Division of library and information services. The division is responsible for the state library, library development, and audio-visual services.

f. Iowa public television. This is the division of public broadcasting and related services.

g. Division of vocational rehabilitation services. This division provides disability determination services and related services for clients with disabilities.

1.4(2) Organizational responsibility. Each division is under the direction of an administrator. Each bureau is under the direction of a chief for administrative purposes.

1.4(3) Employees. It is the responsibility of the director to appoint all employees of the department excluding the state librarian and the employees of Iowa public television with due regard to their qualifications for the duties to be performed, designate their titles and prescribe their duties.

1.4(4) *Mailing addresses.* The mailing address for the state board of education and all divisions of the department, with the exception of the division of library services, the division of public broadcasting, and vocational rehabilitation services, is Grimes State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0146. The mailing address for the division of library services is East 12th and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. The mailing address for Iowa public television is P.O. Box 6450, Johnston, Iowa 50131. The mailing address for the vocational rehabilitation services division is 510 East 12th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0146.

1.4(5) *Information or submissions.* Information inquiries should be addressed to the appropriate administrator of the desired organizational unit shown in subrule 1.4(1). Requests for hearings, declaratory rulings, participation in rule-making procedures of the board, and scheduling of presentations to the board should be addressed to the director of education.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code section 17A.3.

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CHAPTER 62
STATE STANDARDS FOR PROGRESSION IN READING

281—62.1(256,279) Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to implement Iowa Code section 279.68. All rules in this chapter shall be construed and applied to meet the following standard: all actions under this chapter must provide reasonable expectation that a student's progress toward reading proficiency is sufficient to master appropriate grade four level reading skills prior to the student's promotion to grade four.

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281—62.2(256,279) Assessment of reading proficiency. All school districts shall assess reading proficiency of all students, as required by this rule.

62.2(1) *Assessment at beginning of school year.* A school district shall assess all students enrolled in kindergarten through grade three at the beginning of each school year for the students' level of reading or reading readiness.

62.2(2) *Subsequent assessments throughout school year.* A school district shall provide to all students additional, brief assessments of reading achievement in a manner required by the department, using assessments that meet the standards described in subrule 62.2(5).

62.2(3) *Progress-monitoring instruments.* For students identified as having a substantial deficiency in reading, as well as students who are at risk of a substantial deficiency in reading, a school district shall monitor the students' progress in reading with instruments that meet the standards in subrule 62.2(5), in at least a frequency required by the department.

62.2(4) *Statewide or locally determined assessments.* Assessments may be locally determined or statewide, provided that all assessments for purposes of implementing this chapter meet the standards described in subrule 62.2(5).

62.2(5) *Standards for approval for assessments.* Any assessment of reading or reading readiness required by this rule and used to implement this chapter shall meet the following minimum standards before use by a school district.

a. Standards for all assessments. Any assessment used under this chapter, including instruments described in paragraphs 62.2(5) "b" and "c," shall meet department-adopted minimum standards for reliability and validity, at the appropriate grade level and for the skills assessed. In addition, all assessments must have information available concerning administration time per student, access to student data after completion, and amount of teacher training required.

b. Standards for universal-screening instruments. Any assessment used for universal-screening purposes under this chapter shall meet department-adopted minimum standards for the following statistical measures: area under the curve and specificity/sensitivity.

c. Standards for progress-monitoring instruments. Any assessment used for progress-monitoring purposes under this chapter shall meet department-adopted standards for number of forms of demonstrated equivalence and for the following statistical measure: reliability of slope.

d. Department publication of approved assessments. The department shall annually publish or update a list of assessments approved pursuant to this subrule. Approved assessments will have a demonstrated ability to predict future reading performance.

62.2(6) *Basic levels of reading proficiency on approved assessments.* The department shall determine benchmarks for basic levels of reading proficiency to be used with approved assessments based on the ability to predict meaningful future outcomes of a student's reading performance that is sufficient to master appropriate grade four reading skills prior to the student's promotion to grade four.

62.2(7) *Assessment measures.* Assessments administered to implement this chapter, when taken as a whole, shall measure phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension.

62.2(8) *Noncompliant assessments.* Assessments that do not meet the requirements of this rule shall not be used by any school district to implement this chapter.

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281—62.3(256,279) Tools for evaluating and reevaluating reading proficiency. The department identifies the following attributes of tools that may be used in evaluating and reevaluating reading proficiency.

62.3(1) *Locally determined or statewide assessments.* In evaluating and reevaluating students who are or may be deficient in reading, school districts shall use assessments that meet the standards referenced in subrule 62.2(5).

62.3(2) *Alternative assessments.* If a school district determines, based on the clear and unique facts of a particular student's case, that a particular student requires an alternative assessment to determine proficiency in reading, in addition to the assessments referred to in rule 281—62.2(256,279) and subrule 62.3(1), the alternative assessment shall be founded on scientifically based research and shall be reasonably calculated to provide equivalent information about the student's reading, in addition to information provided by the assessments referred to in rule 281—62.2(256,279) and subrule 62.3(1).

62.3(3) *Portfolio reviews.* School districts may review a portfolio of a student's work to determine reading proficiency. Portfolio reviews must be conducted using standard review criteria that are founded on scientifically based research. A portfolio review may be used along with assessments required in rule 281—62.2(256,279) and subrule 62.3(1) but shall not be used in lieu of such assessments. The department shall maintain a list of portfolio review criteria that are adequate under this subrule.

62.3(4) *Teacher observation.* A student may initially be identified as having a substantial deficiency in reading proficiency based on teacher observation. A teacher observation under this subrule shall be based on department-approved observation criteria. Teacher observation shall not be used to determine that a student continues to have a substantial deficiency in reading.

62.3(5) *Other tools.* The department may identify additional tools for use in evaluating and reevaluating reading proficiency, so long as those tools are founded on scientifically based research.

62.3(6) *Alternate assessment.* If an individual with a disability has been determined to require an alternate assessment aligned to alternate academic achievement standards in reading, pursuant to rule 281—41.320(256B,34CFR300), that individual shall receive such alternate assessment. The progress monitoring required by the alternate assessment in reading required for such an individual shall be deemed to satisfy the universal screening and progress monitoring requirements of rule 281—62.2(256,279).

62.3(7) *Noncompliant tools.* Tools that do not meet the requirements of this rule shall not be used by any school district to implement this chapter.
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281—62.4(256,279) Identification of a student as having a substantial deficiency in reading. A school district shall follow this rule in determining whether a student in kindergarten through grade three has a substantial deficiency in reading.

62.4(1) *Definition of "substantial deficiency in reading."* A school district shall determine that a student has a "substantial deficiency in reading" if, based on the requirements of this chapter, the student's reading is below a standard set on an approved assessment pursuant to subrule 62.2(6) and the student's progress on a measure that meets the requirements of this chapter is minimal.

62.4(2) *Determination of a substantial deficiency in reading.*

a. In initially determining whether a student has a substantial deficiency in reading as defined in subrule 62.4(1), the school district shall consider assessments referred to in rule 281—62.2(256,279) and subrule 62.3(1) or teacher observations that meet the criteria referenced in subrule 62.3(4).

b. In determining whether a student continues to have a substantial deficiency in reading, a school district shall consider assessments referred to in rule 281—62.2(256,279) and subrule 62.3(1), with specific attention given to progress-monitoring results under subrule 62.2(3).

62.4(3) *Services offered to all students with a substantial deficiency in reading.* A school district shall provide intensive reading instruction to any student who exhibits a substantial deficiency in reading, as defined in subrule 62.4(1). A school district shall continue to provide the student with intensive reading instruction until the reading deficiency is remediated. All services provided under this subrule shall comply with rule 281—62.6(256,279).

62.4(4) Notice to parents. The parent or guardian of any student in kindergarten through grade three identified as having a substantial deficiency in reading, as defined in subrule 62.4(1), shall be notified at least annually in writing of the following:

- a. That the child has been identified as having a substantial deficiency in reading;
- b. A description of the services currently provided to the child;
- c. A description of the proposed supplemental instructional services and supports that the school district will provide to the child that are designed to remediate the identified area of reading deficiency; and
- d. Strategies for parents and guardians to use in helping the child succeed in reading proficiency, including but not limited to the promotion of parent-guided home reading.

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281—62.5(256,279) Intensive summer reading program.

62.5(1) General. Beginning May 1, 2017, unless the school district is granted a waiver pursuant to subrule 62.5(5), if a student's reading deficiency is not remediated by the end of grade three, as demonstrated by scores on a locally determined or statewide assessment as provided in subrule 62.4(2), the school district shall notify the student's parent or guardian that the parent or guardian may enroll the student in an intensive summer reading program offered in accordance with this rule.

62.5(2) Parent or guardian does not enroll child in intensive summer reading program. If the parent or guardian does not enroll the student in the intensive summer reading program and the student is ineligible for the good-cause exemption under rule 281—62.8(256,279), the student shall be retained in grade three pursuant to rule 281—62.7(256,279).

62.5(3) Student exempt from or completes program and is not reading proficient. If the student is exempt from participating in an intensive summer reading program for good cause pursuant to rule 281—62.8(256,279) or completes the intensive summer reading program but is not reading proficient upon completion of the program as determined under subrule 62.4(2), the student may be promoted to grade four, but the school district shall continue to provide the student with intensive reading instruction pursuant to subrule 62.4(3) until the student is proficient in reading as demonstrated by scores on locally determined or statewide assessments pursuant to subrule 62.4(2).

62.5(4) Nature of intensive summer reading program. The intensive summer reading program offered by a school district shall comply with the program criteria and guidelines for implementation contained in 281—Chapter 61.

62.5(5) Waiver of intensive summer reading program. The department may grant a school district a waiver of the requirement to offer an intensive summer reading program for the summer of 2017 only. A school district must demonstrate good cause and that the requested waiver is in keeping with the objectives of Iowa Code section 279.68 and these rules.

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281—62.6(256,279) Successful progression for early readers. Each school district shall provide the following.

62.6(1) Intensive instructional services. A school district shall provide students who are identified as having a substantial deficiency in reading under subrule 62.4(2) with intensive instructional services and supports, free of charge, to remediate the identified areas of reading deficiency. The intensive instructional services are further described in subrule 62.6(2).

a. Intensive instructional services under this subrule shall include a minimum of 90 minutes daily of scientific research-based reading instruction, which shall be core instruction.

b. In addition to the instruction described in paragraph 62.6(1) "a," a school district shall prescribe other strategies, which may include but are not limited to the following:

- (1) Small group instruction.
- (2) Reduced teacher-student ratios.
- (3) More frequent progress monitoring.
- (4) Tutoring or mentoring.
- (5) Extended school day, week, or year.

(6) Summer reading programs.

62.6(2) *Reading enhancement and acceleration development initiative.* The intensive instructional services described in subrule 62.6(1) shall be provided to all students in kindergarten through grade three who are identified as having a substantial deficiency in reading, as determined pursuant to subrule 62.4(2). The services shall meet the following requirements:

a. A school district shall provide intensive instructional services during regular school hours, in addition to the regular reading instruction.

b. A school district shall provide a reading curriculum that meets the standards of subrule 62.6(3).

62.6(3) *Reading curriculum for students with substantial deficiencies in reading.* A curriculum that does not meet the standards of this subrule shall not be used to implement this chapter. To implement this subrule, a school district shall provide a curriculum that meets the following guidelines and specifications:

a. Assists students assessed as exhibiting a substantial deficiency in reading to develop the skills to read at grade level.

b. Provides skill development in phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension.

c. Is supported by scientifically based research in reading.

d. Is implemented by certified instructional staff with appropriate training and professional development. Such training and professional development shall meet the requirements of rule 281—83.6(284).

e. Is implemented by certified instructional staff with fidelity, which shall meet such standards for fidelity of implementation that the department may adopt.

f. Includes a scientifically based and reliable assessment, which shall meet the requirements of rule 281—62.1(256,279).

g. Provides initial and ongoing analysis of each student's reading progress, which shall meet the requirements of rule 281—62.1(256,279), with notice provided to parents pursuant to subrule 62.6(4).

h. Is implemented during regular school hours.

i. Provides a curriculum in core academic subjects to assist the student in maintaining or meeting proficiency levels for the appropriate grade in all academic subjects.

62.6(4) *Parent notice, involvement and support.* At a minimum and in addition to other requirements of this chapter, school districts shall provide the following to all parents or guardians of students who have been identified as having a substantial deficiency in reading:

a. At regular intervals, a school district shall apprise the parent or guardian of academic and other progress being made by the student and give the parent or guardian other useful information.

b. In addition to required reading enhancement and acceleration strategies provided to students, a school district shall provide parents or guardians of students who are identified as having a substantial deficiency in reading under subrule 62.4(2) with a plan outlined in a parental contract, including participation in regular parent-guided home reading.

62.6(5) *Report to the department.* Each school district shall report to the department the specific intensive reading interventions and supports implemented by the school district pursuant to this chapter. The department shall annually prescribe the components of required or requested reports.

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281—62.7(256,279) Promotion to grade four.

62.7(1) *General.* In determining whether to promote a student in grade three to grade four, a school district shall place significant weight on any reading deficiency identified pursuant to subrule 62.4(2) that is not yet remediated.

62.7(2) *Mandatory retention.* A student described in subrule 62.5(2) shall be retained pursuant to this rule.

62.7(3) *Additional factors.* In addition to the significant weight required by subrule 62.7(1), the school district shall also weigh the student's progress in other subject areas, as well as the student's overall intellectual, physical, emotional, and social development.

62.7(4) Consultation with parent or guardian. A decision to retain a student in grade three shall be made only after direct personal consultation with the student's parent or guardian.

62.7(5) Plan of action required. A decision to retain a student in grade three shall be made only after the formulation of a specific plan of action to remedy the student's reading deficiency.

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281—62.8(256,279) Good-cause exemption. A school district shall exempt students from the retention requirements of rule 281—62.7(256,279) and intensive summer reading program requirements of rule 281—62.5(256,279) for good cause.

62.8(1) "Good cause" defined. Good-cause exemptions shall be limited to the following:

a. Limited English proficient students who have had less than two years of instruction in an English language learners program.

b. Students requiring special education whose individualized education program indicates that participation in a locally determined or statewide assessment required by this chapter is not appropriate, consistent with the requirements of rules adopted by the state board of education for the administration of Iowa Code chapter 256B.

c. Students who demonstrate an acceptable level of performance on an alternative performance measure approved pursuant to subrule 62.3(2).

d. Students who demonstrate mastery through a student portfolio under alternative performance measures approved pursuant to subrule 62.3(3).

e. Students who have received intensive remediation in reading for two or more years but still demonstrate a deficiency in reading and who were previously retained in kindergarten, grade one, grade two, or grade three. Intensive reading instruction for students so promoted must include an altered instructional day that includes specialized diagnostic information and specific reading strategies for each student. The school district shall assist attendance centers and teachers to implement reading strategies that research has shown to be successful in improving reading among low-performing readers.

62.8(2) Additional documentation required. Requests for good-cause exemptions from the retention requirement of subrule 62.5(2) and rule 281—62.7(256,279) for a student described in paragraphs 62.8(1) "c" and "d" shall include documentation from the student's teacher to the school principal that indicates that the promotion of the student is appropriate and is based upon the student's academic record. Such documentation shall include but not be limited to the individualized education program, if applicable, report card, or student portfolio.

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281—62.9(256,279) Ensuring continuous improvement in reading proficiency.

62.9(1) Reading proficiency addressed in comprehensive school improvement plan. To ensure all children are reading proficiently by the end of third grade, each school district shall address reading proficiency as part of its comprehensive school improvement plan, drawing upon information about children from assessments conducted pursuant to this chapter and the prevalence of deficiencies identified by classroom, elementary school, and other student characteristics.

62.9(2) Review of chronic early absenteeism. As part of its comprehensive school improvement plan, each school district shall review chronic early elementary absenteeism for its impact on literacy development.

62.9(3) Attendance centers with lower levels of reading proficiency. If more than 15 percent of an attendance center's students are not proficient in reading by the end of third grade, the comprehensive school improvement plan shall include strategies to reduce that percentage, including school and community strategies to raise the percentage of students who are proficient in reading. Strategies adopted under this subrule shall meet the requirements of this chapter.

62.9(4) Professional development. Each school district, subject to an appropriation of funds by the general assembly, shall provide professional development services to enhance the skills of elementary teachers in responding to children's unique reading issues and needs and to increase the use of evidence-based strategies.

62.9(5) *Relationship between this chapter and the department's general accreditation standards.* In addition to the requirement in subrule 62.9(1), the department shall consider compliance with and performance under this chapter in its enforcement of the general accreditation standards and school improvement process described in 281—Chapter 12.

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281—62.10(256,279) Miscellaneous provisions.

62.10(1) *Services beyond third grade.* Students who are identified as having a substantial deficiency in reading that is not remediated at the end of third grade remain entitled to intensive reading instruction. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prevent a school district from offering scientific research-based instruction in reading to students above third grade. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit a school district from determining a student above third grade as having a substantial deficiency in reading or from providing services to a student so identified.

62.10(2) *Database.* In implementing subrule 62.6(5), the department may require school districts to enter assessment and progress monitoring data into a statewide database.

62.10(3) *Accredited nonpublic schools.* Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prevent an accredited nonpublic school from voluntarily complying with this chapter. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prevent the department from offering universal screening or progress monitoring instruments to accredited nonpublic school students or to prevent the department from allowing inclusion of those students' data in the database described in subrule 62.10(2).

62.10(4) *Rule of construction.* Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to require a school district to select a particular assessment, instrument, tool, curriculum, or program, so long as the assessment, instrument, tool, curriculum, or program used meets the requirements of this chapter.

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[Prior to 1/14/09, see Educational Examiners Board[282] Ch 14]

282—13.1(272) All applicants desiring Iowa licensure. Licenses are issued upon application filed on a form provided by the board of educational examiners and upon completion of the following:

13.1(1) *National criminal history background check.* An initial applicant will be required to submit a completed fingerprint packet that accompanies the application to facilitate a national criminal history background check. The fee for the evaluation of the fingerprint packet will be assessed to the applicant.

13.1(2) *Iowa division of criminal investigation background check.* An Iowa division of criminal investigation background check will be conducted on initial applicants. The fee for the evaluation of the DCI background check will be assessed to the applicant.

13.1(3) *Temporary permits.* The executive director may issue a temporary permit to an applicant for any type of license, certification, or authorization issued by the board, after receipt of a fully completed application; determination that the applicant meets all applicable prerequisites for issuance of the license, certification, or authorization; and satisfactory evaluation of the Iowa criminal history background check. The temporary permit shall serve as evidence of the applicant's authorization to hold a position in Iowa schools, pending the satisfactory completion of the national criminal history background check. The temporary permit shall expire upon issuance of the requested license, certification, or authorization or 90 days from the date of issuance of the permit, whichever occurs first, unless the temporary permit is extended upon a finding of good cause by the executive director.

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282—13.2(272) Applicants from recognized Iowa institutions. An applicant for initial licensure shall complete either the teacher, administrator, or school service personnel preparation program from a recognized Iowa institution or an alternative program recognized by the Iowa board of educational examiners. A recognized Iowa institution is one which has its program of preparation approved by the state board of education according to standards established by said board, or an alternative program recognized by the state board of educational examiners. Applicants shall complete the requirements set out in rule 282—13.1(272) and shall also have the recommendation for the specific license and endorsement(s) or the specific endorsement(s) from the designated recommending official at the recognized education institution where the preparation was completed.

282—13.3(272) Applicants from non-Iowa institutions.

13.3(1) *Requirements for applicants from non-Iowa institutions.* An applicant for licensure who completes the teacher, administrator, or school service personnel preparation program from a non-Iowa institution shall verify the requirements of either subrule 13.18(4) or 13.18(5).

13.3(2) *Requirements for applicants from non-Iowa traditional teacher preparation programs.* Provided all requirements for Iowa licensure have been met through a state-approved regionally accredited teacher education program at the graduate or undergraduate level in which college or university credits were given and student teaching was required, the applicant shall:

a. Provide a recommendation for the specific license and endorsement(s) from the designated recommending official at the recognized institution where the preparation was completed, and

b. Submit a copy of a valid or expired regular teaching certificate or license exclusive of a temporary, emergency or substitute license or certificate, and

c. Provide verification of successfully passing the Iowa-mandated assessment(s) by meeting the minimum score set by the Iowa department of education if the teacher preparation program was completed on or after January 1, 2013. If the teacher preparation program was completed prior to January 1, 2013, the applicant must provide verification of successfully passing the mandated assessment(s) in the state in which the applicant is currently licensed or must provide verification of successfully passing the Iowa-mandated assessment(s) by meeting the minimum score set by the Iowa department of education.

13.3(3) Requirements for applicants from out-of-state nontraditional teacher preparation programs. An applicant who holds a valid license from another state and whose preparation was completed through a state-approved nontraditional teacher preparation program must:

- a. Hold a baccalaureate degree with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.50 on a 4.0 scale from a regionally accredited institution.
- b. Provide a valid or expired out-of-state teaching license based on a state-approved nontraditional teacher preparation program.
- c. Provide a recommendation from a regionally accredited institution, department of education, or a state's standards board indicating the completion of an approved nontraditional teacher preparation program.
- d. Provide an official institutional transcript(s) to be analyzed for the requirements necessary for full Iowa licensure based on 13.9(4) "a"(1) to (7), 13.9(4) "c"(1) to (5), 13.18(2), 282—13.28(272), and 282—14.2(272).
- e. Meet the recency requirements listed in 13.10(3).
- f. Provide verification of successfully passing the Iowa-mandated assessment(s) by meeting the minimum score set by the Iowa department of education if the nontraditional teacher preparation program was completed on or after January 1, 2013. If the nontraditional teacher preparation program was completed prior to January 1, 2013, the applicant must provide verification from the state licensing agency/department in the state where the nontraditional teacher preparation program was completed indicating that the applicant has successfully passed that state's mandated assessment(s) or must provide verification of successfully passing the Iowa-mandated assessment(s) by meeting the minimum score set by the Iowa department of education.
- g. Complete a student teaching or internship experience or verify three years of teaching experience.
- h. If through a transcript analysis the professional education core requirements set forth in 13.9(4) "a"(1) to (7), 13.9(4) "c"(1) to (5), and 13.18(2) and the content endorsement requirements pursuant to 282—13.28(272) may be identified by course titles, published course descriptions, and grades, then the transcripts will be reviewed to determine the applicant's eligibility for an Iowa teaching license. However, if the professional education core requirements of 13.9(4) "a"(1) to (7), 13.9(4) "c"(1) to (5), and 13.18(2) and the content endorsement requirements cannot be reviewed in this manner, a portfolio review and evaluation process will be utilized.

13.3(4) Portfolio review and evaluation process. An applicant whose professional education core requirements pursuant to 13.9(4) "a"(1) to (7), 13.9(4) "c"(1) to (5), and 13.18(2) or whose content endorsement requirements for special education (282—subrule 14.2(2)) could not be reviewed through transcript analysis may submit to the board a portfolio in the approved format for review and evaluation.

- a. An applicant must demonstrate proficiency in seven of the nine standards in the Iowa professional education core, set forth in 13.18(4) "a" to "i," to be eligible to receive a license.
- b. An applicant must have completed at least 75 percent of the endorsement requirements through a two- or four-year institution in order for the endorsement to be included on the license. An applicant who does not have at least 75 percent of one content endorsement area as described in 282—13.28(272) completed will not be issued a license.
- c. An applicant must meet with the board of educational examiners to answer any of the board's questions concerning the portfolio.
- d. Any deficiencies in the professional education core as set forth in 13.18(4) "a" to "i" or in the special education content endorsement area that are identified during the portfolio review and evaluation process shall be met through coursework with course credits completed at a state-approved, regionally accredited institution or through courses approved by the executive director. Other content deficiencies may be met through coursework in a two- or four-year institution in which course credits are given.

13.3(5) Definitions.

"Nontraditional" means any method of teacher preparation that falls outside the traditional method of preparing teachers, that provides at least a one- or two-year sequenced program of instruction taught

at regionally accredited and state-approved colleges or universities, that includes commonly recognized pedagogy classes being taught for course credit, and that requires a student teaching component.

“Proficiency,” for the purposes of 13.3(4) *“a,”* means that an applicant has passed all parts of the standard.

“Recognized non-Iowa teacher preparation institution” means an institution that is state-approved and is accredited by the regional accrediting agency for the territory in which the institution is located.

13.3(6) Requirements for applicants whose preparation was completed through out-of-state teacher preparation programs and who have attained National Board Certification. An applicant who holds a valid license from another state and who has attained National Board Certification must:

a. Hold a baccalaureate degree with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.50 on a 4.0 scale from an accredited institution.

b. Provide a valid out-of-state teaching license based on a state-approved teacher preparation program.

c. Provide a recommendation from a regionally accredited institution, a state department of education, or a state’s standards board indicating the completion of a state-approved teacher preparation program.

d. Provide an official institutional transcript(s).

e. Meet the recency requirements listed in 13.10(3).

f. Provide verification of successfully passing the Iowa-mandated assessment(s) by meeting the minimum score set by the Iowa department of education if the teacher preparation program was completed on or after January 1, 2013. If the teacher preparation program was completed prior to January 1, 2013, the applicant must provide verification of successfully passing the mandated assessment(s) in the state in which the applicant is currently licensed or pass the Iowa-mandated assessment(s) by meeting the minimum score set by the Iowa department of education.

g. Provide valid, current National Board Certification. If through a transcript analysis the professional education core requirements set forth in 13.18(4) *“a”* to *“m”* and 13.18(5), the content endorsement requirements set forth in 282—13.26(272) to 282—13.28(272) and 282—14.2(272), and the Iowa requirements are not met, the applicant may be eligible for the equivalent Iowa endorsement areas, as designated by the Iowa board of educational examiners, based on the National Board Certification.

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282—13.4(272) Applicants from foreign institutions. An applicant for initial licensure whose preparation was completed in a foreign institution must obtain a course-by-course credential evaluation report completed by one of the board-approved credential evaluation services and then file this report with the Iowa board of educational examiners for a determination of eligibility for licensure. After receiving the notification of eligibility by the Iowa board of educational examiners, the applicant must provide verification of successfully passing the Iowa-mandated assessment(s) by meeting the minimum score set by the Iowa department of education.

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282—13.5(272) Teacher licenses. A license may be issued to applicants who fulfill the general requirements set out in subrule 13.5(1) and the specific requirements set out for each license.

13.5(1) General requirements. The applicant shall:

a. Have a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution.

b. Have completed a state-approved teacher education program which meets the requirements of the professional education core.

c. Have completed an approved human relations component.

d. Have completed the exceptional learner component.

e. Have completed the requirements for one of the basic teaching endorsements.

f. Meet the recency requirement of subrule 13.10(3).

13.5(2) *Renewal requirements.* Renewal requirements for teacher licenses are set out in 282—Chapter 20.

282—13.6(272) Specific requirements for an initial license. An initial license valid for two years may be issued to an applicant who meets the general requirements set forth in subrule 13.5(1).

282—13.7(272) Specific requirements for a standard license. A standard license valid for five years may be issued to an applicant who:

1. Meets the general requirements set forth in subrule 13.5(1), and
2. Shows evidence of successful completion of a state-approved mentoring and induction program by meeting the Iowa teaching standards as determined by a comprehensive evaluation and two years' successful teaching experience. In lieu of completion of an Iowa state-approved mentoring and induction program, the applicant must provide evidence of three years' successful teaching experience in an Iowa nonpublic school or three years' successful teaching experience in an out-of-state K-12 educational setting.

282—13.8(272) Specific requirements for a master educator's license. A master educator's license is valid for five years and may be issued to an applicant who:

1. Is the holder of or is eligible for a standard license as set out in rule 282—13.7(272), and
 2. Verifies five years of successful teaching experience, and
 3. Completes one of the following options:
 - Master's degree from a regionally accredited college or university in a recognized endorsement area, or
 - Master's degree from a regionally accredited college or university in curriculum, effective teaching, or a similar degree program which has a focus on school curriculum or instruction.
- [ARC 1168C, IAB 11/13/13, effective 12/18/13]

282—13.9(272) Teacher intern license.

13.9(1) *Authorization.* The teacher intern is authorized to teach in grades 7 to 12.

13.9(2) *Term.* The term of the teacher intern license will be one school year. This license is nonrenewable. The fee for the teacher intern license is in 282—Chapter 12.

13.9(3) *Teacher intern requirements.* A teacher intern license shall be issued upon application provided that the following requirements have been met. The applicant shall:

- a. Hold a baccalaureate degree with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.50 on a 4.0 scale from a regionally accredited institution.
- b. Meet the requirements of at least one of the board's secondary (5-12) teaching endorsements listed in rule 282—13.28(272).
- c. Possess a minimum of three years of postbaccalaureate work experience. An authorized official at a college or university with an approved teacher intern program will evaluate this experience.
- d. Successfully complete the teacher intern program requirements listed in subrule 13.9(4) and approved by the state board of education.
- e. Successfully pass a basic skills test at the level approved by the teacher education institution.

13.9(4) *Program requirements.* The teacher intern shall:

- a. Complete the following requirements prior to the internship year:
 - (1) Learning environment/classroom management. The intern uses an understanding of individual and group motivation and behavior to create a learning environment that encourages positive social interaction, active engagement in learning, and self-motivation.
 - (2) Instructional planning. The intern plans instruction based upon knowledge of subject matter, students, the community, curriculum goals, and state curriculum models.
 - (3) Instructional strategies. The intern understands and uses a variety of instructional strategies to encourage students' development of critical thinking, problem solving, and performance skills.
 - (4) Student learning. The intern understands how students learn and develop and provides learning opportunities that support intellectual, career, social, and personal development.

(5) Diverse learners. The intern understands how students differ in their approaches to learning and creates instructional opportunities that are equitable and are adaptable to diverse learners.

(6) Collaboration, ethics and relationships. The intern fosters relationships with parents, school colleagues, and organizations in the larger community to support students' learning and development.

(7) Assessment. The intern understands and uses formal and informal assessment strategies to evaluate the continuous intellectual, social, and physical development of the learner.

(8) Field experiences that provide opportunities for interaction with students in an environment that supports learning in context. These experiences shall total at least 50 contact hours in the field prior to the beginning of the academic year of the candidate's initial employment as a teacher intern.

b. Complete four semester hours of a teacher intern seminar during the teacher internship year to include support and extension of coursework from the teacher intern program.

c. Complete the coursework and competencies in the following areas:

(1) Foundations, reflection, and professional development. The intern continually evaluates the effects of the practitioner's choices and actions on students, parents, and other professionals in the learning community and actively seeks out opportunities to grow professionally.

(2) Communication. The intern uses knowledge of effective verbal, nonverbal, and media communication techniques, and other forms of symbolic representation, to foster active inquiry and collaboration and to support interaction in the classroom.

(3) Exceptional learner program, which must include preparation that contributes to the education of individuals with disabilities and the gifted and talented.

(4) Preparation in the integration of reading strategies into the content area.

(5) Computer technology related to instruction.

(6) An advanced study of the items set forth in 13.9(4) "a"(1) to (7) above.

13.9(5) Local school district requirements. The local school district shall:

a. Provide an offer of employment to an individual who has been evaluated by a college or university for eligibility or acceptance in the teacher intern program.

b. Participate in a mentoring and induction program.

c. Provide a district mentor for the teacher intern.

d. Provide other support and supervision, as needed, to maximize the opportunity for the teacher intern to succeed.

e. Not overload the teacher intern with extracurricular duties not directly related to the teacher intern's teaching assignment.

f. Provide evidence to the board from a licensed evaluator that the teacher intern is participating in a mentoring and induction program.

g. At the board's request, provide information including, but not limited to, the teacher intern selection and preparation program, institutional support, local school district mentor, and local school district support.

13.9(6) Requirements to convert the teacher intern license to the initial license.

a. An initial license shall be issued upon application provided that the teacher intern has met all of the following requirements:

(1) Successful completion of the coursework and competencies in the teacher intern program approved by the state board of education.

(2) Verification from a licensed evaluator that the teacher intern served successfully for a minimum of 160 days.

(3) Verification from a licensed evaluator that the teacher intern is participating in a mentoring and induction program and is being assessed on the Iowa teaching standards.

(4) Recommendation by a college or university offering an approved teacher intern program that the individual is eligible for an initial license.

(5) At the board's request, the teacher intern shall provide to the board information including, but not limited to, the teacher intern selection and preparation program, institutional support, local school district mentor, and local school district support.

b. The teacher intern year will count as one of the years that is needed for the teacher intern to convert the initial license to the standard license if the conditions listed in paragraph 13.9(6) “*a*” have been met.

13.9(7) *Requirements to obtain the initial license if the teacher intern does not complete the internship year.*

a. An initial license shall be issued upon application provided that the teacher intern has met the requirements for one of the following options:

(1) Option #1:

1. Successful completion of the coursework and competencies in the teacher intern program approved by the state board of education; and

2. Verification by a college or university that the teacher intern successfully completed the college’s or university’s state-approved student teaching requirements; and

3. Recommendation by a college or university offering an approved teacher intern program that the individual is eligible for an initial license.

(2) Option #2:

1. Successful completion of the coursework and competencies in the teacher intern program approved by the state board of education; and

2. Verification by the approved teacher intern program that the teacher intern successfully completed 40 days of paid substitute teaching; and

3. Verification by the teacher intern program that the teacher intern successfully completed 40 days of co-teaching; and

4. Recommendation by the approved teacher intern program that the individual is eligible for an initial license.

b. At the board’s request, the teacher intern shall provide to the board information including, but not limited to, the teacher intern selection and preparation program, institutional support, local school district mentor, and local school district support.

13.9(8) *Requirements to extend the teacher intern license if the teacher intern does not complete all of the education coursework during the term of the teacher intern license.*

a. A one-year extension of the teacher intern license may be issued upon application provided that the teacher intern has met both of the following requirements:

(1) Successful completion of 160 days of teaching experience during the teacher internship.

(2) Verification by the recommending official at the approved teacher intern program that the teacher intern has not completed all of the coursework required for the initial license.

b. Only one year of teaching experience during the term of the teacher intern license or the extension of a teacher intern license may be used to convert the teacher intern license to a standard teaching license.

13.9(9) *Requirements to obtain a teacher intern license if teaching in an international school. A teacher intern candidate shall:*

a. Hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution.

b. Meet the requirements of at least one of the board’s secondary (5-12) teaching endorsements listed in rule 282—13.28(272).

c. Successfully complete the teacher intern program requirements listed in 13.9(4) “*a*”(1) to (7), 13.9(4) “*b*” and 13.9(4) “*c*”(1) to (6) through a four-year college or university and approved by the state board of education.

13.9(10) *Requirements to convert the teacher intern license to the initial license if teaching in an international school. An initial license shall be issued upon application provided that the teacher intern has met all of the following requirements:*

a. Successful completion of the coursework and competencies in the teacher intern program approved by the state board of education.

b. Verification that the teacher intern served successfully for a minimum of 160 days.

[ARC 8688B, IAB 4/7/10, effective 5/12/10; ARC 9925B, IAB 12/14/11, effective 1/18/12; ARC 0698C, IAB 5/1/13, effective 6/5/13; ARC 0865C, IAB 7/24/13, effective 8/28/13]

282—13.10(272) Specific requirements for a Class A license. A nonrenewable Class A license valid for one year may be issued to an individual who has completed a teacher education program under any one of the following conditions:

13.10(1) Professional core requirements. The individual has not completed all of the required courses in the professional core, 13.18(4) “a” through “j.”

13.10(2) Human relations component. The individual has not completed an approved human relations component.

13.10(3) Recency. The individual meets the requirements for a valid license, but has had fewer than 160 days of teaching experience during the five-year period immediately preceding the date of application or has not completed six semester hours of college credit from a recognized institution within the five-year period. To obtain the desired license, the applicant must complete recent credits and, where recent credits are required, these credits shall be taken in professional education or in the applicant’s endorsement area(s).

13.10(4) Degree not granted until next regular commencement. Rescinded IAB 9/9/09, effective 10/14/09.

13.10(5) Based on an expired Iowa certificate or license, exclusive of a Class A or Class B license.

a. The holder of an expired license, exclusive of a Class A or Class B license, shall be eligible to receive a Class A license upon application. This license shall be endorsed for the type of service authorized by the expired license on which it is based.

b. The holder of an expired license who is currently under contract with an Iowa educational unit (area education agency/local education agency/local school district) and who does not meet the renewal requirements for the license held shall be required to secure the signature of the superintendent or designee before the license will be issued.

13.10(6) Based on a mentoring and induction program. An applicant may be eligible for a Class A license if the school district, after conducting a comprehensive evaluation, recommends and verifies that the applicant shall participate in the mentoring program for a third year.

13.10(7) Based on an administrative decision. The executive director is authorized to issue a Class A license to an applicant whose services are needed to fill positions in unique need circumstances.

[ARC 7987B, IAB 7/29/09, effective 9/2/09; ARC 8134B, IAB 9/9/09, effective 10/14/09; ARC 8957B, IAB 7/28/10, effective 9/1/10]

282—13.11(272) Specific requirements for a Class B license. A Class B license, which is valid for two years and which is nonrenewable, may be issued to an individual under the following conditions:

13.11(1) Endorsement in progress. The individual has a valid initial, standard, master educator, permanent professional, Class A (one-year extension of an initial, standard, or master educator), exchange, or professional service license and one or more endorsements but is seeking to obtain some other endorsement. A Class B license may be issued if requested by an employer and if the individual seeking to obtain some other endorsement has completed at least two-thirds of the requirements, or one-half of the content requirements in a state-designated shortage area, leading to completion of all requirements for the endorsement. A Class B license may not be issued for the driver’s education endorsement.

13.11(2) Program of study for special education endorsement. The college or university must outline the program of study necessary to meet the special education endorsement requirements. This program of study must be attached to the application.

13.11(3) Request for exception. A school district administrator may file a written request with the board for an exception to the minimum content requirements on the basis of documented need and benefit to the instructional program. The board will review the request and provide a written decision either approving or denying the request.

13.11(4) Provisional occupational license. If an individual is eligible for a provisional occupational license but has not met all of the experience requirements, a Class B license may be issued while the individual earns the necessary experience.

13.11(5) Expiration. This license will expire on June 30 of the fiscal year in which it was issued plus one year.

[ARC 7987B, IAB 7/29/09, effective 9/2/09; ARC 8133B, IAB 9/9/09, effective 10/14/09; ARC 9207B, IAB 11/3/10, effective 12/8/10; ARC 9573B, IAB 6/29/11, effective 8/3/11]

282—13.12(272) Specific requirements for a Class C license. Rescinded IAB 7/29/09, effective 9/2/09.

282—13.13(272) Specific requirements for a Class D occupational license. Rescinded IAB 7/29/09, effective 9/2/09.

282—13.14(272) Specific requirements for a Class E license. A nonrenewable license valid for one year may be issued to an individual as follows:

13.14(1) Expired license. Based on an expired Class A, Class B, or teacher exchange license, the holder of the expired license shall be eligible to receive a Class E license upon application and submission of all required materials.

13.14(2) Application. The application process will require transcripts of coursework completed during the term of the expired license, a program of study indicating the coursework necessary to obtain full licensure, and registration for coursework to be completed during the term of the Class E license. The Class E license will be denied if the applicant has not completed any coursework during the term of the Class A or Class B license unless extenuating circumstances are verified.

[ARC 7987B, IAB 7/29/09, effective 9/2/09]

282—13.15(272) Specific requirements for a Class G license. A nonrenewable Class G license valid for one year may be issued to an individual who must complete a school counseling practicum or internship in an approved program in preparation for the professional school counselor endorsement. The Class G license may be issued under the following limited conditions:

1. Verification of a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution.
2. Verification from the institution that the individual is admitted and enrolled in a school counseling program.
3. Verification that the individual has completed the coursework and competencies required prior to the practicum or internship.
4. Written documentation of the requirements listed in “1” to “3” above, provided by the official at the institution where the individual is completing the approved school counseling program and forwarded to the Iowa board of educational examiners with the application form for licensure.

[ARC 1328C, IAB 2/19/14, effective 3/26/14]

282—13.16(272) Specific requirements for a substitute teacher’s license.

13.16(1) Substitute teacher requirements. A substitute teacher’s license may be issued to an individual who provides verification of successfully passing the Iowa-mandated assessment(s) by meeting the minimum score set by the Iowa department of education if the teacher preparation program was completed on or after January 1, 2013, and who:

- a. Has completed a traditional teacher preparation program and been the holder of, or presently holds, a license in Iowa; or holds or held a regular teacher’s license or certificate in another state, exclusive of temporary, emergency, or substitute certificate or license; or
- b. Has successfully completed all requirements of an approved teacher education program, but did not apply for an Iowa teacher’s license at the time of completion of the approved program; or
- c. Holds a valid or expired teaching certificate based on a nontraditional teacher preparation program, is able to verify three years of teaching experience, and provides passing scores on tests mandated by the state that issued the certificate. The license issued will contain a disclaimer stating that the holder of this license may not be eligible for full Iowa teaching licensure.

13.16(2) Validity. A substitute license is valid for five years and for not more than 90 days of teaching in one assignment during any one school year. A school district administrator may file a written request with the board for an extension of the 90-day limit in one assignment on the basis of documented need

and benefit to the instructional program. The board will review the request and provide a written decision either approving or denying the request.

13.16(3) Authorization. The holder of a substitute license is authorized to teach in any school system in any position in which a regularly licensed teacher was employed to begin the school year except in the driver's education classroom. In addition to the authority inherent in the initial, standard, master educator, professional administrator, two-year exchange, and permanent professional licenses and the endorsement(s) held, the holder of one of these regular licenses may substitute on the same basis as the holder of a substitute license while the regular license is in effect.

[ARC 9205B, IAB 11/3/10, effective 12/8/10; ARC 9206B, IAB 11/3/10, effective 12/8/10; ARC 0605C, IAB 2/20/13, effective 3/27/13; ARC 1324C, IAB 2/19/14, effective 3/26/14]

282—13.17(272) Specific requirements for exchange licenses. An applicant seeking Iowa licensure who completes the teacher preparation program from a recognized non-Iowa institution shall verify the requirements of subrules 13.18(4) and 13.18(5) through traditional course-based preparation program and transcript review. A recognized non-Iowa teacher preparation institution is one that is state-approved and is accredited by the regional accrediting agency for the territory in which the institution is located. Applicants for nontraditional exchange licenses are not required to have received their preparation through regionally approved teacher education programs.

13.17(1) One-year teacher exchange license.

a. For an applicant applying under 13.3(2), a one-year nonrenewable exchange license may be issued to the applicant under the following conditions:

(1) The applicant has completed a state-approved, regionally accredited teacher education program; and

(2) The applicant has the recommendation for the specific license and endorsement(s) from the designated recommending official at the recognized non-Iowa institution where the preparation was completed; and

(3) The applicant holds and submits a copy of a valid and current certificate or license in the state in which the preparation was completed or in which the applicant is currently teaching, exclusive of a temporary, emergency or substitute license or certificate;

1. Reserved.

2. If the applicant submits verification that the applicant has applied for and will receive the applicant's first teaching license and is waiting for the processing or printing of a valid and current out-of-state license, a regional exchange license may be issued and the lack of a valid and current out-of-state license will be listed as a deficiency; and

(4) The applicant must provide verification of successfully passing the Iowa-mandated assessment(s) by meeting the minimum score set by the Iowa department of education if the teacher preparation program was completed on or after January 1, 2013. If the teacher preparation program was completed prior to January 1, 2013, the applicant must provide verification of successfully passing the mandated assessment(s) in the state in which the applicant is currently licensed or must provide verification of successfully passing the Iowa-mandated assessment(s) by meeting the minimum score set by the Iowa department of education; and

(5) Each exchange license shall be limited to the area(s) and level(s) of instruction as determined by an analysis of the application, the transcripts and the license or certificate held in the state in which the basic preparation for licensure was completed or of the application and the credential evaluation report. The applicant must have completed at least 75 percent of the endorsement requirements through a two- or four-year institution in order for the endorsement to be included on the exchange license; and

(6) The applicant is not subject to any pending disciplinary proceedings in any state or country; and

(7) The applicant complies with all requirements with regard to application processes and payment of licensure fees.

b. After the term of the exchange license has expired, the applicant may apply to be fully licensed if the applicant has completed all requirements and is eligible for full licensure.

13.17(2) *Two-year nontraditional exchange license.* For an applicant applying under 13.3(3) and 13.3(4), a two-year nontraditional teacher exchange license may be issued to the applicant from state-approved preparation programs, under the following conditions:

- a. The applicant has met the requirements of 13.3(4)“a” and “b.”
- b. The applicant has met the requirements of 13.17(1)“a”(3) through (7).
- c. To convert the two-year nontraditional exchange license, the applicant must meet all deficiencies as well as meet the Iowa teaching standards as determined by a comprehensive evaluation by a licensed evaluator, and the applicant shall have two years of successful teaching experience in Iowa. The evaluator may recommend extending the license for a third year to meet Iowa teaching standards.
- d. The license may be extended to meet the requirements for two years of successful teaching in Iowa with proof of employment.

13.17(3) *International teacher exchange license.*

a. A nonrenewable international exchange license may be issued to an applicant under the following conditions:

- (1) The applicant has completed a teacher education program in another country; and
- (2) The applicant is not subject to any pending disciplinary proceedings in any state or country; and
- (3) The applicant complies with all requirements with regard to application processes and payment of licensure fees; and
- (4) The applicant is a participant in a teacher exchange program administered through the Iowa department of education, the U.S. Department of Education, or the U.S. Department of State.

b. Each exchange license shall be limited to the area(s) and level(s) of instruction as determined by an analysis of the application and the credential evaluation report.

c. This license shall not exceed three years.

d. After the term of the exchange license has expired, the applicant may apply to be fully licensed if the applicant has completed all requirements and is eligible for full licensure.

13.17(4) *Military exchange license.*

a. *Spouses of active duty military applying under 13.3(2).* A three-year nonrenewable military exchange license may be issued to the applicant under the following conditions:

- (1) The applicant has completed a traditional teacher preparation program at a regionally accredited and state-approved two- or four-year college.
- (2) The applicant is the holder of a valid and current or an expired teaching license from another state.
- (3) The applicant provides verification of the applicant’s connection to or the applicant’s spouse’s connection to the military by providing a copy of current military orders with either a marriage license or a copy of a military ID card for the applicant’s spouse.
- (4) This license may be converted to a one-year regional exchange license upon application and payment of fees.

b. *Recent veterans (retired or discharged within the past five years as of the date of application) or their spouses applying under 13.3(2).* A five-year teaching license or a one-year exchange license may be issued to an applicant who meets the requirements of 13.17(4)“a”(1) and (2). A veteran must provide a copy of the veteran’s DD 214. A spouse must provide a copy of the veteran spouse’s DD 214 and the couple’s marriage license.

c. *Spouses of active duty military, recent veterans or recent veterans’ spouses applying under 13.3(3).* If the applicant has completed a nontraditional teacher preparation program but is not eligible for a teaching license, the applicant will be issued a substitute license, and the initial review for the portfolio review process will be completed by board staff. An applicant must provide verification of connection to the military outlined in 13.17(4)“a”(3) or 13.17(4)“b.”

d. *Fees.* Fees for the background check, evaluation and license issued pursuant to 13.17(4) will be limited to the fee outlined in rule 282—12.1(272), paragraph “2.”

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282—13.18(272) General requirements for an original teaching subject area endorsement. Following are the general requirements for the issuance of a license with an endorsement.

13.18(1) Baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution.

13.18(2) Completion of an approved human relations component.

13.18(3) Completion of the exceptional learner program, which must include preparation that contributes to the education of individuals with disabilities and the gifted and talented.

13.18(4) Professional education core. Completed coursework or evidence of competency in:

a. Student learning. The practitioner understands how students learn and develop, and provides learning opportunities that support intellectual, career, social and personal development.

b. Diverse learners. The practitioner understands how students differ in their approaches to learning and creates instructional opportunities that are equitable and are adaptable to diverse learners.

c. Instructional planning. The practitioner plans instruction based upon knowledge of subject matter, students, the community, curriculum goals, and state curriculum models.

d. Instructional strategies. The practitioner understands and uses a variety of instructional strategies to encourage students' development of critical thinking, problem solving, and performance skills.

e. Learning environment/classroom management. The practitioner uses an understanding of individual and group motivation and behavior to create a learning environment that encourages positive social interaction, active engagement in learning, and self-motivation.

f. Communication. The practitioner uses knowledge of effective verbal, nonverbal, and media communication techniques, and other forms of symbolic representation, to foster active inquiry, collaboration, and support interaction in the classroom.

g. Assessment. The practitioner understands and uses formal and informal assessment strategies to evaluate the continuous intellectual, social, and physical development of the learner.

h. Foundations, reflection and professional development. The practitioner continually evaluates the effects of the practitioner's choices and actions on students, parents, and other professionals in the learning community, and actively seeks out opportunities to grow professionally.

i. Collaboration, ethics and relationships. The practitioner fosters relationships with parents, school colleagues, and organizations in the larger community to support students' learning and development.

j. Computer technology related to instruction.

k. Completion of pre-student teaching field-based experiences.

l. Methods of teaching with an emphasis on the subject and grade level endorsement desired.

m. Student teaching in the subject area and grade level endorsement desired.

n. Preparation in reading programs, including reading recovery, and integration of reading strategies into content area methods coursework.

13.18(5) Content/subject matter specialization. The practitioner understands the central concepts, tools of inquiry, and structure of the discipline(s) the practitioner teaches and creates learning experiences that make these aspects of subject matter meaningful for students. This is evidenced by completion of a 30-semester-hour teaching major which must minimally include the requirements for at least one of the basic endorsement areas, special education teaching endorsements, or secondary level occupational endorsements.

282—13.19(272) NCATE-accredited programs. Rescinded IAB 6/17/09, effective 7/22/09.

282—13.20 Reserved.

282—13.21(272) Human relations requirements for practitioner licensure. Preparation in human relations shall be included in programs leading to teacher licensure. Human relations study shall include interpersonal and intergroup relations and shall contribute to the development of sensitivity to and

understanding of the values, beliefs, lifestyles and attitudes of individuals and the diverse groups found in a pluralistic society.

13.21(1) Beginning on or after August 31, 1980, each applicant for an initial practitioner's license shall have completed the human relations requirement.

13.21(2) On or after August 31, 1980, each applicant for the renewal of a practitioner's license shall have completed an approved human relations requirement.

13.21(3) Credit for the human relations requirement shall be given for licensed persons who can give evidence that they have completed a human relations program which meets board of educational examiners criteria (see rule 282—13.22(272)).

[ARC 0026C, IAB 3/7/12, effective 4/11/12]

282—13.22(272) Development of human relations components. Human relations components shall be developed by teacher preparation institutions. In-service human relations components may also be developed by educational agencies other than teacher preparation institutions, as approved by the board of educational examiners.

13.22(1) Advisory committee. Education agencies developing human relations components shall give evidence that in the development of their programs they were assisted by an advisory committee. The advisory committee shall consist of equal representation of various minority and majority groups.

13.22(2) Standards for approved components. Human relations components will be approved by the board of educational examiners upon submission of evidence that the components are designed to develop the ability of participants to:

- a. Be aware of and understand the values, lifestyles, history, and contributions of various identifiable subgroups in our society.
- b. Recognize and deal with dehumanizing biases such as sexism, racism, prejudice, and discrimination and become aware of the impact that such biases have on interpersonal relations.
- c. Translate knowledge of human relations into attitudes, skills, and techniques which will result in favorable learning experiences for students.
- d. Recognize the ways in which dehumanizing biases may be reflected in instructional materials.
- e. Respect human diversity and the rights of each individual.
- f. Relate effectively to other individuals and various subgroups other than one's own.

13.22(3) Evaluation. Educational agencies providing the human relations components shall indicate the means to be utilized for evaluation.

282—13.23 to 13.25 Reserved.

282—13.26(272) Requirements for elementary endorsements.

13.26(1) Teacher—prekindergarten-kindergarten.

a. *Authorization.* The holder of this endorsement is authorized to teach at the prekindergarten/ kindergarten level.

b. *Program requirements.*

- (1) Degree—baccalaureate, and
- (2) Completion of an approved human relations program, and
- (3) Completion of the professional education core. See subrule 13.18(3).

c. *Content.*

- (1) Human growth and development: infancy and early childhood, unless completed as part of the professional education core. See subrule 13.18(4).
- (2) Curriculum development and methodology for young children.
- (3) Child-family-school-community relationships (community agencies).
- (4) Guidance of young children three to six years of age.
- (5) Organization of prekindergarten-kindergarten programs.
- (6) Child and family nutrition.
- (7) Language development and learning.

(8) Kindergarten: programs and curriculum development.

13.26(2) Teacher—prekindergarten through grade three.

a. Authorization. The holder of this endorsement is authorized to teach children from birth through grade three.

b. Program requirements.

(1) Degree—baccalaureate.

(2) Completion of an approved human relations program.

(3) Completion of the professional education core. See subrules 13.18(3) and 13.18(4).

(4) Highly qualified teacher (HQT) status. Applicants from non-Iowa institutions who have completed the requirements for this endorsement must verify their HQT status. The board shall determine the test and the minimum passing score for HQT status. Verification must be provided through one of the following:

1. Written verification from the department of education in the state in which the applicant completed the elementary teacher preparation program that the applicant has achieved HQT status in that state; or

2. Written verification from the department of education in the state where the applicant is currently teaching that the applicant has achieved HQT status in that state; or

3. Submission of the official test score report indicating the applicant has met the qualifying score for licensure in the state in which the applicant completed the elementary teacher preparation program; or

4. Obtaining the qualifying score set by the Iowa board of educational examiners if the applicant has not been teaching within the last five years and completion of a teacher preparation program prior to enactment of the federal highly qualified teacher legislation (June 2006). This option may also be utilized by applicants from outside the United States.

5. For applicants who have completed the requirements for one of the Iowa elementary endorsements, verification of HQT status by meeting the minimum score set by the Iowa board of educational examiners if the applicant has not been teaching within the last five years and completion of a teacher preparation program prior to enactment of the federal highly qualified teacher legislation (June 2006). This option may also be utilized by applicants who have been teaching outside the United States.

c. Content.

(1) Child growth and development with emphasis on cognitive, language, physical, social, and emotional development, both typical and atypical, for infants and toddlers, preprimary, and primary school children (grades one through three), unless combined as part of the professional education core. See subrule 13.18(4) of the licensure rules for the professional core.

(2) Historical, philosophical, and social foundations of early childhood education.

(3) Developmentally appropriate curriculum with emphasis on integrated multicultural and nonsexist content including language, mathematics, science, social studies, health, safety, nutrition, visual and expressive arts, social skills, higher-thinking skills, and developmentally appropriate methodology, including adaptations for individual needs, for infants and toddlers, preprimary, and primary school children.

(4) Characteristics of play and creativity, and their contributions to the cognitive, language, physical, social and emotional development and learning of infants and toddlers, preprimary, and primary school children.

(5) Classroom organization and individual interactions to create positive learning environments for infants and toddlers, preprimary, and primary school children based on child development theory emphasizing guidance techniques.

(6) Observation and application of developmentally appropriate assessments for infants and toddlers, preprimary, and primary school children recognizing, referring, and making adaptations for children who are at risk or who have exceptional educational needs and talents.

(7) Home-school-community relationships and interactions designed to promote and support parent, family and community involvement, and interagency collaboration.

(8) Family systems, cultural diversity, and factors which place families at risk.

- (9) Child and family health and nutrition.
- (10) Advocacy, legislation, and public policy as they affect children and families.
- (11) Administration of child care programs to include staff and program development and supervision and evaluation of support staff.
- (12) Pre-student teaching field experience with three age levels in infant and toddler, preprimary, and primary programs, with no less than 100 clock hours, and in different settings, such as rural and urban, socioeconomic status, cultural diversity, program types, and program sponsorship.
- (13) Student teaching experiences with two different age levels, one before kindergarten and one from kindergarten through grade three.

13.26(3) Teacher—prekindergarten through grade three, including special education.

a. Authorization. The holder of this endorsement is authorized to teach children from birth through grade three.

b. Program requirements.

- (1) Degree—baccalaureate, and
- (2) Completion of an approved human relations program, and
- (3) Completion of the professional education core. See subrules 13.18(3) and 13.18(4).
- (4) Highly qualified teacher (HQT) status. Applicants from non-Iowa institutions who have completed the requirements for this endorsement must verify their HQT status. The board shall determine the test and the minimum passing score for HQT status. Verification must be provided through one of the following:

1. Written verification from the department of education in the state in which the applicant completed the elementary teacher preparation program that the applicant has achieved HQT status in that state; or

2. Written verification from the department of education in the state where the applicant is currently teaching that the applicant has achieved HQT status in that state; or

3. Submission of the official test score report indicating the applicant has met the qualifying score for licensure in the state in which the applicant completed the elementary teacher preparation program; or

4. Obtaining the qualifying score set by the Iowa board of educational examiners if the applicant has not been teaching within the last five years and completion of a teacher preparation program prior to enactment of the federal highly qualified teacher legislation (June 2006). This option may also be utilized by applicants from outside the United States.

5. For applicants who have completed the requirements for one of the Iowa elementary endorsements, verification of HQT status by meeting the minimum score set by the Iowa board of educational examiners if the applicant has not been teaching within the last five years and completion of a teacher preparation program prior to enactment of the federal highly qualified teacher legislation (June 2006). This option may also be utilized by applicants who have been teaching outside the United States.

c. Content.

(1) Child growth and development.

1. Understand the nature of child growth and development for infants and toddlers (birth through age 2), preprimary (age 3 through age 5) and primary school children (age 6 through age 8), both typical and atypical, in areas of cognition, language development, physical motor, social-emotional, aesthetics, and adaptive behavior.

2. Understand individual differences in development and learning including risk factors, developmental variations and developmental patterns of specific disabilities and special abilities.

3. Recognize that children are best understood in the contexts of family, culture and society and that cultural and linguistic diversity influences development and learning.

(2) Developmentally appropriate learning environment and curriculum implementation.

1. Establish learning environments with social support, from the teacher and from other students, for all children to meet their optimal potential, with a climate characterized by mutual respect, encouraging and valuing the efforts of all regardless of proficiency.

2. Appropriately use informal and formal assessment to monitor development of children and to plan and evaluate curriculum and teaching practices to meet individual needs of children and families.

3. Plan, implement, and continuously evaluate developmentally and individually appropriate curriculum goals, content, and teaching practices for infants, toddlers, preprimary and primary children based on the needs and interests of individual children, their families and community.

4. Use both child-initiated and teacher-directed instructional methods, including strategies such as small and large group projects, unstructured and structured play, systematic instruction, group discussion and cooperative decision making.

5. Develop and implement integrated learning experiences for home-, center- and school-based environments for infants, toddlers, preprimary and primary children.

6. Develop and implement integrated learning experiences that facilitate cognition, communication, social and physical development of infants and toddlers within the context of parent-child and caregiver-child relationships.

7. Develop and implement learning experiences for preprimary and primary children with focus on multicultural and nonsexist content that includes development of responsibility, aesthetic and artistic development, physical development and well-being, cognitive development, and emotional and social development.

8. Develop and implement learning experiences for infants, toddlers, preprimary, and primary children with a focus on language, mathematics, science, social studies, visual and expressive arts, social skills, higher-thinking skills, and developmentally appropriate methodology.

9. Develop adaptations and accommodations for infants, toddlers, preprimary, and primary children to meet their individual needs.

10. Adapt materials, equipment, the environment, programs and use of human resources to meet social, cognitive, physical motor, communication, and medical needs of children and diverse learning needs.

(3) Health, safety and nutrition.

1. Design and implement physically and psychologically safe and healthy indoor and outdoor environments to promote development and learning.

2. Promote nutritional practices that support cognitive, social, cultural and physical development of young children.

3. Implement appropriate appraisal and management of health concerns of young children including procedures for children with special health care needs.

4. Recognize signs of emotional distress, physical and mental abuse and neglect in young children and understand mandatory reporting procedures.

5. Demonstrate proficiency in infant-child cardiopulmonary resuscitation, emergency procedures and first aid.

(4) Family and community collaboration.

1. Apply theories and knowledge of dynamic roles and relationships within and between families, schools, and communities.

2. Assist families in identifying resources, priorities, and concerns in relation to the child's development.

3. Link families, based on identified needs, priorities and concerns, with a variety of resources.

4. Use communication, problem-solving and help-giving skills in collaboration with families and other professionals to support the development, learning and well-being of young children.

5. Participate as an effective member of a team with other professionals and families to develop and implement learning plans and environments for young children.

(5) Professionalism.

1. Understand legislation and public policy that affect all young children, with and without disabilities, and their families.

2. Understand legal aspects, historical, philosophical, and social foundations of early childhood education and special education.

3. Understand principles of administration, organization and operation of programs for children from birth to age 8 and their families, including staff and program development, supervision and evaluation of staff, and continuing improvement of programs and services.

4. Identify current trends and issues of the profession to inform and improve practices and advocate for quality programs for young children and their families.

5. Adhere to professional and ethical codes.

6. Engage in reflective inquiry and demonstration of professional self-knowledge.

(6) Pre-student teaching field experiences. Complete 100 clock hours of pre-student teaching field experience with three age levels in infant and toddler, preprimary, and primary programs and in different settings, such as rural and urban, encompassing differing socioeconomic status, ability levels, cultural and linguistic diversity and program types and sponsorship.

(7) Student teaching. Complete a supervised student teaching experience of a total of at least 12 weeks in at least two different classrooms which include children with and without disabilities in two of three age levels: infant and toddler, preprimary, and primary.

13.26(4) Teacher—elementary classroom.

a. *Authorization.* The holder of this endorsement is authorized to teach in kindergarten and grades one through six.

b. *Program requirements.*

(1) Degree—baccalaureate, and

(2) Completion of an approved human relations component, and

(3) Completion of the professional education core. See subrules 13.18(3) and 13.18(4).

(4) Highly qualified teacher (HQT) status. Applicants from non-Iowa institutions who have completed the requirements for this endorsement must verify their HQT status. The board shall determine the test and the minimum passing score for HQT status. Verification must be provided through one of the following:

1. Written verification from the department of education in the state in which the applicant completed the elementary teacher preparation program that the applicant has achieved HQT status in that state; or

2. Written verification from the department of education in the state where the applicant is currently teaching that the applicant has achieved HQT status in that state; or

3. Submission of the official test score report indicating the applicant has met the qualifying score for licensure in the state in which the applicant completed the elementary teacher preparation program; or

4. Obtaining the qualifying score set by the Iowa board of educational examiners if the applicant has not been teaching within the last five years and completion of a teacher preparation program prior to enactment of the federal highly qualified teacher legislation (June 2006). This option may also be utilized by applicants from outside the United States.

5. For applicants who have completed the requirements for one of the Iowa elementary endorsements, verification of HQT status by meeting the minimum score set by the Iowa board of educational examiners if the applicant has not been teaching within the last five years and completion of a teacher preparation program prior to enactment of the federal highly qualified teacher legislation (June 2006). This option may also be utilized by applicants who have been teaching outside the United States.

c. *Content.*

(1) Child growth and development with emphasis on the emotional, physical and mental characteristics of elementary age children, unless completed as part of the professional education core. See subrule 13.18(4).

(2) Methods and materials of teaching elementary language arts.

(3) Methods and materials of teaching elementary reading.

(4) Elementary curriculum (methods and materials).

(5) Methods and materials of teaching elementary mathematics.

(6) Methods and materials of teaching elementary science.

(7) Children's literature.

- (8) Methods and materials of teaching elementary social studies.
- (9) Methods and materials in two of the following areas:
 - 1. Methods and materials of teaching elementary health.
 - 2. Methods and materials of teaching elementary physical education.
 - 3. Methods and materials of teaching elementary art.
 - 4. Methods and materials of teaching elementary music.
- (10) Pre-student teaching field experience in at least two different grades.
- (11) A field of specialization in a single discipline or a formal interdisciplinary program of at least 12 semester hours.

13.26(5) Teacher—elementary classroom. Effective September 1, 2015, the following requirements apply to persons who wish to teach in the elementary classroom:

a. Authorization. The holder of this endorsement is authorized to teach in kindergarten and grades one through six.

b. Program requirements.

- (1) Degree—baccalaureate, and
- (2) Completion of an approved human relations component, and
- (3) Completion of the professional education core. See subrules 13.18(3) and 13.18(4).
- (4) Highly qualified teacher (HQT) status. Applicants from non-Iowa institutions who have completed the requirements for this endorsement must verify their HQT status. The board shall determine the test and the minimum passing score for HQT status. Verification must be provided through one of the following:

1. Written verification from the department of education in the state in which the applicant completed the elementary teacher preparation program that the applicant has achieved HQT status in that state; or

2. Written verification from the department of education in the state where the applicant is currently teaching that the applicant has achieved HQT status in that state; or

3. Submission of the official test score report indicating the applicant has met the qualifying score for licensure in the state in which the applicant completed the elementary teacher preparation program; or

4. Verification that the applicant has obtained the qualifying score set by the Iowa board of educational examiners if the applicant has not been teaching within the last five years and completion of a teacher preparation program prior to enactment in June 2006 of the federal highly qualified teacher provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). This option may also be utilized by applicants from outside the United States.

5. For applicants who have completed the requirements for one of the Iowa elementary endorsements, verification of HQT status by meeting the minimum score set by the Iowa board of educational examiners if the applicant has not been teaching within the last five years and completion of a teacher preparation program prior to enactment in June 2006 of the federal highly qualified teacher provisions of IDEA. This option may also be utilized by applicants who have been teaching outside the United States.

c. Content.

(1) Child growth and development with emphasis on the emotional, physical and mental characteristics of elementary age children, unless completed as part of the professional education core. See subrule 13.18(4).

(2) At least 9 semester hours in literacy which must include:

1. Content:

- Children's literature;
- Oral and written communication skills for the twenty-first century.

2. Methods:

- Assessment, diagnosis and evaluation of student learning in literacy;
- Integration of the language arts (to include reading, writing, speaking, viewing, and listening);
- Integration of technology in teaching and student learning in literacy;

- Current best-practice, research-based approaches of literacy instruction;
 - Classroom management as it applies to literacy methods;
 - Pre-student teaching clinical experience in teaching literacy.
- (3) At least 9 semester hours in mathematics which must include:
1. Content:
 - Numbers and operations;
 - Algebra/number patterns;
 - Geometry;
 - Measurement;
 - Data analysis/probability.
 2. Methods:
 - Assessment, diagnosis and evaluation of student learning in mathematics;
 - Current best-practice, research-based instructional methods in mathematical processes (to include problem solving; reasoning; communication; the ability to recognize, make and apply connections; integration of manipulatives; the ability to construct and to apply multiple connected representations; and the application of content to real world experiences);
 - Integration of technology in teaching and student learning in mathematics;
 - Classroom management as it applies to mathematics methods;
 - Pre-student teaching clinical experience in teaching mathematics.
- (4) At least 9 semester hours in social sciences which must include:
1. Content:
 - History;
 - Geography;
 - Political science/civic literacy;
 - Economics;
 - Behavioral sciences.
 2. Methods:
 - Current best-practice, research-based approaches to the teaching and learning of social sciences;
 - Integration of technology in teaching and student learning in social sciences;
 - Classroom management as it applies to social science methods.
- (5) At least 9 semester hours in science which must include:
1. Content:
 - Physical science;
 - Earth/space science;
 - Life science.
 2. Methods:
 - Current best-practice, research-based methods of inquiry-based teaching and learning of science;
 - Integration of technology in teaching and student learning in science;
 - Classroom management as it applies to science methods.
- (6) At least 3 semester hours to include all of the following:
1. Methods of teaching elementary physical education, health, and wellness;
 2. Methods of teaching visual arts for the elementary classroom;
 3. Methods of teaching performance arts for the elementary classroom.
- (7) Pre-student teaching field experience in at least two different grade levels to include one primary and one intermediate placement.
- (8) A field of specialization in a single discipline or a formal interdisciplinary program of at least 12 semester hours.

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282—13.27(272) Requirements for middle school endorsements.

13.27(1) Authorization. The holder of this endorsement is authorized to teach in the two concentration areas in which the specific requirements have been completed as well as in other subject areas in grades five through eight which are not the core content areas. The holder is not authorized to teach art, industrial arts, music, reading, physical education and special education.

13.27(2) Program requirements.

a. Be the holder of a currently valid Iowa teacher's license with either the general elementary endorsement or one of the subject matter secondary level endorsements set out in rule 282—13.28(272) or 282—subrules 17.1(1) and 17.1(3).

b. A minimum of 9 semester hours of required coursework in the following:

(1) Coursework in the growth and development of the middle school age child, specifically addressing the social, emotional, physical and cognitive characteristics and needs of middle school age children in addition to related studies completed as part of the professional education core in subrule 13.18(4).

(2) Coursework in middle school design, curriculum, instruction, and assessment including, but not limited to, interdisciplinary instruction, teaming, and differentiated instruction in addition to related studies completed as part of the professional education core in subrule 13.18(4).

(3) Coursework to prepare middle school teachers in literacy (reading, writing, listening and speaking) strategies for students in grades five through eight and in methods to include these strategies throughout the curriculum.

c. Thirty hours of middle school field experiences included in the coursework requirements listed in 13.27(2)“b”(1) to (3).

13.27(3) Concentration areas. To obtain this endorsement, the applicant must complete the coursework requirements in two of the following content areas:

a. Social studies concentration. The social studies concentration requires 12 semester hours of coursework in social studies to include coursework in United States history, world history, government and geography.

b. Mathematics concentration. The mathematics concentration requires 12 semester hours in mathematics to include coursework in algebra.

c. Science concentration. The science concentration requires 12 semester hours in science to include coursework in life science, earth science, and physical science.

d. Language arts concentration. The language arts concentration requires 12 semester hours in language arts to include coursework in composition, language usage, speech, young adult literature, and literature across cultures.

282—13.28(272) Minimum content requirements for teaching endorsements.

13.28(1) Agriculture. 5-12. Completion of 24 semester credit hours in agriculture and agriculture education to include:

a. Foundations of vocational and career education.

b. Planning and implementing courses and curriculum.

c. Methods and techniques of instruction to include evaluation of programs and students.

d. Coordination of cooperative education programs.

e. Coursework in each of the following areas and at least three semester credit hours in five of the following areas:

(1) Agribusiness systems.

(2) Power, structural, and technical systems.

(3) Plant systems.

(4) Animal systems.

(5) Natural resources systems.

(6) Environmental service systems.

(7) Food products and processing systems.

13.28(2) Art. K-8 or 5-12. Completion of 24 semester hours in art to include coursework in art history, studio art, and two- and three-dimensional art.

13.28(3) Business—all. 5-12. Completion of 30 semester hours in business to include 6 semester hours in accounting, 3 semester hours in business law to include contract law, 3 semester hours in computer and technical applications in business, 6 semester hours in marketing to include consumer studies, 3 semester hours in management, 6 semester hours in economics, and 3 semester hours in business communications to include formatting, language usage, and oral presentation. Coursework in entrepreneurship and in financial literacy may be a part of, or in addition to, the coursework listed above. Individuals who were licensed in Iowa prior to October 1, 1988, and were allowed to teach marketing without completing the endorsement requirements must complete the endorsement requirements by July 1, 2010, in order to teach or continue to teach marketing. A waiver provision is available through the board of educational examiners for individuals who have been successfully teaching marketing.

13.28(4) Driver education. 5-12. Completion of 9 semester hours in driver education to include coursework in accident prevention that includes drug and alcohol abuse; vehicle safety; and behind-the-wheel driving.

13.28(5) English/language arts.

a. K-8. Completion of 24 semester hours in English and language arts to include coursework in oral communication, written communication, language development, reading, children's literature, creative drama or oral interpretation of literature, and American literature.

b. 5-12. Completion of 24 semester hours in English to include coursework in oral communication, written communication, language development, reading, American literature, English literature and adolescent literature.

13.28(6) Language arts. 5-12. Completion of 40 semester hours in language arts to include coursework in the following areas:

a. Written communication.

(1) Develops a wide range of strategies and appropriately uses writing process elements (e.g., brainstorming, free-writing, first draft, group response, continued drafting, editing, and self-reflection) to communicate with different audiences for a variety of purposes.

(2) Develops knowledge of language structure (e.g., grammar), language conventions (e.g., spelling and punctuation), media techniques, figurative language and genre to create, critique, and discuss print and nonprint texts.

b. Oral communication.

(1) Understands oral language, listening, and nonverbal communication skills; knows how to analyze communication interactions; and applies related knowledge and skills to teach students to become competent communicators in varied contexts.

(2) Understands the communication process and related theories, knows the purpose and function of communication and understands how to apply this knowledge to teach students to make appropriate and effective choices as senders and receivers of messages in varied contexts.

c. Language development.

(1) Understands inclusive and appropriate language, patterns and dialects across cultures, ethnic groups, geographic regions and social roles.

(2) Develops strategies to improve competency in the English language arts and understanding of content across the curriculum for students whose first language is not English.

d. Young adult literature, American literature, and world literature.

(1) Reads, comprehends, and analyzes a wide range of texts to build an understanding of self as well as the cultures of the United States and the world in order to acquire new information, to respond to the needs and demands of society and the workplace, and for personal fulfillment. Among these texts are fiction and nonfiction, graphic novels, classic and contemporary works, young adult literature, and nonprint texts.

(2) Reads a wide range of literature from many periods in many genres to build an understanding of the many dimensions (e.g., philosophical, ethical, aesthetic) of human experience.

(3) Applies a wide range of strategies to comprehend, interpret, evaluate, and appreciate texts. Draws on prior experience, interactions with other readers and writers, knowledge of word meaning and of other texts, word identification strategies, and an understanding of textual features (e.g., sound-letter correspondence, sentence structure, context, graphics).

(4) Participates as a knowledgeable, reflective, creative, and critical member of a variety of literacy communities.

e. Creative voice.

(1) Understands the art of oral interpretation and how to provide opportunities for students to develop and apply oral interpretation skills in individual and group performances for a variety of audiences, purposes and occasions.

(2) Understands the basic skills of theatre production including acting, stage movement, and basic stage design.

f. Argumentation/debate.

(1) Understands concepts and principles of classical and contemporary rhetoric and is able to plan, prepare, organize, deliver and evaluate speeches and presentations.

(2) Understands argumentation and debate and how to provide students with opportunities to apply skills and strategies for argumentation and debate in a variety of formats and contexts.

g. Journalism.

(1) Understands ethical standards and major legal issues including First Amendment rights and responsibilities relevant to varied communication content. Utilizes strategies to teach students about the importance of freedom of speech in a democratic society and the rights and responsibilities of communicators.

(2) Understands the writing process as it relates to journalism (e.g., brainstorming, questioning, reporting, gathering and synthesizing information, writing, editing, and evaluating the final media product).

(3) Understands a variety of forms of journalistic writing (e.g., news, sports, features, opinion, Web-based) and the appropriate styles (e.g., Associated Press, multiple sources with attribution, punctuation) and additional forms unique to journalism (e.g., headlines, cutlines, and/or visual presentations).

h. Mass media production.

(1) Understands the role of the media in a democracy and the importance of preserving that role.

(2) Understands how to interpret and analyze various types of mass media messages in order for students to become critical consumers.

(3) Develops the technological skills needed to package media products effectively using various forms of journalistic design with a range of visual and auditory methods.

i. Reading strategies (if not completed as part of the professional education core requirements).

(1) Uses a variety of skills and strategies to comprehend and interpret complex fiction, nonfiction and informational text.

(2) Reads for a variety of purposes and across content areas.

13.28(7) Foreign language. K-8 and 5-12. Completion of 24 semester hours in each foreign language for which endorsement is sought.

13.28(8) Health. K-8 and 5-12. Completion of 24 semester hours in health to include coursework in public or community health, personal wellness, substance abuse, family life education, mental/emotional health, and human nutrition. A current certificate of CPR training is required in addition to the coursework requirements.

For holders of physical education or family and consumer science endorsements, completion of 18 credit hours in health to include coursework in public or community health, personal wellness, substance abuse, family life education, mental/emotional health, and human nutrition. A current certificate of CPR training is required in addition to the coursework requirements.

13.28(9) Family and consumer sciences—general. 5-12. Completion of 24 semester hours in family and consumer sciences to include coursework in lifespan development, parenting and child development education, family studies, consumer resource management, textiles or apparel design and merchandising,

housing, foods and nutrition, and foundations of career and technical education as related to family and consumer sciences.

13.28(10) *Industrial technology.* 5-12. Completion of 24 semester hours in industrial technology to include coursework in manufacturing, construction, energy and power, graphic communications and transportation. The coursework is to include at least 6 semester hours in three different areas.

13.28(11) *Journalism.* 5-12. Completion of 15 semester hours in journalism to include coursework in writing, editing, production and visual communications.

13.28(12) *Mathematics.*

a. K-8. Completion of 24 semester hours in mathematics to include coursework in algebra, geometry, number theory, measurement, computer programming, and probability and statistics.

b. 5-12.

(1) Completion of 24 semester hours in mathematics to include a linear algebra or an abstract (modern) algebra course, a geometry course, a two-course sequence in calculus, a computer programming course, a probability and statistics course, and coursework in discrete mathematics.

(2) For holders of the physics 5-12 endorsement, completion of 17 semester hours in mathematics to include a geometry course, a two-course sequence in calculus, a probability and statistics course, and coursework in discrete mathematics.

(3) For holders of the all science 9-12 endorsement, completion of 17 semester hours in mathematics to include a geometry course, a two-course sequence in calculus, a probability and statistics course, and coursework in discrete mathematics.

c. 5-8 algebra for high school credit. For a 5-8 algebra for high school credit endorsement, hold either the K-8 mathematics or middle school mathematics endorsement and complete a college algebra or linear algebra class. This endorsement allows the holder to teach algebra to grades 5-8 for high school credit.

13.28(13) *Music.*

a. K-8. Completion of 24 semester hours in music to include coursework in music theory (at least two courses), music history, and applied music, and a methods course in each of the following: general, choral, and instrumental music.

b. 5-12. Completion of 24 semester hours in music to include coursework in music theory (at least two courses), music history (at least two courses), applied music, and conducting, and a methods course in each of the following: general, choral, and instrumental music.

13.28(14) *Physical education.*

a. K-8. Completion of 24 semester hours in physical education to include coursework in human anatomy, human physiology, movement education, adaptive physical education, personal wellness, human growth and development of children related to physical education, and first aid and emergency care. A current certificate of CPR training is required in addition to the coursework requirements.

b. 5-12. Completion of 24 semester hours in physical education to include coursework in human anatomy, kinesiology, human physiology, human growth and development related to maturational and motor learning, adaptive physical education, curriculum and administration of physical education, personal wellness, and first aid and emergency care. A current certificate of CPR training is required in addition to the coursework requirements.

13.28(15) *Reading.*

a. K-8 requirements. Completion of 24 semester hours in reading to include all of the following requirements:

(1) Foundations of reading. This requirement includes the following competencies:

1. The practitioner demonstrates knowledge of the psychological, sociocultural, and linguistic foundations of reading and writing processes and instruction.

2. The practitioner demonstrates knowledge of a range of research pertaining to reading, writing, and learning, including scientifically based reading research, and knowledge of histories of reading. The range of research encompasses research traditions from the fields of the social sciences and other paradigms appropriate for informing practice.

3. The practitioner demonstrates knowledge of the major components of reading, such as phonemic awareness, word identification, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension, and effectively integrates curricular standards with student interests, motivation, and background knowledge.

(2) Reading in the content areas. This requirement includes the following competencies:

1. The practitioner demonstrates knowledge of text structure and the dimensions of content area vocabulary and comprehension, including literal, interpretive, critical, and evaluative.

2. The practitioner provides content area instruction in reading and writing that effectively uses a variety of research-based strategies and practices.

(3) Practicum. This requirement includes the following competencies:

1. The practitioner works with licensed professionals who observe, evaluate, and provide feedback on the practitioner's knowledge, dispositions, and performance of the teaching of reading and writing.

2. The practitioner effectively uses reading and writing strategies, materials, and assessments based upon appropriate reading and writing research and works with colleagues and families in the support of children's reading and writing development.

(4) Language development. This requirement includes the following competency: The practitioner uses knowledge of language development and acquisition of reading skills (birth through sixth grade), and the variations related to cultural and linguistic diversity to provide effective instruction in reading and writing.

(5) Oral communication. This requirement includes the following competencies:

1. The practitioner has knowledge of the unique needs and backgrounds of students with language differences and delays.

2. The practitioner uses effective strategies for facilitating the learning of Standard English by all learners.

(6) Written communication. This requirement includes the following competency: The practitioner uses knowledge of reading-writing-speaking connections; the writing process; the stages of spelling development; the different types of writing, such as narrative, expressive, persuasive, informational and descriptive; and the connections between oral and written language development to effectively teach writing as communication.

(7) Reading assessment, diagnosis and evaluation. This requirement includes the following competencies:

1. The practitioner uses knowledge of a variety of instruments, procedures, and practices that range from individual to group and from formal to informal to alternative for the identification of students' reading proficiencies and needs, for planning and revising instruction for all students, and for communicating the results of ongoing assessments to all stakeholders.

2. The practitioner demonstrates awareness of policies and procedures related to special programs, including Title I.

(8) Children's nonfiction and fiction. This requirement includes the following competency: The practitioner uses knowledge of children's literature for:

1. Modeling the reading and writing of varied genres, including fiction and nonfiction; technology- and media-based information; and nonprint materials;

2. Motivating through the use of texts at multiple levels, representing broad interests, and reflecting varied cultures, linguistic backgrounds, and perspectives; and

3. Matching text complexities to the proficiencies and needs of readers.

(9) Reading instructional strategies. This requirement includes the following competency: The practitioner uses knowledge of a range of research-based strategies and instructional technology for designing and delivering effective instruction across the curriculum, for grouping students, and for selecting materials appropriate for learners at various stages of reading and writing development and from varied cultural and linguistic backgrounds.

b. 5-12 requirements. Completion of 24 semester hours in reading to include all of the following requirements:

(1) Foundations of reading. This requirement includes the following competencies:

1. The practitioner demonstrates knowledge of the psychological, sociocultural, and linguistic foundations of reading and writing processes and instruction.

2. The practitioner demonstrates knowledge of a range of research pertaining to reading, writing, and learning, including scientifically based reading research, and knowledge of histories of reading. The range of research encompasses research traditions from the fields of the social sciences and other paradigms appropriate for informing practice.

3. The practitioner demonstrates knowledge of the major components of reading such as phonemic awareness, word identification, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension, and integrates curricular standards with student interests, motivation, and background knowledge.

(2) Reading in the content areas. This requirement includes the following competencies:

1. The practitioner demonstrates knowledge of text structure and the dimensions of content area vocabulary and comprehension, including literal, interpretive, critical, and evaluative.

2. The practitioner provides content area instruction in reading and writing that effectively uses a variety of research-based strategies and practices.

(3) Practicum. This requirement includes the following competencies:

1. The practitioner works with licensed professionals who observe, evaluate, and provide feedback on the practitioner's knowledge, dispositions, and performance of the teaching of reading and writing.

2. The practitioner effectively uses reading and writing strategies, materials, and assessments based upon appropriate reading and writing research, and works with colleagues and families in the support of students' reading and writing development.

(4) Language development. This requirement includes the following competency: The practitioner uses knowledge of the relationship of language acquisition and language development with the acquisition and development of reading skills, and the variations related to cultural and linguistic diversity to provide effective instruction in reading and writing.

(5) Oral communication. This requirement includes the following competency: The practitioner demonstrates knowledge of the unique needs and backgrounds of students with language differences and uses effective strategies for facilitating the learning of Standard English by all learners.

(6) Written communication. This requirement includes the following competency: The practitioner uses knowledge of reading-writing-speaking connections to teach the skills and processes necessary for writing narrative, expressive, persuasive, informational, and descriptive texts, including text structures and mechanics such as grammar, usage, and spelling.

(7) Reading assessment, diagnosis and evaluation. This requirement includes the following competencies:

1. The practitioner uses knowledge of a variety of instruments, procedures, and practices that range from individual to group and from formal to informal to alternative for the identification of students' reading proficiencies and needs, for planning and revising instruction for all students, and for communicating the results of ongoing assessments to all stakeholders.

2. The practitioner demonstrates awareness of policies and procedures related to special programs.

(8) Adolescent or young adult nonfiction and fiction. This requirement includes the following competency: The practitioner uses knowledge of adolescent or young adult literature for:

1. Modeling the reading and writing of varied genres, including fiction and nonfiction; technology and media-based information; and nonprint materials;

2. Motivating through the use of texts at multiple levels, representing broad interests, and reflecting varied cultures, linguistic backgrounds and perspectives; and

3. Matching text complexities to the proficiencies and needs of readers.

(9) Reading instructional strategies. This requirement includes the following competency: The practitioner uses knowledge of a range of research-based strategies and instructional technology for designing and delivering instruction across the curriculum, for grouping students, and for selecting materials appropriate for learners at various stages of reading and writing development and from varied cultural and linguistic backgrounds.

13.28(16) Reading specialist. K-12. The applicant must have met the requirements for the standard license and a teaching endorsement, and present evidence of at least one year of experience which included the teaching of reading as a significant part of the responsibility.

a. Authorization. The holder of this endorsement is authorized to serve as a reading specialist in kindergarten and grades one through twelve.

b. Program requirements. Degree—master's.

c. Content. Completion of a sequence of courses and experiences which may have been a part of, or in addition to, the degree requirements. This sequence is to be at least 27 semester hours to include the following:

- (1) Educational psychology/human growth and development.
- (2) Educational measurement and evaluation.
- (3) Foundations of reading.
- (4) Diagnosis of reading problems.
- (5) Remedial reading.
- (6) Psychology of reading.
- (7) Language learning and reading disabilities.
- (8) Practicum in reading.
- (9) Administration and supervision of reading programs at the elementary and secondary levels.

13.28(17) Science.

a. Science—basic. K-8.

(1) Required coursework. Completion of at least 24 semester hours in science to include 12 hours in physical sciences, 6 hours in biology, and 6 hours in earth/space sciences.

(2) Pedagogy competencies.

1. Understand the nature of scientific inquiry, its central role in science, and how to use the skills and processes of scientific inquiry.

2. Understand the fundamental facts and concepts in major science disciplines.

3. Be able to make conceptual connections within and across science disciplines, as well as to mathematics, technology, and other school subjects.

4. Be able to use scientific understanding when dealing with personal and societal issues.

b. Biological science. 5-12. Completion of 24 semester hours in biological science or 30 semester hours in the broad area of science to include 15 semester hours in biological science.

c. Chemistry. 5-12. Completion of 24 semester hours in chemistry or 30 semester hours in the broad area of science to include 15 semester hours in chemistry.

d. Earth science. 5-12. Completion of 24 semester hours in earth science or 30 semester hours in the broad area of science to include 15 semester hours in earth science.

e. Basic science. 5-12. Completion of 24 semester hours of credit in science to include the following:

(1) Six semester hours of credit in earth and space science to include the following essential concepts and skills:

1. Understand and apply knowledge of energy in the earth system.

2. Understand and apply knowledge of geochemical cycles.

(2) Six semester hours of credit in life science/biological science to include the following essential concepts and skills:

1. Understand and apply knowledge of the cell.

2. Understand and apply knowledge of the molecular basis of heredity.

3. Understand and apply knowledge of the interdependence of organisms.

4. Understand and apply knowledge of matter, energy, and organization in living systems.

5. Understand and apply knowledge of the behavior of organisms.

(3) Six semester hours of credit in physics/physical science to include the following essential concepts and skills:

1. Understand and apply knowledge of the structure of atoms.

2. Understand and apply knowledge of the structure and properties of matter.

3. Understand and apply knowledge of motions and forces.
 4. Understand and apply knowledge of interactions of energy and matter.
 - (4) Six semester hours of credit in chemistry to include the following essential concepts and skills:
 1. Understand and apply knowledge of chemical reactions.
 2. Be able to design and conduct scientific investigations.
 - f. *Physical science.* Rescinded IAB 11/14/12, effective 12/19/12.
 - g. *Physics.*
 - (1) 5-12. Completion of 24 semester hours in physics or 30 semester hours in the broad area of science to include 15 semester hours in physics.
 - (2) For holders of the mathematics 5-12 endorsement, completion of:
 1. 12 credits of physics to include coursework in mechanics, electricity, and magnetism; and
 2. A methods class that includes inquiry-based instruction, resource management, and laboratory safety.
 - (3) For holders of the chemistry 5-12 endorsement, completion of 12 credits of physics to include coursework in mechanics, electricity, and magnetism.
 - h. *All science I.* Rescinded IAB 11/14/12, effective 12/19/12.
 - i. *All science. 5-12.*
 - (1) Completion of 36 semester hours of credit in science to include the following:
 1. Nine semester hours of credit in earth and space science to include the following essential concepts and skills:
 - Understand and apply knowledge of energy in the earth system.
 - Understand and apply knowledge of geochemical cycles.
 - Understand and apply knowledge of the origin and evolution of the earth system.
 - Understand and apply knowledge of the origin and evolution of the universe.
 2. Nine semester hours of credit in life science/biological science to include the following essential concepts and skills:
 - Understand and apply knowledge of the cell.
 - Understand and apply knowledge of the molecular basis of heredity.
 - Understand and apply knowledge of the interdependence of organisms.
 - Understand and apply knowledge of matter, energy, and organization in living systems.
 - Understand and apply knowledge of the behavior of organisms.
 - Understand and apply knowledge of biological evolution.
 3. Nine semester hours of credit in physics/physical science to include the following essential concepts and skills:
 - Understand and apply knowledge of the structure of atoms.
 - Understand and apply knowledge of the structure and properties of matter.
 - Understand and apply knowledge of motions and forces.
 - Understand and apply knowledge of interactions of energy and matter.
 - Understand and apply knowledge of conservation of energy and increase in disorder.
 4. Nine semester hours of credit in chemistry to include the following essential concepts and skills:
 - Understand and apply knowledge of chemical reactions.
 - Be able to design and conduct scientific investigations.
 - (2) Pedagogy competencies.
 1. Understand the nature of scientific inquiry, its central role in science, and how to use the skills and processes of scientific inquiry.
 2. Understand the fundamental facts and concepts in major science disciplines.
 3. Be able to make conceptual connections within and across science disciplines, as well as to mathematics, technology, and other school subjects.
 4. Be able to use scientific understanding when dealing with personal and societal issues.
- 13.28(18) Social sciences.**
- a. *American government. 5-12.* Completion of 24 semester hours in American government or 30 semester hours in the broad area of social sciences to include 15 semester hours in American government.

b. American history. 5-12. Completion of 24 semester hours in American history or 30 semester hours in the broad area of social sciences to include 15 semester hours in American history.

c. Anthropology. 5-12. Completion of 24 semester hours in anthropology or 30 semester hours in the broad area of social sciences to include 15 semester hours in anthropology.

d. Economics. 5-12. Completion of 24 semester hours in economics or 30 semester hours in the broad area of social sciences to include 15 semester hours in economics, or 30 semester hours in the broad area of business to include 15 semester hours in economics.

e. Geography. 5-12. Completion of 24 semester hours in geography or 30 semester hours in the broad area of social sciences to include 15 semester hours in geography.

f. History. K-8. Completion of 24 semester hours in history to include at least 9 semester hours in American history and 9 semester hours in world history.

g. Psychology. 5-12. Completion of 24 semester hours in psychology or 30 semester hours in the broad area of social sciences to include 15 semester hours in psychology.

h. Social studies. K-8. Completion of 24 semester hours in social studies, to include coursework from at least three of these areas: history, sociology, economics, American government, psychology and geography.

i. Sociology. 5-12. Completion of 24 semester hours in sociology or 30 semester hours in the broad area of social sciences to include 15 semester hours in sociology.

j. World history. 5-12. Completion of 24 semester hours in world history or 30 semester hours in the broad area of social sciences to include 15 semester hours in world history.

k. All social sciences. 5-12. Completion of 51 semester hours in the social sciences to include 9 semester hours in each of American and world history, 9 semester hours in government, 6 semester hours in sociology, 6 semester hours in psychology other than educational psychology, 6 semester hours in geography, and 6 semester hours in economics.

13.28(19) *Speech communication/theatre.*

a. K-8. Completion of 20 semester hours in speech communication/theatre to include coursework in speech communication, creative drama or theatre, and oral interpretation.

b. 5-12. Completion of 24 semester hours in speech communication/theatre to include coursework in speech communication, oral interpretation, creative drama or theatre, argumentation and debate, and mass media communication.

13.28(20) *English as a second language (ESL).* K-12.

a. Authorization. The holder of this endorsement is authorized to teach English as a second language in kindergarten and grades one through twelve.

b. Program requirements.

- (1) Degree—baccalaureate, and
- (2) Completion of an approved human relations program, and
- (3) Completion of the professional education core. See subrules 13.18(3) and 13.18(4).

c. Content. Completion of 18 semester hours of coursework in English as a second language to include the following:

- (1) Knowledge of pedagogy to include the following:
 1. Methods and curriculum to include the following:
 - Bilingual and ESL methods.
 - Literacy in native and second language.
 - Methods for subject matter content.
 - Adaptation and modification of curriculum.
 2. Assessment to include language proficiency and academic content.
- (2) Knowledge of linguistics to include the following:
 1. Psycholinguistics and sociolinguistics.
 2. Language acquisition and proficiency to include the following:
 - Knowledge of first and second language proficiency.
 - Knowledge of first and second language acquisition.
 - Language to include structure and grammar of English.

(3) Knowledge of cultural and linguistic diversity to include the following:

1. History.
2. Theory, models, and research.
3. Policy and legislation.

(4) Current issues with transient populations.

d. Other. Individuals who were licensed in Iowa prior to October 1, 1988, and were allowed to teach English as a second language without completing the endorsement requirements must complete the endorsement requirements by July 1, 2012, in order to teach or continue to teach English as a second language. A waiver provision is available through the board of educational examiners for individuals who have been successfully teaching English as a second language.

13.28(21) Elementary school teacher librarian.

a. Authorization. The holder of this endorsement is authorized to serve as a teacher librarian in kindergarten and grades one through eight.

b. Program requirements.

- (1) Degree—baccalaureate.
- (2) Completion of an approved human relations program.
- (3) Completion of the professional education core. See subrules 13.18(3) and 13.18(4).

c. Content—prior to September 1, 2012. The following requirements apply for endorsements issued prior to September 1, 2012. Completion of 24 semester hours in school library coursework to include the following:

- (1) Knowledge of materials and literature in all formats for elementary children.
- (2) Selection, utilization and evaluation of library resources and equipment.
- (3) Design and production of instructional materials.
- (4) Acquisition, cataloging and classification of library materials.
- (5) Information literacy, reference services and networking.
- (6) Planning, evaluation and administration of school library programs.
- (7) Practicum in an elementary school media center/library.

d. Content—effective on and after September 1, 2012. The following requirements apply for endorsements issued on and after September 1, 2012. Completion of 24 semester hours in school library coursework to include the following:

(1) Literacy and reading. This requirement includes the following competencies:

1. Practitioners collaborate with other teachers to integrate developmentally appropriate literature in multiple formats to support literacy in children.

2. Practitioners demonstrate knowledge of resources and strategies to foster leisure reading and model personal enjoyment of reading among children, based on familiarity with selection tools and current trends in literature for children.

(2) Information and knowledge. This requirement includes the following competencies:

1. Practitioners teach multiple strategies to locate, analyze, evaluate, and ethically use information in the context of inquiry-based learning.

2. Practitioners advocate for flexible and open access to library resources, both physical and virtual.

3. Practitioners uphold and promote the legal and ethical codes of their profession, including privacy, confidentiality, freedom and equity of access to information.

4. Practitioners use skills and knowledge to assess reference sources, services, and tools in order to mediate between information needs and resources to assist learners in determining what they need.

5. Practitioners model and facilitate authentic learning with current and emerging digital tools for locating, analyzing, evaluating and ethically using information resources to support research, learning, creating, and communicating in a digital society.

6. Practitioners demonstrate knowledge of creative and innovative uses of technologies to engage students and facilitate higher-level thinking.

7. Practitioners develop an articulated information literacy curriculum grounded in research related to the information search process.

(3) Program administration and leadership. This requirement includes the following competencies:

1. Practitioners evaluate and select print, nonprint, and digital resources using professional selection tools and evaluation criteria to develop and manage a quality collection designed to meet the diverse curricular, personal, and professional needs of the educational community.

2. Practitioners demonstrate knowledge necessary to organize the library collections according to current standard library cataloging and classification principles.

3. Practitioners develop policies and procedures to support ethical use of information, intellectual freedom, selection and reconsideration of library materials, and the privacy of users.

4. Practitioners develop strategies for working with regular classroom teachers, support services personnel, paraprofessionals, and other individuals involved in the educational program.

(4) Practicum. This requirement includes the following competencies:

1. Practitioners apply knowledge of learning styles, stages of human growth and development, and cultural influences of learning at the elementary level.

2. Practitioners implement the principles of effective teaching and learning that contribute to an active, inquiry-based approach to learning in a digital environment at the elementary level.

3. Practitioners understand the teacher librarian role in curriculum development and the school improvement process at the elementary level.

4. Practitioners collaborate to integrate information literacy and emerging technologies into content area curricula at the elementary level.

13.28(22) Secondary school teacher librarian.

a. Authorization. The holder of this endorsement is authorized to serve as a teacher librarian in grades five through twelve.

b. Program requirements.

- (1) Degree—baccalaureate.

- (2) Completion of an approved human relations program.

- (3) Completion of the professional education core. See subrules 13.18(3) and 13.18(4).

c. Content—prior to September 1, 2012. The following requirements apply for endorsements issued prior to September 1, 2012. Completion of 24 semester hours in school library coursework to include the following:

- (1) Knowledge of materials and literature in all formats for adolescents.

- (2) Selection, utilization and evaluation of library resources and equipment.

- (3) Design and production of instructional materials.

- (4) Acquisition, cataloging and classification of library materials.

- (5) Information literacy, reference services and networking.

- (6) Planning, evaluation and administration of school library programs.

- (7) Practicum in a secondary school media center/library.

d. Content—effective on and after September 1, 2012. The following requirements apply for endorsements issued on and after September 1, 2012. Completion of 24 semester hours in school library coursework to include the following:

- (1) Literacy and reading. This requirement includes the following competencies:

1. Practitioners collaborate with other teachers to integrate developmentally appropriate literature in multiple formats to support literacy in young adults.

2. Practitioners demonstrate knowledge of resources and strategies to foster leisure reading and model personal enjoyment of reading among young adults, based on familiarity with selection tools and current trends in literature for young adults.

- (2) Information and knowledge. This requirement includes the following competencies:

1. Practitioners teach multiple strategies to locate, analyze, evaluate, and ethically use information in the context of inquiry-based learning.

2. Practitioners advocate for flexible and open access to library resources, both physical and virtual.

3. Practitioners uphold and promote the legal and ethical codes of their profession, including privacy, confidentiality, freedom and equity of access to information.

4. Practitioners use skills and knowledge to assess reference sources, services, and tools in order to mediate between information needs and resources to assist learners in determining what they need.

5. Practitioners model and facilitate authentic learning with current and emerging digital tools for locating, analyzing, evaluating and ethically using information resources to support research, learning, creating, and communicating in a digital society.

6. Practitioners demonstrate knowledge of creative and innovative uses of technologies to engage students and facilitate higher-level thinking.

7. Practitioners develop an articulated information literacy curriculum grounded in research related to the information search process.

(3) Program administration and leadership. This requirement includes the following competencies:

1. Practitioners evaluate and select print, nonprint, and digital resources using professional selection tools and evaluation criteria to develop and manage a quality collection designed to meet the diverse curricular, personal, and professional needs of the educational community.

2. Practitioners demonstrate knowledge necessary to organize the library collections according to current standard library cataloging and classification principles.

3. Practitioners develop policies and procedures to support ethical use of information, intellectual freedom, selection and reconsideration of library materials, and the privacy of users.

4. Practitioners develop strategies for working with regular classroom teachers, support services personnel, paraprofessionals, and other individuals involved in the educational program.

(4) Practicum. This requirement includes the following competencies:

1. Practitioners apply knowledge of learning styles, stages of human growth and development, and cultural influences of learning at the secondary level.

2. Practitioners implement the principles of effective teaching and learning that contribute to an active, inquiry-based approach to learning in a digital environment at the secondary level.

3. Practitioners understand the teacher librarian role in curriculum development and the school improvement process at the secondary level.

4. Practitioners collaborate to integrate information literacy and emerging technologies into content area curricula at the secondary level.

13.28(23) School teacher librarian. PK-12.

a. Authorization. The holder of this endorsement is authorized to serve as a teacher librarian in prekindergarten through grade twelve. The applicant must be the holder of or eligible for the initial license.

b. Program requirements. Degree—master's.

c. Content—prior to September 1, 2012. The following requirements apply for endorsements issued prior to September 1, 2012. Completion of a sequence of courses and experiences which may have been part of, or in addition to, the degree requirements. This sequence is to be at least 30 semester hours in school library coursework, to include the following:

(1) Planning, evaluation and administration of school library programs.

(2) Curriculum development and teaching and learning strategies.

(3) Instructional development and communication theory.

(4) Selection, evaluation and utilization of library resources and equipment.

(5) Acquisition, cataloging and classification of library materials.

(6) Design and production of instructional materials.

(7) Methods for instruction and integration of information literacy skills into the school curriculum.

(8) Information literacy, reference services and networking.

(9) Knowledge of materials and literature in all formats for elementary children and adolescents.

(10) Reading, listening and viewing guidance.

(11) Utilization and application of computer technology.

(12) Practicum at both the elementary and secondary levels.

(13) Research in library and information science.

d. Content—effective on and after September 1, 2012. The following requirements apply for endorsements issued on and after September 1, 2012. Completion of a sequence of courses and

experiences which may have been part of, or in addition to, the degree requirements. This sequence is to be at least 30 semester hours in school library coursework, to include the following:

(1) Literacy and reading. This requirement includes the following competencies:

1. Practitioners collaborate with other teachers to integrate developmentally appropriate literature in multiple formats to support literacy for youth of all ages.

2. Practitioners demonstrate knowledge of resources and strategies to foster leisure reading and model personal enjoyment of reading, based on familiarity with selection tools and current trends in literature for youth of all ages.

3. Practitioners understand how to develop a collection of reading and informational materials in print and digital formats that supports the diverse developmental, cultural, social and linguistic needs of all learners and their communities.

4. Practitioners model and teach reading comprehension strategies to create meaning from text for youth of all ages.

(2) Information and knowledge. This requirement includes the following competencies:

1. Practitioners teach multiple strategies to locate, analyze, evaluate, and ethically use information in the context of inquiry-based learning.

2. Practitioners advocate for flexible and open access to library resources, both physical and virtual.

3. Practitioners uphold and promote the legal and ethical codes of their profession, including privacy, confidentiality, freedom and equity of access to information.

4. Practitioners use skills and knowledge to assess reference sources, services, and tools in order to mediate between information needs and resources to assist learners in determining what they need.

5. Practitioners model and facilitate authentic learning with current and emerging digital tools for locating, analyzing, evaluating and ethically using information resources to support research, learning, creating, and communicating in a digital society.

6. Practitioners demonstrate knowledge of creative and innovative uses of technologies to engage students and facilitate higher-level thinking.

7. Practitioners develop an articulated information literacy curriculum grounded in research related to the information search process.

8. Practitioners understand the process of collecting, interpreting, and using data to develop new knowledge to improve the school library program.

9. Practitioners employ the methods of research in library and information science.

(3) Program administration and leadership. This requirement includes the following competencies:

1. Practitioners evaluate and select print, nonprint, and digital resources using professional selection tools and evaluation criteria to develop and manage a quality collection designed to meet the diverse curricular, personal, and professional needs of the educational community.

2. Practitioners demonstrate knowledge necessary to organize the library collections according to current standard library cataloging and classification principles.

3. Practitioners develop policies and procedures to support ethical use of information, intellectual freedom, selection and reconsideration of library materials, and the privacy of users of all ages.

4. Practitioners develop strategies for working with regular classroom teachers, support services personnel, paraprofessionals, and other individuals involved in the educational program.

5. Practitioners demonstrate knowledge of best practices related to planning, budgeting (including alternative funding), organizing, and evaluating human and information resources and facilities to ensure equitable access.

6. Practitioners understand strategic planning to ensure that the school library program addresses the needs of diverse communities.

7. Practitioners advocate for school library and information programs, resources, and services among stakeholders.

8. Practitioners promote initiatives and partnerships to further the mission and goals of the school library program.

(4) Practicum. This requirement includes the following competencies:

1. Practitioners apply knowledge of learning styles, stages of human growth and development, and cultural influences of learning at the elementary and secondary levels.
2. Practitioners implement the principles of effective teaching and learning that contribute to an active, inquiry-based approach to learning in a digital environment at the elementary and secondary levels.
3. Practitioners understand the teacher librarian role in curriculum development and the school improvement process at the elementary and secondary levels.
4. Practitioners collaborate to integrate information literacy and emerging technologies into content area curricula.

13.28(24) Talented and gifted teacher.

a. Authorization. The holder of this endorsement is authorized to serve as a teacher or a coordinator of programs for the talented and gifted from the prekindergarten level through grade twelve. This authorization does not permit general classroom teaching at any level except that level or area for which the holder is eligible or holds the specific endorsement.

b. Program requirements—content. Completion of 12 undergraduate or graduate semester hours of coursework in the area of the talented and gifted to include the following:

- (1) Psychology of the gifted.
 1. Social needs.
 2. Emotional needs.
- (2) Programming for the gifted.
 1. Prekindergarten-12 identification.
 2. Differentiation strategies.
 3. Collaborative teaching skills.
 4. Program goals and performance measures.
 5. Program evaluation.
- (3) Practicum experience in gifted programs.

NOTE: Teachers in specific subject areas will not be required to hold this endorsement if they teach gifted students in their respective endorsement areas.

c. Other. Individuals who were licensed in Iowa prior to August 31, 1995, and were allowed to teach talented and gifted classes without completing the endorsement requirements must complete the endorsement requirements by July 1, 2012, in order to teach or continue to teach talented and gifted classes. A waiver provision is provided through the board of educational examiners for individuals who have been successfully teaching students who are talented and gifted.

13.28(25) American Sign Language endorsement.

a. Authorization. The holder of this endorsement is authorized to teach American Sign Language in kindergarten and grades one through twelve.

b. Program requirements.

- (1) Degree—baccalaureate.
- (2) Completion of an approved human relations program.
- (3) Completion of the professional education core.

c. Content. Completion of 18 semester hours of coursework in American Sign Language to include the following:

- (1) Second language acquisition.
- (2) Sociology of the deaf community.
- (3) Linguistic structure of American Sign Language.
- (4) Language teaching methodology specific to American Sign Language.
- (5) Teaching the culture of deaf people.
- (6) Assessment of students in an American Sign Language program.

d. Other. Be the holder of or be eligible for one other teaching endorsement listed in rules 282—13.26(272) and 282—13.27(272) and this rule.

13.28(26) Elementary professional school counselor.

a. *Authorization.* The holder of this endorsement is authorized to serve as a professional school counselor in kindergarten and grades one through eight.

b. *Program requirements.* Master's degree from an accredited institution of higher education.

c. *Content.* Completion of a sequence of courses and experiences which may have been a part of, or in addition to, the degree requirements to include the following:

(1) Nature and needs of individuals at all developmental levels.

1. Develop strategies for facilitating development through the transition from childhood to adolescence and from adolescence to young adulthood.

2. Apply knowledge of learning and personality development to assist students in developing their full potential.

(2) Social and cultural foundations.

1. Demonstrate awareness of and sensitivity to the unique social, cultural, and economic circumstances of students and their racial/ethnic, gender, age, physical, and learning differences.

2. Demonstrate sensitivity to the nature and the functioning of the student within the family, school and community contexts.

3. Demonstrate the counseling and consultation skills needed to facilitate informed and appropriate action in response to the needs of students.

(3) Fostering of relationships.

1. Employ effective counseling and consultation skills with students, parents, colleagues, administrators, and others.

2. Communicate effectively with parents, colleagues, students and administrators.

3. Counsel students in the areas of personal, social, academic, and career development.

4. Assist families in helping their children address the personal, social, and emotional concerns and problems that may impede educational progress.

5. Implement developmentally appropriate counseling interventions with children and adolescents.

6. Demonstrate the ability to negotiate and move individuals and groups toward consensus or conflict resolution or both.

7. Refer students for specialized help when appropriate.

8. Value the well-being of the students as paramount in the counseling relationship.

(4) Group work.

1. Implement developmentally appropriate interventions involving group dynamics, counseling theories, group counseling methods and skills, and other group work approaches.

2. Apply knowledge of group counseling in implementing appropriate group processes for elementary, middle school, and secondary students.

(5) Career development, education, and postsecondary planning.

1. Assist students in the assessment of their individual strengths, weaknesses, and differences, including those that relate to academic achievement and future plans.

2. Apply knowledge of career assessment and career choice programs.

3. Implement occupational and educational placement, follow-up and evaluation.

4. Develop a counseling network and provide resources for use by students in personalizing the exploration of postsecondary educational opportunities.

(6) Assessment and evaluation.

1. Demonstrate individual and group approaches to assessment and evaluation.

2. Demonstrate an understanding of the proper administration and uses of standardized tests.

3. Apply knowledge of test administration, scoring, and measurement concerns.

4. Apply evaluation procedures for monitoring student achievement.

5. Apply assessment information in program design and program modifications to address students' needs.

6. Apply knowledge of legal and ethical issues related to assessment and student records.

(7) Professional orientation.

1. Apply knowledge of history, roles, organizational structures, ethics, standards, and credentialing.

2. Maintain a high level of professional knowledge and skills.

3. Apply knowledge of professional and ethical standards to the practice of school counseling.

4. Articulate the professional school counselor role to school personnel, parents, community, and students.

- (8) School counseling skills.

1. Design, implement, and evaluate a comprehensive, developmental school counseling program.

2. Implement and evaluate specific strategies designed to meet program goals and objectives.

3. Consult and coordinate efforts with resource persons, specialists, businesses, and agencies outside the school to promote program objectives.

4. Provide information appropriate to the particular educational transition and assist students in understanding the relationship that their curricular experiences and academic achievements will have on subsequent educational opportunities.

5. Assist parents and families in order to provide a supportive environment in which students can become effective learners and achieve success in pursuit of appropriate educational goals.

6. Provide training, orientation, and consultation assistance to faculty, administrators, staff, and school officials to assist them in responding to the social, emotional, and educational development of all students.

7. Collaborate with teachers, administrators, and other educators in ensuring that appropriate educational experiences are provided that allow all students to achieve success.

8. Assist in the process of identifying and addressing the needs of the exceptional student.

9. Apply knowledge of legal and ethical issues related to child abuse and mandatory reporting.

10. Advocate for the educational needs of students and work to ensure that these needs are addressed at every level of the school experience.

11. Promote use of school counseling and educational and career planning activities and programs involving the total school community to provide a positive school climate.

- (9) Classroom management.

1. Apply effective classroom management strategies as demonstrated in delivery of classroom and large group school counseling curriculum.

2. Consult with teachers and parents about effective classroom management and behavior management strategies.

- (10) Curriculum.

1. Write classroom lessons including objectives, learning activities, and discussion questions.

2. Utilize various methods of evaluating what students have learned in classroom lessons.

3. Demonstrate competency in conducting classroom and other large group activities, utilizing an effective lesson plan design, engaging students in the learning process, and employing age-appropriate classroom management strategies.

4. Design a classroom unit of developmentally appropriate learning experiences.

5. Demonstrate knowledge in writing standards and benchmarks for curriculum.

- (11) Learning theory.

1. Identify and consult with teachers about how to create a positive learning environment utilizing such factors as effective classroom management strategies, building a sense of community in the classroom, and cooperative learning experiences.

2. Identify and consult with teachers regarding teaching strategies designed to motivate students using small group learning activities, experiential learning activities, student mentoring programs, and shared decision-making opportunities.

3. Demonstrate knowledge of child and adolescent development and identify developmentally appropriate teaching and learning strategies.

- (12) Teaching and counseling practicum. The school counselor demonstrates competency in conducting classroom sessions with elementary and middle school students. The practicum consisting of a minimum of 500 contact hours provides opportunities for the prospective counselor, under the

supervision of a licensed professional school counselor, to engage in a variety of activities in which a regularly employed school counselor would be expected to participate including, but not limited to, individual counseling, group counseling, developmental classroom guidance, and consultation.

13.28(27) Secondary professional school counselor.

a. Authorization. The holder of this endorsement is authorized to serve as a professional school counselor in grades five through twelve.

b. Program requirements. Master's degree from an accredited institution of higher education.

c. Content. Completion of a sequence of courses and experiences which may have been a part of, or in addition to, the degree requirements to include:

(1) The competencies listed in subparagraphs 13.28(26) "c"(1) to (11).

(2) The teaching and counseling practicum. The school counselor demonstrates competency in conducting classroom sessions with middle and secondary school students. The practicum consisting of a minimum of 500 contact hours provides opportunities for the prospective counselor, under the supervision of a licensed professional school counselor, to engage in a variety of activities in which a regularly employed school counselor would be expected to participate including, but not limited to, individual counseling, group work, developmental classroom guidance, and consultation.

13.28(28) School nurse endorsement. The school nurse endorsement does not authorize general classroom teaching, although it does authorize the holder to teach health at all grade levels. Alternatively, a nurse may obtain a statement of professional recognition (SPR) from the board of educational examiners, in accordance with the provisions set out in 282—Chapter 16, Statements of Professional Recognition (SPR).

a. Authorization. The holder of this endorsement is authorized to provide service as a school nurse at the prekindergarten and kindergarten levels and in grades one through twelve.

b. Program requirements.

(1) Degree—baccalaureate, and

(2) Completion of an approved human relations program, and

(3) Completion of the professional education core. See subrules 13.18(3) and 13.18(4).

c. Content.

(1) Organization and administration of school nurse services including the appraisal of the health needs of children and youth.

(2) School-community relationships and resources/coordination of school and community resources to serve the health needs of children and youth.

(3) Knowledge and understanding of the health needs of exceptional children.

(4) Health education.

d. Other. Hold a license as a registered nurse issued by the Iowa board of nursing.

13.28(29) Athletic coach. K-12. An applicant for the coaching endorsement must hold a teacher's license with one of the teaching endorsements.

a. Authorization. The holder of this endorsement may serve as a head coach or an assistant coach in kindergarten and grades one through twelve.

b. Program requirements.

(1) One semester hour college or university course in the structure and function of the human body in relation to physical activity, and

(2) One semester hour college or university course in human growth and development of children and youth as related to physical activity, and

(3) Two semester hour college or university course in athletic conditioning, care and prevention of injuries and first aid as related to physical activity, and

(4) One semester hour college or university course in the theory of coaching interscholastic athletics, and

(5) Successful completion of the concussion training approved by the Iowa High School Athletic Association or Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union.

13.28(30) Content specialist endorsement. The applicant must have met the requirements for the standard license and a teaching endorsement.

a. Authorization. The holder of this endorsement is authorized to serve as a content specialist in kindergarten and grades one through twelve in the specific content listed on the authorization.

b. Requirements.

(1) Hold a master's degree in the content area or complete 30 semester hours of college course work in the content area.

(2) Complete 15 semester hours of credit in professional development in three or more of the following areas:

1. Using research-based content teaching strategies;
2. Integrating appropriate technology into the learning experiences for the specific content;
3. Engaging the learner in the content through knowledge of learner needs and interests;
4. Using reflective thinking to solve problems in the content area;
5. Making data-driven decisions in the content area;
6. Utilizing project-based learning in the content area;
7. Developing critical thinking skills in the content area;
8. Forming partnerships to collaborate with content experts within the community;
9. Relating content with other content areas;
10. Facilitating content learning in large and small teams;
11. Implementing response to intervention (RTI) to close achievement gaps in the content area.

(3) Complete an internship, externship, or professional experience for a minimum of 90 contact hours in the content area.

13.28(31) Engineering. 5-12.

a. Completion of 24 semester hours in engineering coursework.

b. Methods and strategies of STEM instruction or methods of teaching science or mathematics.

13.28(32) STEM.

a. K-8.

(1) Authorization. The holder of this endorsement is authorized to teach science, mathematics, and integrated STEM courses in kindergarten through grade eight.

(2) Program requirements. Be the holder of the teacher—elementary classroom endorsement.

(3) Content.

1. Completion of a minimum of 12 semester hours of college-level science.

2. Completion of a minimum of 12 semester hours of college-level math (or the completion of Calculus I) to include coursework in computer programming.

3. Completion of a minimum of 3 semester hours of coursework in content or pedagogy of engineering and technological design that includes engineering design processes or programming logic and problem-solving models and that may be met through either of the following:

- Engineering and technological design courses for education majors;
- Technology or engineering content coursework.

4. Completion of a minimum of 6 semester hours of required coursework in STEM curriculum and methods to include the following essential concepts and skills:

- Comparing and contrasting the nature and goals of each of the STEM disciplines;
- Promoting learning through purposeful, authentic, real-world connections;
- Integration of content and context of each of the STEM disciplines;
- Interdisciplinary/transdisciplinary approaches to teaching (including but not limited to problem-based learning and project-based learning);
- Curriculum and standards mapping;
- Engaging subject-matter experts (including but not limited to colleagues, parents, higher education faculty/students, business partners, and informal education agencies) in STEM experiences in and out of the classroom;
- Assessment of integrative learning approaches;
- Information literacy skills in STEM;
- Processes of science and scientific inquiry;
- Mathematical problem-solving models;

- Communicating to a variety of audiences;
 - Classroom management in project-based classrooms;
 - Instructional strategies for the inclusive classroom;
 - Computational thinking;
 - Mathematical and technological modeling.
5. Completion of a STEM field experience of a minimum of 30 contact hours that may be met through the following:
- Completing a STEM research experience;
 - Participating in a STEM internship at a STEM business or informal education organization; or
 - Leading a STEM extracurricular activity.
- b. 5-8.*
- (1) Authorization. The holder of this endorsement is authorized to teach science, mathematics, and integrated STEM courses in grades five through eight.
- (2) Program requirements. Be the holder of a 5-12 science, mathematics, or industrial technology endorsement or 5-8 middle school mathematics or science endorsement.
- (3) Content.
1. Completion of a minimum of 12 semester hours of college-level science.
 2. Completion of a minimum of 12 semester hours of college-level math (or the completion of Calculus I) to include coursework in computer programming.
 3. Completion of a minimum of 3 semester hours of coursework in content or pedagogy of engineering and technological design that includes engineering design processes or programming logic and problem-solving models and that may be met through either of the following:
 - Engineering and technological design courses for education majors;
 - Technology or engineering content coursework.
 4. Completion of a minimum of 6 semester hours of required coursework in STEM curriculum and methods to include the following essential concepts and skills:
 - Comparing and contrasting the nature and goals of each of the STEM disciplines;
 - Promoting learning through purposeful, authentic, real-world connections;
 - Integration of content and context of each of the STEM disciplines;
 - Interdisciplinary/transdisciplinary approaches to teaching (including but not limited to problem-based learning and project-based learning);
 - Curriculum and standards mapping;
 - Engaging subject-matter experts (including but not limited to colleagues, parents, higher education faculty/students, business partners, and informal education agencies) in STEM experiences in and out of the classroom;
 - Assessment of integrative learning approaches;
 - Information literacy skills in STEM;
 - Processes of science and scientific inquiry;
 - Mathematical problem-solving models;
 - Communicating to a variety of audiences;
 - Classroom management in project-based classrooms;
 - Instructional strategies for the inclusive classroom;
 - Computational thinking;
 - Mathematical and technological modeling.
 5. Completion of a STEM field experience of a minimum of 30 contact hours that may be met through the following:
 - Completing a STEM research experience;
 - Participating in a STEM internship at a STEM business or informal education organization; or
 - Leading a STEM extracurricular activity.
- c. Specialist K-12.*
- (1) Authorization. The holder of this endorsement is authorized to serve as a STEM specialist in kindergarten and grades one through twelve.

(2) Program requirements.

1. The applicant must have met the requirements for a standard Iowa teaching license and a teaching endorsement in mathematics, science, engineering, industrial technology, or agriculture.

2. The applicant must hold a master's degree from a regionally accredited institution. The master's degree must be in math, science, engineering or technology or another area with at least 12 hours of college-level science and at least 12 hours of college-level math (or completion of Calculus I) to include coursework in computer programming.

(3) Content.

1. Completion of a minimum of 3 semester hours of coursework in content or pedagogy of engineering and technological design that includes engineering design processes or programming logic and problem-solving models and that may be met through either of the following:

- Engineering and technological design courses for education majors;
- Technology or engineering content coursework.

2. Completion of 9 semester hours in professional development to include the following essential concepts and skills:

- STEM curriculum and methods:
 - Comparing and contrasting the nature and goals of each of the STEM disciplines;
 - Promoting learning through purposeful, authentic, real-world connections;
 - Integration of content and context of each of the STEM disciplines;
 - Interdisciplinary/transdisciplinary approaches to teaching (including but not limited to problem-based learning and project-based learning);
 - Curriculum/standards mapping;
 - Assessment of integrative learning approaches;
 - Information literacy skills in STEM;
 - Processes of science/scientific inquiry;
 - Mathematical problem-solving models;
 - Classroom management in project-based classrooms;
 - Instructional strategies for the inclusive classroom;
 - Computational thinking;
 - Mathematical and technological modeling.
- STEM experiential learning:
 - Engaging subject-matter experts (including but not limited to colleagues, parents, higher education faculty/students, business partners, and informal education agencies) in STEM experiences in and out of the classroom;
 - STEM research experiences;
 - STEM internship at a STEM business or informal education organization;
 - STEM extracurricular activity;
 - Communicating to a variety of audiences.
- Leadership in STEM:
 - STEM curriculum development and assessment;
 - Curriculum mapping;
 - Assessment of student engagement;
 - STEM across the curriculum;
 - Research on best practices in STEM;
 - STEM curriculum accessibility for all students.

3. Completion of an internship/externship professional experience or prior professional experience in STEM for a minimum of 90 contact hours.

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282—13.29(272) Adding, removing or reinstating a teaching endorsement.

13.29(1) Adding an endorsement. After the issuance of a teaching license, an individual may add other endorsements to that license upon proper application, provided current requirements for that endorsement have been met. An updated license with expiration date unchanged from the original or renewed license will be prepared.

a. Options. To add an endorsement, the applicant must follow one of these options:

(1) Option 1. Receive the Iowa teacher education institution's recommendation that the current approved program requirements for the endorsement have been met.

(2) Option 2. Receive verification from the Iowa teacher education institution that the minimum state requirements for the endorsement have been met in lieu of the institution's approved program.

(3) Option 3. Receive verification from a state-approved and regionally accredited institution that the Iowa minimum requirements for the endorsement have been met.

(4) Option 4. Apply for a review of the transcripts by the board of educational examiners' staff to determine if all Iowa requirements have been met. The applicant must submit documentation that all of the Iowa requirements have been met by filing transcripts and supporting documentation for review. The fee for the transcript evaluation is in 282—Chapter 12. This fee shall be in addition to the fee for adding the endorsement.

b. Additional requirements for adding an endorsement.

(1) In addition to meeting the requirements listed in rules 282—13.18(272) and 282—13.28(272), applicants for endorsements shall have completed a methods class appropriate for teaching the general subject area of the endorsement added.

(2) Practitioners who are adding an elementary or early childhood endorsement and have not student taught on the elementary or early childhood level shall complete a teaching practicum appropriate for teaching at the level of the new endorsement.

(3) Practitioners who are adding a secondary teaching endorsement and have not student taught on the secondary level shall complete a teaching practicum appropriate for teaching at the level of the new endorsement.

(4) Practitioners holding the K-8 endorsement in the content area of the 5-12 endorsement being added may satisfy the requirement for the secondary methods class and the teaching practicum by completing all required coursework and presenting verification of competence. This verification of competence shall be signed by a licensed evaluator who has observed and formally evaluated the performance of the applicant at the secondary level. This verification of competence may be submitted at any time during the term of the Class B license. The practitioner must obtain a Class B license while practicing with the 5-12 endorsement.

13.29(2) Removal of an endorsement; reinstatement of removed endorsement.

a. Removal of an endorsement. A practitioner may remove an endorsement from the practitioner's license as follows:

(1) To remove an endorsement, the practitioner shall meet the following conditions:

1. A practitioner who holds a standard or master educator license is eligible to request removal of an endorsement from the license if the practitioner has not taught in the subject or assignment area of the endorsement in the five years prior to the request for removal of the endorsement, and

2. The practitioner must submit a notarized written application form furnished by the board of educational examiners to remove an endorsement at the time of licensure renewal (licensure renewal is limited to one calendar year prior to the expiration date of the current license), and

3. The application must be signed by the superintendent or designee in the district in which the practitioner is under contract. The superintendent's signature shall serve as notification and acknowledgment of the practitioner's intent to remove an endorsement from the practitioner's license. The absence of the superintendent's or designee's signature does not impede the removal process.

(2) The endorsement shall be removed from the license at the time of application.

(3) If a practitioner is not employed and submits an application, the provisions of 13.29(2) "a"(1) "3" shall not be required.

(4) If a practitioner submits an application that does not meet the criteria listed in 13.29(2)“a”(1)“1” to “3,” the application will be rendered void and the practitioner will forfeit the processing fee.

(5) The executive director has the authority to approve or deny the request for removal. Any denial is subject to the appeal process set forth in rule 282—11.35(272).

b. Reinstatement of a removed endorsement.

(1) If the practitioner wants to add the removed endorsement at a future date, all coursework for the endorsement must be completed within the five years preceding the application to add the endorsement.

(2) The practitioner must meet the current endorsement requirements when making application.

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282—13.30(272) Licenses—issue dates, corrections, duplicates, and fraud.

13.30(1) Issue date on original license. A license is valid only from and after the date of issuance.

13.30(2) Correcting licenses. If a licensee notifies board staff of a typographical or clerical error on the license within 30 days of the date of the board’s mailing of a license, a corrected license shall be issued without charge to the licensee. If notification of a typographical or clerical error is made more than 30 days after the date of the board’s mailing of a license, a corrected license shall be issued upon receipt of the fee for issuance of a duplicate license. For purposes of this rule, typographical or clerical errors include misspellings, errors in the expiration date of a license, errors in the type of license issued, and the omission or misidentification of the endorsements for which application was made. A licensee requesting the addition of an endorsement not included on the initial application must submit a new application and the appropriate application fee.

13.30(3) Duplicate licenses. Upon application and payment of the fee set out in 282—Chapter 12, a duplicate license shall be issued.

13.30(4) Fraud in procurement or renewal of licenses. Fraud in procurement or renewal of a license or falsifying records for licensure purposes will constitute grounds for filing a complaint with the board of educational examiners.

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CHAPTER 18
ISSUANCE OF ADMINISTRATOR LICENSES AND ENDORSEMENTS

[Prior to 1/14/09, see Educational Examiners Board[282] Ch 14]

282—18.1(272) All applicants desiring an Iowa administrator license. Administrator licenses are issued upon application filed on a form provided by the board of educational examiners and upon completion of the following:

18.1(1) *National criminal history background check.* An initial applicant will be required to submit a completed fingerprint packet that accompanies the application to facilitate a national criminal history background check. The fee for the evaluation of the fingerprint packet will be assessed to the applicant.

18.1(2) *Iowa division of criminal investigation background check.* An Iowa division of criminal investigation background check will be conducted on initial applicants. The fee for the evaluation of the DCI background check will be assessed to the applicant.

18.1(3) *Temporary permits.* The executive director may issue a temporary permit to an applicant for any type of license, certification, or authorization issued by the board, after receipt of a fully completed application, including certification from the applicant of completion of the Praxis II examination, if required; determination that the applicant meets all applicable prerequisites for issuance of the license, certification, or authorization; and satisfactory evaluation of the Iowa criminal history background check. The temporary permit shall serve as evidence of the applicant's authorization to hold a position in Iowa schools, pending the satisfactory completion of the national criminal history background check and the board's receipt of verification of completion of the Praxis II examination. The temporary permit shall expire upon issuance of the requested license, certification, or authorization or 90 days from the date of issuance of the permit, whichever occurs first, unless the temporary permit is extended upon a finding of good cause by the executive director.

282—18.2(272) Applicants from recognized Iowa institutions. An applicant for initial licensure shall complete the administrator preparation program from a recognized Iowa institution or an alternative program recognized by the Iowa board of educational examiners. A recognized Iowa institution is one which has its program of preparation approved by the state board of education according to standards established by said board, or an alternative program recognized by the state board of educational examiners. Applicants shall complete the requirements set out in rule 282—18.1(272) and shall also have the recommendation for the specific license and endorsement(s) or the specific endorsement(s) from the designated recommending official at the recognized education institution where the preparation was completed.

282—18.3(272) Applicants from recognized non-Iowa institutions. Rescinded IAB 9/9/09, effective 10/14/09.

282—18.4(272) General requirements for an administrator license.

18.4(1) *Eligibility for applicants who have completed a teacher preparation program.* Applicants for the administrator license must first comply with the requirements for all Iowa practitioners set out in 282—Chapter 13. Additionally, the requirements of rules 282—13.2(272) and 282—13.3(272) and the license-specific requirements set forth under each license must be met before an applicant is eligible for an administrator license.

18.4(2) *Specific requirements for an initial administrator license for applicants who have completed a teacher preparation program.* An initial administrator license valid for one year may be issued to an applicant who:

- a. Is the holder of or is eligible for a standard license; and
- b. Has three years of teaching experience; and
- c. Has completed a state-approved PK-12 principal and PK-12 supervisor of special education program (see subrule 18.9(1)); and
- d. Has completed an approved human relations component; and
- e. Has completed an exceptional learner component; and

f. Has completed an evaluator approval program.

18.4(3) *Eligibility for applicants who have completed a professional service endorsement program.* Applicants for the administrator license must first comply with the requirements set out in 282—Chapter 27.

18.4(4) *Specific requirements for an initial administrator license for applicants who have completed a professional service endorsement.* An initial administrator license valid for one year may be issued to an applicant who:

- a.* Is the holder of an Iowa professional service license; and
- b.* Has three years of experience in an educational setting in the professional service endorsement area; and
- c.* Has completed a state-approved PK-12 principal and PK-12 supervisor of special education program (see subrule 18.9(1)); and
- d.* Is assuming a position as a PK-12 principal and PK-12 supervisor of special education (see subrule 18.9(1)) for the first time or has one year of out-of-state or nonpublic administrative experience; and
- e.* Has completed an approved human relations component; and
- f.* Has completed an exceptional learner component; and
- g.* Has completed the professional education core in 282—paragraphs 13.18(4) “a” through “j”; and
- h.* Has completed an evaluator approval program.

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282—18.5(272) Specific requirements for a professional administrator license. A professional administrator license valid for five years may be issued to an applicant who does all of the following:

18.5(1) Completes the requirements in 18.4(2) “a” to “g.”

18.5(2) Successfully meets each standard listed below:

a. Shared vision. An educational leader promotes the success of all students by facilitating the development, articulation, implementation, and stewardship of a vision of learning that is shared and supported by the school community. The administrator:

- (1) In collaboration with others, uses appropriate data to establish rigorous, concrete goals in the context of student achievement and instructional programs.
- (2) Uses research and best practices in improving the educational program.
- (3) Articulates and promotes high expectations for teaching and learning.
- (4) Aligns and implements the educational programs, plans, actions, and resources with the district’s vision and goals.
- (5) Provides leadership for major initiatives and change efforts.
- (6) Communicates effectively to various stakeholders regarding progress with school improvement plan goals.

b. Culture of learning. An educational leader promotes the success of all students by advocating, nurturing and sustaining a school culture and instructional program conducive to student learning and staff professional development. The administrator:

- (1) Provides leadership for assessing, developing and improving climate and culture.
- (2) Systematically and fairly recognizes and celebrates accomplishments of staff and students.
- (3) Provides leadership, encouragement, opportunities and structure for staff to continually design more effective teaching and learning experiences for all students.
- (4) Monitors and evaluates the effectiveness of curriculum, instruction and assessment.
- (5) Evaluates staff and provides ongoing coaching for improvement.
- (6) Ensures that staff members have professional development that directly enhances their performance and improves student learning.
- (7) Uses current research and theory about effective schools and leadership to develop and revise the administrator’s professional growth plan.

- (8) Promotes collaboration with all stakeholders.
- (9) Is easily accessible and approachable to all stakeholders.
- (10) Is highly visible and engaged in the school community.
- (11) Articulates the desired school culture and shows evidence about how it is reinforced.

c. Management. An educational leader promotes the success of all students by ensuring management of the organization, operations and resources for a safe, efficient and effective learning environment. The administrator:

- (1) Complies with state and federal mandates and local board policies.
- (2) Recruits, selects, inducts, and retains staff to support quality instruction.
- (3) Addresses current and potential issues in a timely manner.
- (4) Manages fiscal and physical resources responsibly, efficiently, and effectively.
- (5) Protects instructional time by designing and managing operational procedures to maximize learning.
- (6) Communicates effectively with both internal and external audiences about the operations of the school.

d. Family and community. An educational leader promotes the success of all students by collaborating with families and community members, responding to diverse community interests and needs, and mobilizing community resources. The administrator:

- (1) Engages family and community by promoting shared responsibility for student learning and support of the education system.
- (2) Promotes and supports a structure for family and community involvement in the education system.
- (3) Facilitates the connections of students and families to the health and social services that support a focus on learning.

18.5(3) Completes one year of administrative experience in an Iowa public school and completes the administrator mentoring program while holding an administrator license, or successfully completes two years of administrative experience in a nonpublic or out-of-state school setting.

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282—18.6(272) Specific requirements for an administrator prepared out of state. An applicant seeking Iowa licensure who completes an administrator preparation program from a recognized non-Iowa institution shall verify the requirements of rules 282—18.1(272) and 282—18.4(272) through traditional course-based preparation program and transcript review. A recognized non-Iowa administrator preparation institution is one that is state-approved and is accredited by the regional accrediting agency for the territory in which the institution is located.

18.6(1) Specific requirements. A one-year nonrenewable administrator exchange license may be issued to an individual who completes the requirements in paragraphs 18.4(2)“a” through “f” and satisfies the following:

- a.* Has completed a state-approved, regionally accredited administrator preparation program in a college or university approved by the state board of education or the state licensing agency in the individual’s preparation state; and
- b.* Has the recommendation for the specific license and endorsement(s) from the designated recommending official at the recognized non-Iowa institution where the preparation was completed; and
- c.* Holds and submits a copy of a valid regular administrator certificate or license in the state in which the preparation was completed, exclusive of a temporary, emergency or substitute license or certificate; and
- d.* Meets the experience requirements for the administrator endorsement(s). Verified successful completion of three years of full-time teaching experience in other states, on a valid license, shall be considered equivalent experience necessary for the principal endorsement. Verified successful completion of six years of full-time teaching and administrative experience in other states, on a valid license, shall be considered equivalent experience for the superintendent endorsement provided that at

least three years were as a teacher and at least three years were as a building principal or other PK-12 districtwide administrator; and

- e.* Is not subject to any pending disciplinary proceedings in any state; and
- f.* Complies with all requirements with regard to application processes and payment of licensure fees.

18.6(2) Authorization. Rescinded IAB 2/23/11, effective 3/30/11.

18.6(3) Conversion. Rescinded IAB 2/23/11, effective 3/30/11.
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282—18.7(272) Specific requirements for a Class A license.

18.7(1) A nonrenewable Class A administrator exchange license valid for one year may be issued to an applicant who has completed an administrator preparation program under any one of the following conditions:

- a. Professional core requirements.* The individual has not completed all of the required courses in the professional core, 282—paragraphs 13.18(4)“a” through “j.”
- b. Human relations component.* The individual has not completed an approved human relations component.
- c. Regular administrator certificate or license in the state in which the preparation was completed.* The individual has applied for a regular administrator certificate or license in the state in which the preparation was completed but has not yet received the certificate or license.
- d. Based on evaluator requirement.* The applicant has not completed the approved evaluator training requirement.

18.7(2) A nonrenewable Class A license valid for one year may be issued to an applicant based on an expired Iowa professional administrator license.

- a.* The holder of an expired professional administrator license shall be eligible to receive a Class A license upon application. This license shall be endorsed for the type of service authorized by the expired license on which it is based.
- b. Renewal.* The holder of an expired professional administrator license who is currently under contract with an Iowa educational unit (area education agency/local education agency/local school district) and who does not meet the renewal requirements for the administrator license held shall be required to secure the signature of the superintendent or designee before the license will be issued. If the superintendent does not meet the renewal requirements, the superintendent shall be required to secure the signature of the school board president before the license will be issued.

18.7(3) Authorization. Each Class A license shall be limited to the area(s) and level(s) of administration as determined by an analysis of the application, the transcripts, and the license or certificate held in the state in which the basic preparation for the administrator license was completed.

18.7(4) Conversion. Each applicant receiving the one-year Class A license must complete any identified licensure deficiencies in order to be eligible for an initial administrator license or a professional administrator license in Iowa.

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282—18.8(272) Specific requirements for a Class B license. A nonrenewable Class B license valid for two years may be issued to an individual under the following conditions:

18.8(1) Endorsement in progress. The individual has a valid Iowa teaching license but is seeking to obtain an administrator endorsement. A Class B license may be issued if requested by an employer and the individual seeking this endorsement has completed at least 75 percent of the requirements leading to completion of all requirements for this endorsement.

18.8(2) Experience requirement.

- a. Principal endorsement.* For the principal endorsement, three years of teaching experience must have been met before application for the Class B license.
- b. Superintendent endorsement.* For the superintendent endorsement, three years of teaching experience and three years as a building principal or other PK-12 districtwide or intermediate agency

experience are acceptable for becoming a superintendent, and must have been met before application for the Class B license.

18.8(3) Request for exception. Rescinded IAB 2/23/11, effective 3/30/11.
[ARC 9385B, IAB 2/23/11, effective 3/30/11]

282—18.9(272) Area and grade levels of administrator endorsements.

18.9(1) PK-12 principal and PK-12 supervisor of special education.

a. Authorization. The holder of this endorsement is authorized to serve as a principal of programs serving children from birth through grade twelve, a supervisor of instructional special education programs for children from birth to the age of 21, and a supervisor of support for special education programs for children from birth to the age of 21 (and to a maximum allowable age in accordance with Iowa Code section 256B.8).

b. Program requirements.

(1) Degree—master's.
(2) Content: Completion of a sequence of courses and experiences which may have been a part of, or in addition to, the degree requirements.

1. Knowledge of early childhood, elementary, early adolescent and secondary level administration, supervision, and evaluation.

2. Knowledge and skill related to early childhood, elementary, early adolescent and secondary level curriculum development.

3. Knowledge of child growth and development from birth through adolescence and developmentally appropriate strategies and practices of early childhood, elementary, and adolescence, to include an observation practicum.

4. Knowledge of family support systems, factors which place families at risk, child care issues, and home-school community relationships and interactions designed to promote parent education, family involvement, and interagency collaboration.

5. Knowledge of school law and legislative and public policy issues affecting children and families.

6. Completion of evaluator training component.

7. Knowledge of current issues in special education administration.

8. Planned field experiences in elementary and secondary school administration, including special education administration.

9. Competencies: Completion of a sequence of courses and experiences which may have been a part of, or in addition to, the degree requirements. A school administrator is an educational leader who promotes the success of all students by accomplishing the following competencies.

- Facilitates the development, articulation, implementation, and stewardship of a vision of learning that is shared and supported by the school community.

- Advocates, nurtures, and sustains a school culture and instructional program conducive to student learning and staff professional growth.

- Ensures management of the organization, operations, and resources for a safe, efficient, and effective learning environment.

- Collaborates with families and community members, responds to diverse community interests and needs, and mobilizes community resources.

- Acts with integrity, fairness, and in an ethical manner.

- Understands, responds to, and influences the larger political, social, economic, legal, and cultural context.

c. Other.

(1) The applicant must have had three years of teaching experience at the early childhood through grade twelve level.

(2) Graduates from out-of-state institutions who are seeking initial Iowa licensure and the PK-12 principal and PK-12 supervisor of special education endorsement must meet the requirements for the standard license in addition to the experience requirements.

18.9(2) PK-8 principal—out-of-state applicants. This endorsement is only for applicants from out-of-state institutions.

a. Authorization. The holder of this endorsement is authorized to serve as a principal of programs serving children from birth through grade eight.

b. Program requirements.

(1) Degree—master’s.

(2) Content: Completion of a sequence of courses and experiences which may have been a part of, or in addition to, the degree requirements.

1. Knowledge of early childhood, elementary, and early adolescent level administration, supervision, and evaluation.

2. Knowledge and skill related to early childhood, elementary, and early adolescent level curriculum development.

3. Knowledge of child growth and development from birth through early adolescence and developmentally appropriate strategies and practices of early childhood, elementary, and early adolescence, to include an observation practicum.

4. Knowledge of family support systems, factors which place families at risk, child care issues, and home-school community relationships and interactions designed to promote parent education, family involvement, and interagency collaboration.

5. Knowledge of school law and legislative and public policy issues affecting children and families.

6. Planned field experiences in early childhood and elementary or early adolescent school administration.

7. Completion of evaluator training component.

8. Competencies: Completion of a sequence of courses and experiences which may have been a part of, or in addition to, the degree requirements. A school administrator is an educational leader who promotes the success of all students by accomplishing the following competencies.

- Facilitates the development, articulation, implementation, and stewardship of a vision of learning that is shared and supported by the school community.

- Advocates, nurtures, and sustains a school culture and instructional program conducive to student learning and staff professional growth.

- Ensures management of the organization, operations, and resources for a safe, efficient, and effective learning environment.

- Collaborates with families and community members, responds to diverse community interests and needs, and mobilizes community resources.

- Acts with integrity, fairness, and in an ethical manner.

- Understands, responds to, and influences the larger political, social, economic, legal, and cultural context.

c. Other. The applicant must have had three years of teaching experience at the early childhood through grade eight level.

18.9(3) 5-12 principal—out-of-state applicants. This endorsement is only for applicants from out-of-state institutions.

a. Authorization. The holder of this endorsement is authorized to serve as a principal in grades five through twelve.

b. Program requirements.

(1) Degree—master’s.

(2) Content: Completion of a sequence of courses and experiences which may have been a part of, or in addition to, the degree requirements.

1. Knowledge of early adolescent and secondary level administration, supervision, and evaluation.

2. Knowledge and skill related to early adolescent and secondary level curriculum development.

3. Knowledge of human growth and development from early adolescence through early adulthood, to include an observation practicum.

4. Knowledge of family support systems, factors which place families at risk, and home-school community relationships and interactions designed to promote parent education, family involvement, and interagency collaboration.

5. Knowledge of school law and legislative and public policy issues affecting children and families.

6. Planned field experiences in early adolescence or secondary school administration.

7. Completion of evaluator training component.

8. Competencies: Completion of a sequence of courses and experiences which may have been a part of, or in addition to, the degree requirements. A school administrator is an educational leader who promotes the success of all students by accomplishing the following competencies.

- Facilitates the development, articulation, implementation, and stewardship of a vision of learning that is shared and supported by the school community.

- Advocates, nurtures, and sustains a school culture and instructional program conducive to student learning and staff professional growth.

- Ensures management of the organization, operations, and resources for a safe, efficient, and effective learning environment.

- Collaborates with families and community members, responds to diverse community interests and needs, and mobilizes community resources.

- Acts with integrity, fairness, and in an ethical manner.

- Understands, responds to, and influences the larger political, social, economic, legal, and cultural context.

c. *Other.* The applicant must have had three years of teaching experience at the secondary level (5-12).

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282—18.10(272) Superintendent/AEA administrator.

18.10(1) Authorization. The holder of this endorsement is authorized to serve as a superintendent from the prekindergarten level through grade twelve or as an AEA administrator. NOTE: This authorization does not permit general teaching, school service, or administration at any level except that level or area for which the practitioner holds the specific endorsement(s).

18.10(2) Program requirements.

a. Degree—specialist (or its equivalent: A master's degree plus at least 30 semester hours of planned graduate study in administration beyond the master's degree).

b. Content. Through completion of a sequence of courses and experiences which may have been part of, or in addition to, the degree requirements, the administrator has knowledge and understanding of:

(1) Models, theories, and practices that provide the basis for leading educational systems toward improving student performance.

(2) Federal, state and local fiscal policies related to education.

(3) Human resources management, including recruitment, personnel assistance and development, evaluation and negotiations.

(4) Current legal issues in general and special education.

(5) Noninstructional support services management including but not limited to transportation, nutrition and facilities.

(6) Practicum in PK-12 school administration. In the coursework and the practicum, the administrator facilitates processes and engages in activities for:

1. Developing a shared vision of learning through articulation, implementation, and stewardship.

2. Advocating, nurturing, and sustaining a school culture and instructional program conducive to student learning and staff professional growth.

3. Ensuring management of the organization, operations, and resources for a safe, efficient, and effective learning environment.

4. Collaborating with school staff, families, community members and boards of directors; responding to diverse community interests and needs; and mobilizing community resources.

5. Acting with integrity, fairness, and in an ethical manner.

6. Understanding, responding to, and influencing the larger political, social, economic, legal, and cultural context.

18.10(3) Administrative experience. The applicant must meet one of the following:

a. The applicant must have had three years of experience as a building principal.

b. The applicant must have three years of administrative experience in any of the following areas: PK-12 regional education agency administrative experience, PK-12 state department of education administrative experience, PK-12 educational licensing board administrative experience or PK-12 building/district administrative experience while holding a valid Iowa administrator license.

c. The applicant must have six years of teaching and administrative experience, provided that at least two years are teaching experience and one year is administrative experience.

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282—18.11(272) Director of special education of an area education agency.

18.11(1) Authorization. The holder of this endorsement is authorized to serve as a director of special education of an area education agency. Assistant directors are also required to hold this endorsement.

18.11(2) Program requirements.

a. *Degree—specialist or its equivalent.* An applicant must hold a master's degree plus at least 32 semester hours of planned graduate study in administration or special education beyond the master's degree.

b. *Endorsement.* An applicant must hold or meet the requirements for one of the following:

(1) PK-12 principal and PK-12 supervisor of special education (see rule 282—18.9(272));

(2) Supervisor of special education—instructional (see rule 282—15.5(272));

(3) Professional service administrator (see 282—subrule 27.3(5)); or

(4) A letter of authorization for special education supervisor issued prior to October 1, 1988.

c. *Content.* An applicant must have completed a sequence of courses and experiences which may have been part of, or in addition to, the degree requirements to include the following:

(1) Knowledge of federal, state and local fiscal policies related to education.

(2) Knowledge of school plant/facility planning.

(3) Knowledge of human resources management, including recruitment, personnel assistance and development, evaluations and negotiations.

(4) Knowledge of models, theories and philosophies that provide the basis for educational systems.

(5) Knowledge of current issues in special education.

(6) Knowledge of special education school law and legislative and public policy issues affecting children and families.

(7) Knowledge of the powers and duties of the director of special education of an area education agency as delineated in Iowa Code section 273.5.

(8) Practicum in administration and supervision of special education programs.

d. *Experience.* An applicant must have three years of administrative experience as a PK-12 principal or PK-12 supervisor of special education.

e. *Competencies.* Through completion of a sequence of courses and experiences which may have been part of, or in addition to, the degree requirements, the director of special education accomplishes the following:

(1) Facilitates the development, articulation, implementation and stewardship of a vision of learning that is shared and supported by the school community.

(2) Advocates, nurtures and sustains a school culture and instructional program conducive to student learning and staff professional growth.

(3) Ensures management of the organization, operations and resources for a safe, efficient and effective learning environment.

- (4) Collaborates with educational staff, families and community members; responds to diverse community interests and needs; and mobilizes community resources.
- (5) Acts with integrity and fairness and in an ethical manner.
- (6) Understands, responds to, and influences the larger political, social, economic, legal, and cultural context.
- (7) Collaborates and assists in supporting integrated work of the entire agency.

18.11(3) Other.

a. Option 1: Instructional. An applicant must meet the requirements for one special education teaching endorsement and have three years of teaching experience in special education.

b. Option 2: Support. An applicant must meet the practitioner licensure requirements for one of the following endorsements and have three years of experience as a:

- (1) School audiologist;
- (2) School psychologist;
- (3) School social worker; or
- (4) Speech-language pathologist.

NOTE: An individual holding a statement of professional recognition is not eligible for the director of special education of an area education agency endorsement.

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282—18.12(272) Specific requirements for a Class E license. A nonrenewable Class E license valid for one year may be issued to an individual as follows.

18.12(1) Expired license. Based on an expired Class A, Class B, or administrator exchange license, the holder of the expired license shall be eligible to receive a Class E license upon application and submission of all required materials.

18.12(2) Application. The application process will require transcripts of coursework completed during the term of the expired license, a program of study indicating the coursework necessary to obtain full licensure, and registration for coursework to be completed during the term of the Class E license. The Class E license will be denied if the applicant has not completed any coursework during the term of the Class A, Class B, or administrator exchange license unless extenuating circumstances are verified.

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282—18.13 Reserved.

282—18.14(272) Endorsements.

18.14(1) After the issuance of an administrator license, an individual may add other administrator endorsements to that license upon proper application, provided current requirements for that endorsement, as listed in rules 282—18.9(272) through 282—18.11(272), have been met. An updated license with expiration date unchanged from the original or renewed license will be prepared.

18.14(2) The applicant must follow one of these options:

- a.* Identify with a recognized Iowa administrator preparing institution, meet that institution's current requirements for the endorsement desired, and receive that institution's recommendation; or
- b.* Identify with a recognized non-Iowa administrator preparation institution and receive a statement that the applicant has completed the equivalent of the institution's approved program for the endorsement sought.

282—18.15(272) Licenses—issue dates, corrections, duplicates, and fraud.

18.15(1) Issue date on original license. A license is valid only from and after the date of issuance.

18.15(2) Correcting licenses. If a licensee notifies board staff of a typographical or clerical error on the license within 30 days of the date of the board's mailing of a license, a corrected license shall be issued without charge to the licensee. If notification of a typographical or clerical error is made more than 30 days after the date of the board's mailing of a license, a corrected license shall be issued upon receipt of the fee for issuance of a duplicate license. For purposes of this rule, typographical or clerical errors include misspellings, errors in the expiration date of a license, errors in the type of license issued,

and the omission or misidentification of the endorsements for which application was made. A licensee requesting the addition of an endorsement not included on the initial application must submit a new application and the appropriate application fee.

18.15(3) Duplicate licenses. Upon application and payment of the fee set out in 282—Chapter 12, a duplicate license shall be issued.

18.15(4) Fraud in procurement or renewal of licenses. Fraud in procurement or renewal of a license or falsifying records for licensure purposes will constitute grounds for filing a complaint with the board of educational examiners.

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CHAPTER 22
AUTHORIZATIONS

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282—22.1(272) Coaching authorization. A coaching authorization allows an individual to coach any sport in a middle school, junior high school, or high school.

22.1(1) Application process. Any person interested in the coaching authorization shall submit records of credit to the board of educational examiners for an evaluation in terms of the required courses or contact hours. Application materials are available from the office of the board of educational examiners, online at <http://www.boee.iowa.gov/>, or from institutions or agencies offering approved courses or contact hours.

22.1(2) Requirements. Applicants for the coaching authorization shall have completed the following requirements:

a. Credit hours. Applicants must complete credit hours in the following areas:

(1) Successful completion of 1 semester credit hour or 10 contact hours in a course relating to knowledge and understanding of the structure and function of the human body in relation to physical activity.

(2) Successful completion of 1 semester credit hour or 10 contact hours in a course relating to knowledge and understanding of human growth and development of children and youth in relation to physical activity.

(3) Successful completion of 2 semester credit hours or 20 contact hours in a course relating to knowledge and understanding of the prevention and care of athletic injuries and medical and safety problems relating to physical activity.

(4) Successful completion of 1 semester credit hour or 10 contact hours relating to knowledge and understanding of the techniques and theory of coaching interscholastic athletics.

(5) Beginning on or after July 1, 2000, each applicant for an initial coaching authorization shall have successfully completed 1 semester credit hour or 15 contact hours in a course relating to the theory of coaching which must include at least 5 contact hours relating to the knowledge and understanding of professional ethics and legal responsibilities of coaches.

(6) Successful completion of the concussion training approved by the Iowa High School Athletic Association or Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union.

b. Minimum age. Applicants must have attained a minimum age of 18 years.

c. Iowa division of criminal investigation background check. Applicants must have successfully completed an Iowa division of criminal investigation background check. The background check fee will be assessed to the applicant.

d. National criminal history background check. Applicants must have successfully completed a national criminal history background check. The background check fee will be assessed to the applicant.

22.1(3) Validity. The coaching authorization shall be valid for five years.

22.1(4) Renewal. The authorization may be renewed upon application and verification of successful completion of:

a. Renewal activities. Applicants for renewal of a coaching authorization must:

(1) Successfully complete five planned renewal activities/courses related to athletic coaching approved in accordance with guidelines approved by the board of educational examiners. Additionally, each applicant for the renewal of a coaching authorization shall have completed one renewal activity/course relating to the knowledge and understanding of professional ethics and legal responsibilities of coaches.

(2) Annually complete the concussion training approved by the Iowa High School Athletic Association or the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union. Completion of the concussion training may be waived if the applicant is not serving as a coach. Attendance at the annual concussion training may be used for a maximum of one planned activity/course required in 22.1(4)“a”(1).

(3) Complete child and dependent adult abuse training. Every renewal applicant must submit documentation of completion of the child and dependent adult abuse training approved by the state abuse

education review panel. This certification may be used for a maximum of one planned activity/course required in 22.1(4)“a”(1). A waiver of this requirement may apply if a person is engaged in active duty in the military service of this state or of the United States.

b. A one-year extension of the applicant’s coaching authorization may be issued if all requirements for the renewal of the coaching authorization have not been met. The applicant must complete the concussion training approved by the Iowa High School Athletic Association or the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union before serving as a coach. The one-year extension is not renewable. The fee for this extension is found in 282—Chapter 12.

22.1(5) *Revocation and suspension.* Criteria of professional practice and rules of the board of educational examiners shall be applicable to the holders of the coaching authorization. An ethics complaint may be filed if a practitioner begins coaching a sport without current concussion training.

22.1(6) *Approval of courses.* Each institution of higher education, private college or university, merged area school or area education agency wishing to offer the semester credit or contact hours for the coaching authorization must submit course descriptions for each offering to the board of educational examiners for approval. After initial approval, any changes by agencies or institutions in course offerings shall be filed with the board of educational examiners.

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282—22.2(272) *Substitute authorization.* A substitute authorization allows an individual to substitute in a middle school, junior high school, or high school for no more than 5 consecutive days and no more than 10 days in a 30-day period in one job assignment for a regularly assigned teacher who is absent. A school district administrator may file a written request with the board for an extension of the 10-day limit in one job assignment on the basis of documented need and benefit to the instructional program. The licensure committee will review the request and provide a written decision either approving or denying the request. An individual who holds a paraeducator certificate and completes the substitute authorization program is authorized to substitute only in the special education classroom in which the individual paraeducator is employed. This special education classroom may be on the preschool or elementary school level as well as the middle school, junior high school or high school level.

22.2(1) *Application process.* Any person interested in the substitute authorization shall submit records of credit to the board of educational examiners for an evaluation in terms of the required courses or contact hours. Application materials are available from the office of the board of educational examiners, online at <http://www.boee.iowa.gov/> or from institutions or agencies offering approved courses or contact hours.

a. Requirements. Applicants for the substitute authorization shall meet the following requirements:

(1) Authorization program. Applicants must complete a board of educational examiners-approved substitute authorization program consisting of the following components and totaling a minimum of 15 clock hours:

1. Classroom management. This component includes an understanding of individual and group motivation and behavior to create a learning environment that encourages positive social interaction, active engagement in learning, and self-motivation.

2. Strategies for learning. This component includes understanding and using a variety of learning strategies to encourage students’ development of critical thinking, problem solving, and performance skills.

3. Diversity. This component includes understanding how students differ in their approaches to learning and creating learning opportunities that are equitable and are adaptable to diverse learners.

4. Ethics. This component includes fostering relationships with parents, school colleagues, and organizations in the larger community to support students’ learning and development and to be aware of the board’s rules of professional practice and competent performance.

(2) Degree or certificate. Applicants must have achieved at least one of the following:

1. Hold a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution.

2. Completed an approved paraeducator certification program and hold a paraeducator certificate.

(3) Minimum age. Applicants must have attained a minimum age of 21 years.

(4) Iowa division of criminal investigation background check. Applicants must have successfully completed an Iowa division of criminal investigation background check. The background check fee will be assessed to the applicant.

(5) National criminal history background check. Applicants must have successfully completed a national criminal history background check. The background check fee will be assessed to the applicant.

b. Validity. The substitute authorization shall be valid for three years.

c. Renewal. The authorization may be renewed upon application and verification of successful completion of:

(1) Renewal units. Applicants for renewal of the substitute authorization must provide verification of a minimum of two semester hours of renewal credits.

(2) Child and dependent adult abuse training. Every renewal applicant must submit documentation of completion of the child and dependent adult abuse training approved by the state abuse education review panel. A waiver of this requirement may apply under the following conditions with appropriate documentation of any of the following:

1. A person is engaged in active duty in the military service of this state or of the United States.
2. The application of this requirement would impose an undue hardship on the person for whom the waiver is requested.
3. A person is practicing a licensed profession outside this state.
4. A person is otherwise subject to circumstances that would preclude the person from satisfying the approved child and dependent adult abuse training in this state.
5. The person has previously renewed a license or another authorization issued by the board of educational examiners and, at that time, reported the completion, within the past five years, of child and dependent adult abuse training approved by the state abuse education review panel.

22.2(2) Revocation and suspension. Criteria of professional practice and rules of the board of educational examiners shall be applicable to the holders of the substitute authorization.

22.2(3) Approval of courses. Each institution of higher education, private college or university, merged area school or area education agency wishing to offer the semester credit or contact hours for the substitute authorization must submit course descriptions for each offering to the board of educational examiners for approval. After initial approval, any changes by agencies or institutions in course offerings shall be filed with the board of educational examiners.

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282—22.3(272) School business official authorization.

22.3(1) Application for authorization. Effective July 1, 2012, a person who is interested in a school business official authorization will be required to apply for an authorization.

22.3(2) Responsibilities. A school business official authorization allows an individual to perform, supervise, and be responsible for the overall financial operation of a local school district.

22.3(3) Application process. Any person interested in the school business official authorization shall submit records of credit to the board of educational examiners for an evaluation in terms of the required courses or contact hours. Application materials are available from the office of the board of educational examiners, online at <http://www.boee.iowa.gov/>, or from institutions or agencies offering approved courses or contact hours.

22.3(4) Specific requirements for an initial school business official authorization. Applicants for an initial school business official authorization shall have completed the following requirements:

a. Education. Applicants must have a minimum of an associate's degree in business or accounting or 60 semester hours of coursework in business or accounting of which 9 semester hours must be in accounting.

If the applicant has not completed 9 semester hours in accounting but has 6 or more semester hours in accounting, the applicant may be issued a temporary school business official authorization valid for one year.

(1) A temporary initial school business official authorization may be issued if requested by the district. A district administrator may file a written request with the executive director for an exception to the minimum content requirements on the basis of documented need and benefit to the district. The executive director will review the request and provide a written decision either approving or denying the request.

(2) If the 9 semester hours of accounting are not completed within the time allowed, the applicant will not be eligible for the initial school business official authorization.

(3) If the applicant received a temporary school business official authorization, then the initial school business official authorization shall not exceed one year.

b. Minimum age. Applicants must have attained a minimum age of 18 years.

c. Iowa division of criminal investigation background check. Applicants must have successfully completed an Iowa division of criminal investigation background check. The background check fee will be assessed to the applicant.

d. National criminal history background check. Applicants must have successfully completed a national criminal history background check. The background check fee will be assessed to the applicant.

22.3(5) Specific requirements for a standard school business official authorization.

a. A standard school business official authorization will be valid for three years and may be issued to an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in subrules 22.3(3) to 22.3(5).

b. Requirements.

(1) Applicants must complete 9 semester hours or the equivalent (1 semester hour is equivalent to 15 contact hours) in an approved program in the following areas/competencies:

1. Accounting (GAAP) concepts: fund accounting, account codes, Uniform Financial Accounting.

2. Accounting cycles: budgets, payroll/benefits, purchasing/inventory, cash, receipts, disbursements, financial reporting, investments.

3. Technology: management of accounting systems, proficiency in understanding and use of systems technology and related programs.

4. Regulatory: Uniform Administrative Procedures Manual, school policies and procedures, administrative procedures, public records law, records management, school law, employment law, construction and bidding law.

5. Personal skills: effective communication and interpersonal skills, ethical conduct, information management, ability to analyze and evaluate, ability to recognize and safeguard confidential information, and accurate and timely performance.

(2) Applicants shall demonstrate completion of or competency in the following:

1. A board of educational examiners ethics program.

2. A mentoring program as described in 281—Chapter 81.

3. The promotion of the value of the school business official's fiduciary responsibility to the taxpayer.

22.3(6) Validity.

a. The initial school business official authorization shall be valid for two years from the date of employment.

b. The standard school business official authorization shall be valid for three years, and it shall expire three years from the date of issuance on the last day of the practitioner's birth month.

22.3(7) Renewal. The authorization may be renewed upon application and verification of successful completion of:

a. Renewal activities.

(1) In addition to the child and dependent adult abuse mandatory reporter training listed below, the applicant for renewal must complete 4 semester hours of credit or the equivalent contact hours (1 semester hour is equivalent to 15 contact hours) within the three-year licensure period.

(2) Failure to complete requirements for renewal will require a petition for waiver from the board.

b. Child and dependent adult abuse mandatory reporter training. Every renewal applicant must submit documentation of completion of the child and dependent adult abuse mandatory reporter training

approved by the state abuse education review panel. A waiver of this requirement may apply under any of the following appropriately documented conditions:

- (1) The person is engaged in active duty in the military service of this state or of the United States.
- (2) The application of this requirement would impose an undue hardship on the person for whom the waiver is requested.
- (3) The person is practicing in a licensed profession outside this state.
- (4) The person is otherwise subject to circumstances that would preclude the person from satisfying the approved child and dependent adult abuse mandatory reporter training in this state.
- (5) The person has previously renewed a license or another authorization issued by the board of educational examiners and, at that time, reported the completion, within the past five years, of child and dependent adult abuse mandatory reporter training approved by the state abuse education review panel.

22.3(8) *Revocation and suspension.* Criteria of professional practice and rules of the board of educational examiners shall be applicable to the holders of the school business official authorization.

22.3(9) *Approval of courses.* Each institution of higher education, private college or university, merged area school or area education agency and professional organization that wishes to offer the semester credit hours or contact hours for the school business official authorization must submit course descriptions for each offering to the board of educational examiners for approval. After initial approval, any changes by agencies or institutions in course offerings shall be filed with the board of educational examiners.

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282—22.4(272) Licenses—issue dates, corrections, duplicates, and fraud.

22.4(1) *Issue date on original authorization.* An authorization is valid only from and after the date of issuance.

22.4(2) *Correcting authorization.* If an applicant notifies board staff of a typographical or clerical error on the authorization within 30 days of the date of the board's mailing of an authorization, a corrected authorization shall be issued without charge to the applicant. If notification of a typographical or clerical error is made more than 30 days after the date of the board's mailing of an authorization, a corrected authorization shall be issued upon receipt of the fee for issuance of a duplicate authorization. For purposes of this rule, typographical or clerical errors include misspellings, errors in the expiration date of an authorization, or errors in the type of authorization issued.

22.4(3) *Duplicate authorization.* Upon application and payment of the fee set out in 282—Chapter 12, a duplicate authorization shall be issued.

22.4(4) *Fraud in procurement or renewal of authorization.* Fraud in procurement or renewal of an authorization or falsifying records for authorization purposes will constitute grounds for filing a complaint with the board of educational examiners.

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282—22.5(272) Preliminary native language teaching authorization.

22.5(1) *Authorization.* The preliminary native language teaching authorization is provided to noneducators entering the education profession to teach their native language as a foreign language in grades K-6 or grades 7-12.

22.5(2) *Application process.* Any person interested in the preliminary native language teaching authorization shall submit the application to the board of educational examiners for an evaluation. Application materials are available from the office of the board of educational examiners online at <http://www.boee.iowa.gov/>.

22.5(3) *Requirements.*

- a. The applicant must have completed a baccalaureate degree.
- b. Iowa division of criminal investigation background check. The applicant must have successfully completed an Iowa division of criminal investigation background check. The background check fee will be assessed to the applicant.
- c. National criminal history background check. The applicant must have successfully completed a national criminal history background check. The background check fee will be assessed to the applicant.

d. The applicant must obtain a recommendation from a school district administrator verifying that the school district wishes to hire the applicant. Before the applicant is hired, the school district administrator must verify that a diligent search was completed to hire a fully licensed teacher for the position.

e. During the term of the authorization, the applicant must complete board-approved training in the following:

(1) Methods and techniques of teaching. Develop skills to use a variety of learning strategies that encourage students' development of critical thinking, problem solving, and performance skills. The methods course must include specific methods and techniques of teaching a foreign language and must be appropriate for the level of endorsement.

(2) Curriculum development. Develop an understanding of how students differ in their approaches to learning and create learning opportunities that are equitable and adaptable to diverse learners.

(3) Measurement and evaluation of programs and students. Develop skills to use a variety of authentic assessments to measure student progress.

(4) Classroom management. Develop an understanding of individual and group motivation and behavior which creates a learning environment that encourages positive social interactions, active engagement in learning, and self-motivation.

(5) Code of ethics. Develop an understanding of how to foster relationships with parents, school colleagues, and organizations in the larger community to support students' learning and development and become aware of the board's rules of professional practice and code of ethics.

(6) Diversity training for educators. Develop an understanding of and sensitivity to the values, beliefs, lifestyles and attitudes of individuals and the diverse groups found in a pluralistic society, including preparation that contributes to the education of individuals with disabilities and the gifted and talented.

f. The applicant must be assigned a mentor by the hiring school district. The mentor must have four years of teaching experience in a related subject area.

g. Assessment of native language. The applicant must provide verification of successfully passing the Iowa-mandated assessment(s) by meeting the minimum score set by the Iowa department of education. The cut score may not be waived by the board.

22.5(4) *Validity.* This authorization is valid for three years. No Class B licenses may be issued to applicants holding the preliminary native language teaching authorization. No additional endorsement areas may be added unless the requirements in 22.5(3) are met.

22.5(5) *Renewal.* The authorization is nonrenewable.

22.5(6) *Conversion.* The preliminary native language teaching authorization may be converted to a native language teaching authorization. The applicant must provide official transcripts verifying the completion of the coursework required in 22.5(3) "e."

22.5(7) *Revocation and suspension.* Criteria of professional practice and rules of the board of educational examiners shall be applicable to the holders of the preliminary native language teaching authorization. If a school district hires an applicant without a valid preliminary native language teaching authorization, a complaint may be filed against the teacher and the superintendent of the school district.

22.5(8) *Approval of courses.* Each institution of higher education, private college or university, community college or area education agency wishing to offer the training for the preliminary native language teaching authorization must submit course descriptions for each offering to the board of educational examiners for approval. After initial approval, any changes by agencies or institutions in course offerings shall be filed with the board of educational examiners.

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282—22.6(272) School administration manager authorization.

22.6(1) *Application for authorization.* Effective July 1, 2014, a person who is interested in a school administration manager authorization will be required to apply for an authorization. The following persons must obtain an authorization:

- a. A Model 1 SAM, a person who is hired to be a full-time SAM and who is authorized to assume the responsibilities of a SAM;
- b. A Model 2 SAM, a person whose position in the school is reconfigured to include the responsibilities of being a SAM and is authorized as a SAM; and
- c. A Model 3 SAM, a person who is a secretary/administrative assistant and is also authorized as a SAM.

22.6(2) Responsibilities. A school administration manager authorization allows an individual to assist a school administrator in performing noninstructional, administrative-type duties.

22.6(3) Application process. Any person interested in the school administration manager authorization shall submit to the board of educational examiners an application which includes a written verification of employment from a school district administrator. Application materials are available from the office of the board of educational examiners, online at <http://www.boee.iowa.gov/>.

A person serving as a school administration manager prior to July 1, 2014, is eligible for the standard school administration manager authorization, subject to the Iowa division of criminal investigation and national criminal history background checks. The person will be assessed the background check fee. The school administration manager must have completed the school administration manager training and be listed on the Basic Educational Data Survey as a school administration manager by October 31, 2013. The application fee for such persons will be waived if the application is received prior to June 30, 2014.

22.6(4) Specific requirements for an initial school administration manager authorization. Applicants for an initial school administration manager authorization shall have completed the following requirements:

- a. *Education.* Applicants must hold a high school degree or general equivalency diploma.
- b. *Minimum age.* Applicants must have attained a minimum age of 18 years.
- c. *Iowa division of criminal investigation background check.* Applicants must have successfully completed an Iowa division of criminal investigation background check. The background check fee will be assessed to the applicant.
- d. *National criminal history background check.* Applicants must have successfully completed a national criminal history background check. The background check fee will be assessed to the applicant.

22.6(5) Specific requirements for a standard school administration manager authorization. The initial school administration manager authorization shall be converted to the standard school administration manager authorization provided the following requirements are met.

a. *Training.* A school administration manager shall attend an approved training program at the onset of the individual's hire as a school administration manager. The training for school administration managers is set forth in 281—subrule 82.7(2).

b. *Competencies.* Applicants shall demonstrate completion of or competency in the following:

- (1) Each school administration manager shall demonstrate competence in technology appropriate to the school administration manager position. The school administration manager will:

1. Become proficient in the use of the approved time-tracking software tool;
2. Schedule the administrator's time using the approved software, update and reconcile the calendar daily, and attempt to pre-calendar the administrator at or above the administrator's goal; and
3. Regularly schedule, review, and reflect with the administrator on the graphs and data provided through the software.

(2) Each school administration manager shall demonstrate appropriate personal skills. The school administration manager:

1. Is an effective communicator with all stakeholders, including but not limited to colleagues, community members, parents, and students;
 2. Works effectively with employees, students, and stakeholders;
 3. Maintains confidentiality when dealing with student, parent, and staff issues;
 4. Clearly understands the administrator's philosophy of behavior expectations and consequences;
- and
5. Maintains an environment of mutual respect, rapport, and fairness.

22.6(6) Validity.

- a. The initial school administration manager authorization shall be valid for three years.
- b. The standard school administration manager authorization shall be valid for five years.

22.6(7) Renewal.

a. The initial school administration manager authorization may be renewed once if the applicant has not previously had employment as a school administration manager but can at the time of application provide evidence of employment as a school administration manager.

b. The standard school administration manager authorization may be renewed upon application and verification of successful completion of the following:

(1) Renewal activities. The applicant for renewal must complete three semester hours of credit through authorized SAM training or online training courses approved by the board of educational examiners in collaboration with the department of education.

(2) Child and dependent adult abuse mandatory reporter training. Every renewal applicant must submit documentation of completion of the child and dependent adult abuse mandatory reporter training approved by the state abuse education review panel. A waiver of this requirement may apply under any of the following appropriately documented conditions:

1. The person is engaged in active duty in the military service of this state or of the United States.
2. The person has previously renewed a license or another authorization issued by the board of educational examiners and, at that time, reported the completion, within the past five years, of child and dependent adult abuse mandatory reporter training approved by the state abuse education review panel.

22.6(8) Extension. A one-year extension of the school administration manager authorization may be issued if the applicant does not meet the renewal requirements. The applicant must secure the signature of the superintendent or designee before the extension will be issued.

22.6(9) Revocation and suspension. Criteria of professional practice and rules of the board of educational examiners shall be applicable to the holders of the school administration manager authorization.

22.6(10) Approval of courses. Each institution of higher education, private college or university, community college, area education agency and professional organization that wishes to offer the semester credit hours for the school administration manager authorization must submit course descriptions for each offering to the board of educational examiners for approval. After initial approval, any changes by agencies or institutions in course offerings shall be filed with the board of educational examiners.

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282—22.7(272) iJAG authorization.

22.7(1) Authorization. The Iowa jobs for America's graduates (iJAG) authorization is provided to noneducators entering the education profession to teach iJAG coursework in grades 7-12.

22.7(2) Application process. Any person interested in the iJAG authorization shall submit the application to the board of educational examiners for an evaluation. Application materials are available from the office of the board of educational examiners online at <http://www.boee.iowa.gov>.

22.7(3) Requirements.

a. The applicant must have completed a baccalaureate degree.

b. Iowa division of criminal investigation background check. The applicant must have successfully completed an Iowa division of criminal investigation background check. The background check fee will be assessed to the applicant.

c. National criminal history background check. The applicant must have successfully completed a national criminal history background check. The background check fee will be assessed to the applicant.

d. The applicant must have completed a board of educational examiners-approved iJAG training program consisting of the following components and totaling a minimum of 40 clock hours annually:

(1) Instructional methods. Develop skills to effectively deliver project-based instruction in the iJAG core competencies.

(2) Curriculum. Develop skills to effectively develop curriculum, projects and other educational opportunities consistent with the goals of iJAG.

(3) Measurement and evaluation of programs and students. Analyze student data, administer testing, and monitor the following: basic skills, individualized development plans, attendance, graduation requirements, and course enrollment.

(4) Code of ethics. Develop an understanding of how to foster relationships with parents, students, school colleagues, and organizations in the larger community to support students' learning and development and become aware of the board's rules of professional practice and code of ethics.

(5) Diversity training for educators. Develop an understanding of and sensitivity to the values, beliefs, lifestyles and attitudes of individuals and the diverse groups found in a pluralistic society, including preparation that contributes to the education of individuals with disabilities and the gifted and talented.

e. The applicant must obtain a recommendation from an iJAG administrator verifying that the organization wishes to hire the applicant.

f. The applicant must be assigned a mentor by the hiring school district. The mentor must have four years of teaching experience.

22.7(4) *Validity.* This authorization is valid for five years. No Class B license or license based on administrative decision may be issued to an applicant holding the iJAG authorization unless a teaching license is additionally obtained. No additional endorsement areas may be added to the iJAG authorization.

22.7(5) *Renewal.* An applicant for renewal of the iJAG authorization must provide verification of completion of the following:

a. Required iJAG training as verified through an iJAG administrator.

b. Child and dependent adult abuse training as stated in 282—subrule 20.3(4).

22.7(6) *Revocation and suspension.* Criteria of professional practice and rules of the board of educational examiners shall be applicable to the holder of the iJAG authorization.

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CHAPTER 24
PARAEDUCATOR CERTIFICATES
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282—24.1(272) Paraeducator certificates. Iowa paraeducator certificates are issued upon application filed on a form provided by the board of educational examiners.

282—24.2(272) Approved paraeducator certificate programs. An applicant for an initial paraeducator certificate who completes the paraeducator preparation program from a recognized Iowa paraeducator approved program shall have the recommendation from the designated certifying official at the recognized area education agency, local education agency, community college, or institution of higher education where the preparation was completed. A recognized Iowa paraeducator approved program is one which has its program of preparation approved by the state board of education according to standards established by the board of educational examiners.

282—24.3(272) Prekindergarten through grade 12 paraeducator generalist certificate.

24.3(1) Applicants must possess a minimum of a high school diploma or a graduate equivalent diploma.

24.3(2) Qualifications or criteria for the granting or revocation of a certificate or the determination of an individual's professional standing shall not include membership or nonmembership in any teacher or paraeducator organization.

24.3(3) Applicants shall have successfully completed at least 90 clock hours of training in the areas of behavior management, exceptional child and at-risk child behavior, collaboration skills, interpersonal relations skills, child and youth development, technology, and ethical responsibilities and behavior.

24.3(4) Applicants shall have successfully completed the following list of competencies.

a. Foundations. Under the supervision of a licensed education professional, the paraeducator will:

- (1) Recognize the different developmental stages of students.
- (2) Believe every student can learn.
- (3) Recognize that each learner has unique learning needs that may require accommodations.
- (4) Demonstrate knowledge of the common core, including competence in reading, writing and math.
- (5) Function in a manner that demonstrates a positive regard for the distinction between roles and responsibilities of paraeducators and other professionals, including respecting the teacher as supervisor and seeing the teacher as ultimately responsible for the education and behavior of the students.

b. Learning environment. Under the supervision of a licensed education professional, the paraeducator will:

- (1) Follow the prescribed health, safety, and emergency school and classroom policy and procedures.
- (2) Organize materials to support teaching and learning.
- (3) Facilitate the integration of students with diverse needs in various settings.
- (4) Assist with special health services, under the supervision of a licensed health care provider.
- (5) Promote a safe and positive learning environment.
- (6) Function in various instructional settings (e.g., large group, small group, tutoring).

c. Content and instruction. Under the supervision of a licensed education professional, the paraeducator will:

- (1) Assist with learning activities and opportunities to accomplish instructional objectives.
- (2) Support high expectations that are shared, clearly defined and appropriate.
- (3) Monitor progress and document and report objective observations that inform instructional decisions.
- (4) Effectively use verbal and nonverbal forms of communication with students.
- (5) Assist with the implementation and use of instructional and assistive technology.

d. Emotional and behavioral. Under the supervision of a licensed education professional, the paraeducator will:

- (1) Assist in modeling and teaching specific appropriate behaviors, social skills, and procedures that facilitate safety and learning in various environments.
- (2) Assist in the implementation of individualized behavior management plans.
- (3) Document and report objective observations on student behaviors.
- (4) Assist in modifying the learning environment to manage behavior and social skills.
- (5) Recognize that there is a cause or reason for misbehavior and assist in determining the cause or reason.
- (6) Recognize, address, and report bullying.
- (7) Recognize and report atypical emotional behavior.

e. Professional relationships. Under the supervision of a licensed education professional, the paraeducator will:

- (1) Demonstrate a commitment to work as an effective team member.
- (2) Foster a professional and caring relationship with each student's family.
- (3) Develop and maintain positive and professional relationships with students.

f. Ethical and professional practice. Under the supervision of a licensed education professional, the paraeducator will:

- (1) Follow ethical practices for confidential information.
- (2) Participate in ongoing professional development.
- (3) Accept and apply constructive feedback.
- (4) Abide by the Iowa code of ethics and professional practice rules of the board of educational examiners and rules of the Iowa department of education.
- (5) Demonstrate the ability to separate personal issues from one's responsibilities in the workplace.
- (6) Maintain a high level of competency and integrity.
- (7) Share information regarding students' performance, behavior, or program with students' parents or guardians only as directed by the supervising teacher or educator.
- (8) Be aware of personal biases and beliefs and refrain from discriminatory practices based on a student's disability, race, creed, color, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, marital status, or national origin.
- (9) Demonstrate ethical behavior when supporting students with graded activities, quizzes, and tests.
- (10) Abide by Iowa law regarding the use of restraint and seclusion.
- (11) Recognize that the paraeducator may not be given primary responsibility for the education of an individual student(s).
- (12) Recognize that instructional decisions are made by the individualized education program (IEP) team for students with disabilities and that any changes to instruction, accommodations, supports, and services cannot be made outside the IEP team.

24.3(5) An applicant for a certificate under these rules shall demonstrate that the requirements of the certificate have been met, and the burden of proof shall be on the applicant.

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282—24.4(272) Paraeducator area of concentration. An area of concentration is not required but optional. Applicants must currently hold or have previously held an Iowa paraeducator generalist certificate. Applicants may complete one or more areas of concentration but must complete at least 45 clock hours in each area of concentration.

24.4(1) Early childhood—prekindergarten through grade 3. The paraeducator shall successfully complete the following list of competencies so that, under the direction and supervision of a qualified classroom teacher, the paraeducator will be able to:

- a.* Reinforce skills, strategies, and activities involving individuals or small groups.
- b.* Participate as a member of the team responsible for developing service plans and educational objectives for parents and their children.

c. Listen to and communicate with parents in order to gather information for the service delivery team.

d. Demonstrate knowledge of services provided by health care providers, social services, education agencies, and other support systems available to support parents and provide them with the strategies required to gain access to these services.

e. Demonstrate effective strategies and techniques to stimulate cognitive, physical, social, and language development in the student.

f. Gather information as instructed by the classroom teacher about the performance of individual children and their behaviors, including observing, recording, and charting, and share information with professional colleagues.

g. Communicate and work effectively with parents and other primary caregivers.

24.4(2) *Special needs—prekindergarten through grade 12.* The paraeducator shall successfully complete the following list of competencies.

a. *Foundations.* Under the supervision of a licensed education professional, the paraeducator will demonstrate an understanding of an IEP.

b. *Learning environment.* Under the supervision of a licensed education professional, the paraeducator will demonstrate an understanding of the value of serving children and youth with disabilities and special needs in inclusive settings.

c. *Content and instruction.* Under the supervision of a licensed education professional, the paraeducator will:

(1) Implement the activities assigned by a teacher to meet the goals and objectives in an IEP.

(2) Assist in academic subjects through use of lesson plans and instructional strategies developed by teachers and other professional support staff.

(3) Gather and maintain data about the performance of individual students and confer with special and general education practitioners about student schedules, instructional goals, progress, and performance.

(4) Operate computers and use assistive technology and adaptive equipment that will enable students with special needs to participate more fully in general education.

d. *Emotional and behavioral.* Under the supervision of a licensed education professional, the paraeducator will:

(1) Gather and maintain data about the behavior of individual students and confer with special and general education practitioners about student schedules, instructional goals, progress, and performance.

(2) Use appropriate instructional procedures and reinforcement techniques as specified in the IEP or by the behavior team.

e. *Professional relationships.* Under the supervision of a licensed education professional, the paraeducator will, if asked, participate as a member of the IEP team responsible for developing service plans and educational objectives.

24.4(3) *English as a second language—prekindergarten through grade 12.* The paraeducator shall successfully complete the following list of competencies so that, under the direction and supervision of a qualified classroom teacher, the paraeducator will be able to:

a. Operate computers and use technology that will enable students to participate effectively in the classroom.

b. Work with the classroom teacher as collaborative partners.

c. Demonstrate knowledge of the role and use of primary language of instruction in accessing English for academic purposes.

d. Demonstrate knowledge of instructional methodologies for second language acquisition.

e. Communicate and work effectively with parents or guardians of English as a second language students in their primary language.

f. Demonstrate knowledge of appropriate translation and interpretation procedures.

24.4(4) *Career and transitional programs—grades 5 through 12.* The paraeducator shall successfully complete the following list of competencies so that, under the direction and supervision of a qualified classroom teacher, the paraeducator will be able to:

- a. Assist in the implementation of career and transitional programs.
- b. Assist in the implementation of appropriate behavior management strategies for career and transitional students and those students who may have special needs.
- c. Assist in the implementation of assigned performance and behavior assessments including observation, recording, and charting for career and transitional students and those students who may have special needs.
- d. Provide training at job sites using appropriate instructional interventions.
- e. Participate in preemployment, employment, or transitional training in classrooms or at off-campus sites.
- f. Communicate effectively with employers and employees at work sites and with personnel or members of the public in other transitional learning environments.

24.4(5) *School library media—prekindergarten through grade 12.* The school library media paraeducator shall successfully complete the following list of competencies so that, under the direct supervision and direction of a qualified school library supervisor or school librarian, the paraeducator will be able to:

- a. Be aware of, implement, and support the goals, objectives, and policies of the school library media program.
- b. Assist the school library supervisor or school librarian in general operations, such as processing materials, circulating materials, performing clerical tasks, assisting students and staff, and working with volunteers and student helpers, and to understand the role of the paraeducator in the library setting in order to provide efficient, equitable, and effective library services.
- c. Demonstrate knowledge of library technical services including, but not limited to, cataloging, processing, acquisitions, routine library maintenance, automation and new technologies.
- d. Be aware of and support the integration of literacy initiatives and content area standards, e.g., visual information and technology in support of the curriculum.
- e. Be aware of the role school libraries play in improving student achievement, literacy, and lifelong learning.
- f. Demonstrate an understanding of ethical issues related to school libraries, such as copyright, plagiarism, privacy, diversity, confidentiality, and freedom of speech.
- g. Assist in the daily operations of the school library program, such as shelving, working with volunteers and student helpers, inventory, materials repair and maintenance.
- h. Exhibit welcoming behaviors to all library patrons and visitors to encourage use of the library and its resources.
- i. Demonstrate knowledge of the school library collection and the availability of other resources that will meet individual student information or research needs.
- j. Demonstrate a general knowledge of basic technology skills and assist in troubleshooting basic hardware and software problems.

24.4(6) *Speech-language pathology (SLP)—prekindergarten through grade 12.* The speech-language pathology paraeducator shall successfully complete the following list of competencies so that, under the direction and supervision of a qualified speech-language pathologist, the paraeducator will be able to:

- a. Understand the roles and responsibilities of the speech-language pathology paraeducator.
- b. Demonstrate a basic understanding of the four areas of communication, including articulation, language, fluency, and voice, and how they occur through typical development.
- c. Demonstrate an understanding of articulation/phonological disabilities.
- d. Demonstrate an understanding of language disabilities.
- e. Use appropriate instructional procedures and reinforcement techniques when working with children with articulation/phonological disabilities.
- f. Use appropriate instructional procedures and reinforcement techniques when working with children with language disabilities.
- g. Gather information as directed by the speech-language pathologist regarding the performance of children, including recording and charting responses.

24.4(7) Vision impairments—prekindergarten through grade 12.

a. Demonstrate knowledge of the impact of vision loss on learning and concept development for students who are blind or visually impaired.

(1) Demonstrate introductory knowledge of expanded core curriculum (ECC) and the ability to support ECC skills as directed by the supervising professional.

(2) Demonstrate introductory knowledge of functional vision assessments (FVA) and learning media assessments (LMA) of students who have vision impairments.

b. Demonstrate knowledge of and skills in technology appropriate to the needs of students with vision impairments.

(1) Operate and use assistive technology that supports students who have vision impairments.

(2) Support and strengthen each student's capability to access and utilize assistive technology.

c. Demonstrate introductory knowledge of instructional strategies unique to students who have vision impairments.

(1) Demonstrate the ability to adapt educational materials by using varied learning media as determined by student needs.

(2) Demonstrate an introductory knowledge of Braille in relation to identified or expressed student needs or both.

(3) Demonstrate introductory skills in operating transcription software and equipment.

d. Demonstrate introductory knowledge of motor skills, movement, orientation, and mobility for students with vision impairments.

e. Demonstrate knowledge of the role of paraeducators in student plans including individualized education programs (IEPs) and individualized family service plans (IFSPs).

f. Demonstrate knowledge about and skills in fostering independence, self-determination, social skills, self-advocacy, and appropriate behaviors for students with vision impairments.

g. Demonstrate professionalism and ethical practices, including appropriate communication skills in relation to students with vision impairments and the students' service providers and families.

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282—24.5(272) Prekindergarten through grade 12 advanced paraeducator certificate. Applicants for the prekindergarten through grade 12 advanced paraeducator certificate shall have met the following requirements:

24.5(1) Currently hold or have previously held an Iowa paraeducator generalist certificate.

24.5(2) Possess an associate's degree or have earned 62 semester hours of college coursework from a regionally accredited institution of higher education.

24.5(3) Complete a minimum of 2 semester hours of coursework involving at least 100 clock hours of a supervised practicum with children and youth. These 2 semester hours of practicum may be part of an associate's degree or part of the earned 62 semester hours of college coursework.

282—24.6(272) Renewal requirements.

24.6(1) The paraeducator certificate may be renewed upon application, payment of a renewal fee as established in 282—Chapter 12, and verification of successful completion of coursework totaling three units in any combination listed below.

a. One unit may be earned for each semester hour of credit which leads to the completion of the requirements for an area of concentration not currently held.

b. One unit may be earned for each hour of credit that will assist a paraeducator to demonstrate the knowledge of and the ability to assist in reading, writing, or mathematics.

c. One unit may be earned for each hour of credit completed which supports either the building's or district's career development plan.

d. One unit may be earned for each semester hour of college credit.

24.6(2) All applicants renewing a paraeducator certificate must submit documentation of completion of the child and dependent adult abuse training approved by the state abuse education review panel. A

waiver of this requirement may apply under the following conditions with appropriate documentation of any of the following:

- a.* A person is engaged in active duty in the military service of this state or of the United States.
- b.* The application of this requirement would impose an undue hardship on the person for whom the waiver is requested.
- c.* A person is practicing a licensed profession outside this state.
- d.* A person is otherwise subject to circumstances that would preclude the person from satisfying the approved child and dependent adult abuse training in this state.

282—24.7(272) Issue date on original certificate. A certificate is valid only from and after the date of issuance.

282—24.8(272) Validity. The paraeducator certificate shall be valid for five years.

282—24.9(272) Certificate application fee. All fees are nonrefundable.

24.9(1) Issuance of certificates. The fee for the issuance of the paraeducator certificate shall be as established in 282—Chapter 12.

24.9(2) Adding areas of concentration. The fee for the addition of each area of concentration to a paraeducator certificate, following the issuance of the initial paraeducator certificate and any area(s) of concentration, shall be as established in 282—Chapter 12.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 272.

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CHAPTER 27
ISSUANCE OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE LICENSES

282—27.1(272) Professional service license. A professional service licensee is an individual prepared to provide professional services in Iowa schools but whose preparation has not required completion of the professional education core as described in 282—subrule 13.18(4). The professional service license may be issued in the following areas:

1. School counselor.
2. School psychologist.
3. Speech-language pathologist.
4. Supervisor of special education (support).
5. Director of special education of an area education agency.
6. School social worker.
7. School audiologist.

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282—27.2(272) Requirements for a professional service license.

27.2(1) Initial professional service license. An initial professional service license valid for two years may be issued to an applicant for licensure to serve as a school audiologist, school psychologist, school social worker, speech-language pathologist, supervisor of special education (support), director of special education of an area education agency, or school counselor who:

- a. Has a master's degree in a recognized professional educational service area from a regionally accredited institution.
- b. Has completed a state-approved program which meets the requirements for an endorsement in a professional educational service area.
- c. Has completed the requirements for one of the professional educational service area endorsements.
- d. Meets the recency requirement of 282—subrule 13.10(3).

27.2(2) Standard professional service license. A standard professional service license valid for five years may be issued to an applicant who:

- a. Completes requirements listed under 27.2(1) "a" to "d."
- b. Shows evidence of successful completion of a state-approved mentoring and induction program by meeting the Iowa standards as determined by a comprehensive evaluation and two years' successful service experience in an Iowa public school. In lieu of completion of an Iowa state-approved mentoring and induction program, the applicant must provide evidence of three years' successful service area experience in an Iowa nonpublic school or three years' successful service area experience in an out-of-state K-12 educational setting.
- c. Meets the recency requirement of 282—subrule 13.10(3).

27.2(3) Renewal. Renewal requirements for this license are set out in 282—Chapter 20.

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282—27.3(272) Specific requirements for professional service license endorsements.

27.3(1) Elementary professional school counselor.

a. *Authorization.* The holder of this endorsement has not completed the professional education core (282—subrule 13.18(4)) but is authorized to serve as a professional school counselor in kindergarten and grades one through eight.

b. *Program requirements.*

- (1) Master's degree from an accredited institution of higher education.
- (2) Completion of an approved human relations component.
- (3) Completion of an approved exceptional learner component.

c. *Content.* Completion of a sequence of courses and experiences which may have been a part of, or in addition to, the degree requirements to include:

- (1) The competencies listed in 282—subparagraphs 13.28(26) "c"(1) to (11).

(2) The teaching and counseling practicum. The school counselor demonstrates competency in conducting classroom sessions with elementary and middle school students. The practicum consisting of a minimum of 500 contact hours provides opportunities for the prospective counselor, under the supervision of a licensed professional school counselor, to engage in a variety of activities in which a regularly employed school counselor would be expected to participate including, but not limited to, individual counseling, group counseling, developmental classroom guidance, and consultation.

27.3(2) Secondary professional school counselor.

a. Authorization. The holder of this endorsement has not completed the professional education core (282—subrule 13.18(4)) but is authorized to serve as a professional school counselor in grades five through twelve.

b. Program requirements.

- (1) Master's degree from an accredited institution of higher education.
- (2) Completion of an approved human relations component.
- (3) Completion of an approved exceptional learner component.

c. Content. Completion of a sequence of courses and experiences which may have been a part of, or in addition to, the degree requirements to include:

(1) The competencies listed in 282—subparagraphs 13.28(26) “c”(1) to (11).

(2) The teaching and counseling practicum. The school counselor demonstrates competency in conducting classroom sessions with middle and secondary school students. The practicum consisting of a minimum of 500 contact hours provides opportunities for the prospective counselor, under the supervision of a licensed professional school counselor, to engage in a variety of activities in which a regularly employed school counselor would be expected to participate including, but not limited to, individual counseling, group work, developmental classroom guidance, and consultation.

27.3(3) School psychologist.

a. Authorization. The holder of this endorsement is authorized to serve as a school psychologist with pupils from birth to age 21 (and to a maximum allowable age in accordance with Iowa Code section 256B.8).

b. Program requirements.

(1) An applicant shall have completed a program of graduate study that is currently approved (or that was approved at the time of graduation) by the National Association of School Psychologists or the American Psychological Association, or be certified as a Nationally Certified School Psychologist by the National Association of School Psychologists, in preparation for service as a school psychologist through one of the following options:

1. Completion of a master's degree with sufficient graduate semester hours beyond a baccalaureate degree to total 60; or

2. Completion of a specialist's degree of at least 60 graduate semester hours with or without completion of a terminal master's degree program; or

3. Completion of a doctoral degree program of at least 60 graduate semester hours with or without completion of a terminal master's degree program or specialist's degree program.

(2) The program shall include an approved human relations component.

(3) The program must include preparation that contributes to the education of students with disabilities and students who are gifted and talented.

c. School psychologist one-year Class A license.

(1) Requirements for a one-year Class A license. A nonrenewable Class A license valid for one year may be issued to an individual who must complete an internship or thesis as an aspect of an approved program in preparation for the school psychologist endorsement. The one-year Class A license may be issued under the following limited conditions:

1. Verification from the institution that the internship or thesis is a requirement for successful completion of the program.

2. Verification that the employment situation will be satisfactory for the internship experience.

3. Verification from the institution of the length of the approved and planned internship or the anticipated completion date of the thesis.

4. Verification of the evaluation processes for successful completion of the internship or thesis.
5. Verification that the internship or thesis is the only requirement remaining for successful completion of the approved program.

(2) Written documentation of the above requirements must be provided by the official at the institution where the individual is completing the approved school psychologist program and forwarded to the board of educational examiners with the application form for licensure.

27.3(4) *Speech-language pathologist.* A person who meets the requirements set forth below may be issued an endorsement. Alternatively, a person may meet the requirements for a statement of professional recognition (SPR) issued by the board of educational examiners in this area as set forth in 282—Chapter 16.

a. Authorization. The holder of this endorsement is authorized to serve as a speech-language pathologist to pupils from birth to age 21 (and to a maximum allowable age in accordance with Iowa Code section 256B.8).

b. Program requirements.

- (1) An applicant must hold a master's degree in speech pathology.
- (2) Content. An applicant must have completed the requirements in speech pathology and in the professional education sequence, i.e., 20 semester hours including student teaching/internship as a school speech-language pathologist. Courses in the following areas may be recognized for fulfilling the 20-hour sequence:

1. Curriculum courses (e.g., reading, methods, curriculum development).
2. Foundations (e.g., philosophy of education, foundations of education).
3. Educational measurements (e.g., school finance, tests and measurements, measures and evaluation of instruction).
4. Educational psychology (e.g., educational psychology, educational psychology measures, principles of behavior modification).
5. Courses in special education (e.g., introduction to special education, learning disabilities).
6. Child development courses (e.g., human growth and development, principles and theories of child development, history and theories of early childhood education).

NOTE: General education courses (e.g., introduction to psychology, sociology, history, literature, humanities) will not be credited toward fulfillment of the required 20 hours.

- (3) The applicant must complete an approved human relations component.
- (4) The program must include preparation that contributes to the education of individuals with disabilities and the gifted and talented.

27.3(5) *Professional service administrator.*

a. Authorization. The holder of this endorsement is authorized to serve as a supervisor of special education support programs. However, an individual holding a statement of professional recognition is not eligible for the professional service administrator endorsement.

b. Program requirements.

- (1) An applicant must hold a master's degree in preparation for school psychology, speech/language pathology, audiology (or education of the hearing impaired), or social work.
- (2) Content. The program shall include a minimum of 16 graduate semester hours to specifically include the following:

1. Consultation process in special or regular education.
2. Current issues in special education administration including school law/special education law.
3. Program evaluation.
4. Educational leadership.
5. Administration and supervision of special education.
6. Practicum: Special education administration. NOTE: This requirement may be waived based on two years of experience as a special education administrator.

7. School personnel administration.

8. Evaluator approval component.

c. Other. The applicant must:

(1) Have four years of support service in a school setting with special education students in the specific discipline area desired.

(2) Meet the practitioner licensure requirements of one of the following endorsements:

1. School audiologist (or hearing impaired at K-8 and 5-12).
2. School psychologist.
3. School social worker.
4. Speech-language pathologist.

27.3(6) Director of special education of an area education agency.

a. Authorization. The holder of this endorsement is authorized to serve as a director of special education of an area education agency. Assistant directors are also required to hold this endorsement. However, an individual holding a statement of professional recognition is not eligible for the director of special education of an area education agency endorsement.

b. Program requirements.

(1) Degree—specialist or its equivalent. An applicant must hold a master's degree plus at least 32 semester hours of planned graduate study in administration or special education beyond the master's degree.

(2) Endorsement. An applicant must hold or meet the requirements for one of the following:

1. PK-12 principal and PK-12 supervisor of special education (see rule 282—18.9(272));
2. Supervisor of special education—instructional (see rule 282—15.5(272));
3. Professional service administrator (see subrule 27.3(5)); or
4. A letter of authorization for special education supervisor issued prior to October 1, 1988.

(3) Content. An applicant must have completed a sequence of courses and experiences which may have been part of, or in addition to, the degree requirements to include the following:

1. Knowledge of federal, state and local fiscal policies related to education.
2. Knowledge of school plant/facility planning.
3. Knowledge of human resources management, including recruitment, personnel assistance and development, evaluations, and negotiations.
4. Knowledge of models, theories and philosophies that provide the basis for educational systems.
5. Knowledge of current issues in special education.
6. Knowledge of special education school law and legislative and public policy issues affecting children and families.
7. Knowledge of the powers and duties of the director of special education of an area education agency as delineated in Iowa Code section 273.5.
8. Practicum in administration and supervision of special education programs.

(4) Experience. An applicant must have three years of administrative experience as a PK-12 principal or PK-12 supervisor of special education.

(5) Competencies. Through completion of a sequence of courses and experiences which may have been part of, or in addition to, the degree requirements, the director of special education accomplishes the following:

1. Facilitates the development, articulation, implementation and stewardship of a vision of learning that is shared and supported by the school community.
2. Advocates, nurtures and sustains a school culture and instructional program conducive to student learning and staff professional growth.
3. Ensures management of the organization, operations and resources for a safe, efficient and effective learning environment.
4. Collaborates with educational staff, families and community members; responds to diverse community interests and needs; and mobilizes community resources.
5. Acts with integrity and fairness and in an ethical manner.
6. Understands, responds to, and influences the larger political, social, economic, legal, and cultural context.
7. Collaborates and assists in supporting integrated work of the entire agency.

c. Other.

(1) Option 1: Instructional. An applicant must meet the requirements for one special education teaching endorsement and have three years of teaching experience in special education.

(2) Option 2: Support. An applicant must meet the practitioner licensure requirements for one of the following endorsements and have three years of experience as a:

1. School audiologist;
2. School psychologist;
3. School social worker; or
4. Speech-language pathologist.

27.3(7) School social worker. A person who meets the requirements set forth below may be issued an endorsement. Alternatively, a person may meet the requirements for a statement of professional recognition (SPR) issued by the board of educational examiners in this area as set forth in 282—Chapter 16.

a. Authorization. An individual who meets the requirements of 282—paragraph 15.7(5) “b” or 282—subrule 16.6(2) is authorized to serve as a school social worker to pupils from birth to age 21 (and to a maximum allowable age in accordance with Iowa Code section 256B.8).

b. Endorsement requirements. An applicant must hold a master’s degree in social work from an accredited school of social work to include a minimum of 20 semester hours of coursework (including practicum experience) which demonstrates skills, knowledge, and competencies in the following areas:

- (1) Social work.
 1. Assessment (e.g., social, emotional, behavioral, and familial).
 2. Intervention (e.g., individual, group, and family counseling).
 3. Related studies (e.g., community resource coordination, multidiscipline teaming, organizational behavior, and research).
- (2) Education.
 1. General education (e.g., school law, foundations of education, methods, psychoeducational measurement, behavior management, child development).
 2. Special education (e.g., exceptional children, psychoeducational measurement, behavior management, special education regulations, counseling school-age children).
- (3) Practicum experience. A practicum experience in a school setting under the supervision of an experienced school social work practitioner is required. The practicum shall include experiences that lead to the development of professional identity and the disciplined use of self. These experiences will include: assessment, direct services to children and families, consultation, staffing, community liaison and documentation. If a person has served two years as a school social worker, the practicum experience can be waived.
- (4) Completion of an approved human relations component is required.
- (5) The program must include preparation that contributes to the education of students with disabilities and students who are gifted and talented.

27.3(8) School audiologist. A person who meets the requirements set forth below may be issued an endorsement. Alternatively, a person may meet the requirements for a statement of professional recognition (SPR) issued by the board of educational examiners in this area as set forth in 282—Chapter 16.

a. Authorization. The holder of this endorsement is authorized to serve as a school audiologist to pupils from birth to age 21 who have hearing impairments (and to a maximum allowable age in accordance with Iowa Code section 256B.8).

b. Program requirements.

- (1) An applicant must hold a master’s degree in audiology.
- (2) Content. An applicant must complete the requirements in audiology and in the professional education sequence, i.e., 20 semester hours including student teaching/internship as a school audiologist. Courses in the following areas may be recognized for fulfilling the 20-hour sequence:
 1. Curriculum courses (e.g., reading, methods, curriculum development).
 2. Foundations (e.g., philosophy of education, foundations of education).

3. Educational measurements (e.g., school finance, tests and measurements, measures and evaluation of instruction).

4. Educational psychology (e.g., educational psychology, educational psychology measures, principles of behavior modification).

5. Courses in special education (e.g., introduction to special education, learning disabilities).

6. Child development courses (e.g., human growth and development, principles and theories of child development, history of early childhood education).

NOTE: General education courses (e.g., introduction to psychology, sociology, history, literature, humanities) will not be credited toward fulfillment of the required 20 hours.

(3) An applicant must complete an approved human relations component.

(4) The program must include preparation that contributes to the education of individuals with disabilities and the gifted and talented.

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282—27.4(272) Specific renewal requirements for the initial professional service license.

27.4(1) In addition to the provisions set forth in this rule, an applicant must meet the general requirements set forth under rule 282—20.3(272).

27.4(2) If a person meets all requirements for the standard professional service license except for the requirements in paragraph 27.2(2) “b,” the initial professional service license may be renewed upon written request. A second renewal may be granted if the holder of the initial license has not met the requirements in paragraph 27.2(2) “b” and if the license holder can provide evidence of employment which will be acceptable for the experience requirement.

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282—27.5(272) Specific renewal requirements for the standard professional service license.

27.5(1) In addition to the provisions set forth in this rule, an applicant must meet the general requirements set forth in rule 282—20.3(272).

27.5(2) Four units are needed for renewal. These units may be earned in any combination listed below:

a. One unit may be earned for each semester hour of graduate credit, completed from a regionally accredited institution, which leads toward the completion of a planned master’s, specialist’s, or doctor’s degree program.

b. One unit may be earned for each semester hour of graduate or undergraduate credit, completed from a regionally accredited institution, which may not lead to a degree but which adds greater depth/breadth to present endorsements held.

c. One unit may be earned for each semester hour of credit, completed from a regionally accredited institution, which may not lead to a degree but which leads to completion of requirements for an endorsement not currently held.

d. One unit may be earned upon completion of each licensure renewal course or activity approved pursuant to guidelines established by the board of educational examiners.

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282—27.6(272) Specific requirements for a Class B license. A Class B license, which is valid for two years and which is nonrenewable, may be issued to an individual under the following conditions:

27.6(1) *Endorsement in progress.* The individual has a valid professional service license and one or more professional service endorsements, but is seeking to obtain some other professional service endorsement. A Class B license may be issued if requested by an employer and if the individual seeking to obtain some other professional service endorsement has completed at least two-thirds of the requirements, or one-half of the content requirements in a state-designated shortage area, leading to completion of all requirements for the endorsement.

27.6(2) *Request for exception.* A school district administrator may file a written request with the board for an exception to the minimum content requirements on the basis of documented need and benefit

to the instructional program. The board will review the request and provide a written decision either approving or denying the request.

27.6(3) Expiration. This license will expire on June 30 of the fiscal year in which it was issued plus one year.

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282—27.7(272) Timely renewal. A license may only be renewed less than one year before it expires.

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CHAPTER 1
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283—1.1(261) Purpose. This chapter describes the organization, operation, and location of the Iowa college student aid commission (hereinafter generally referred to as the commission, or the ICSAC) and describes the means by which any interested person may obtain information and make submittals or requests.

283—1.2(261) Organization and operations.

1.2(1) Location. The commission is located at 430 East Grand Avenue, Third Floor, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-1920; telephone (515)725-3400; Internet site www.iowacollegeaid.gov. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. Offices are closed on Saturdays and Sundays and on official state holidays designated in accordance with state law.

1.2(2) The commission. The commission consists of 14 members and functions under the leadership of a chairperson elected by the membership. Eight members are appointed by the governor to serve four-year terms. Three of the governor's appointees represent the general public, one represents Iowa lending institutions, one represents Iowa independent colleges and universities, one represents Iowa community colleges, one represents Iowa postsecondary students, and one shall be an individual who is repaying or has repaid a student loan guaranteed by the commission. One member is appointed by the board of regents. The president of the senate, the minority leader of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the minority leader of the house of representatives each appoint one ex officio, nonvoting commission member. The director of the department of education serves as a continuous member of the commission and may appoint a designee to represent the department of education.

1.2(3) Meetings. The commission shall meet at regular intervals at least six times annually. Additional meetings may be called at the discretion of the chairperson.

a. The chairperson of the commission presides at each meeting. Members of the public may be recognized at the discretion of the chairperson. All meetings are open to the public in accordance with the open meetings law, Iowa Code chapter 21.

b. The commission shall give advance public notice of the time and place of each commission meeting. The notice will include the specific date, time, and place of the meeting.

c. A quorum shall consist of two-thirds of the voting members of the commission. When a quorum is present, a position is carried by an affirmative vote of the majority of commission members eligible to vote.

d. A specific time is set aside at each meeting for the public to address the commission. As a general guideline, a limit of five minutes will be allocated for each of these presentations. If a large group seeks to address a specific issue, the chairperson may limit the number of speakers. Members of the public who wish to address the commission during this portion of the meeting are required to notify the commission's administrative secretary prior to the meeting. The person's name and the subject of the person's remarks must be provided. To accommodate maximum public participation, members of the public are encouraged to submit requests at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting.

1.2(4) Minutes. The minutes of all commission meetings are recorded and kept by the executive director in the commission office. Upon approval by the commission, minutes are posted on the commission's Internet site.

1.2(5) Records. The records of all business transacted and other information with respect to the operation of the commission are public records and are on file in the commission office. All records, except statements specified as confidential under these rules, are available for inspection during regular business hours. Copies of records up to 25 pages in number may be obtained without charge. The cost of reproduction will be charged for pages in excess of 25. Digital media will be provided for a fee equal to the cost of the physical device provided. The charge may be waived by the executive director.

1.2(6) Submission and requests. Inquiries, submissions, petitions, and other requests directed to the commission may be made by letter addressed to the executive director at the address listed in subrule

1.2(1). Any person may petition for a written or oral hearing before the commission. All requests for a hearing must be in writing and state the specific subject to be discussed and the reasons a personal appearance is necessary if one is requested.

1.2(7) *Advisory councils.* Rescinded IAB 2/19/14, effective 3/26/14.

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CHAPTER 20
IOWA NATIONAL GUARD EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

283—20.1(261) Educational assistance to Iowa national guard members for undergraduate studies at eligible Iowa institutions. The adjutant general shall determine eligibility requirements and select program recipients. The decision of the adjutant general is final.

20.1(1) Definitions. As used in this chapter:

“Federal active duty” means military duty performed pursuant to orders issued under Title 10, United States Code, other than for training.

“State-defined payment period” means one of five payment terms and corresponding deadlines as defined by the college student aid commission.

20.1(2) Guard member eligibility. A recipient must:

a. Be a resident of Iowa, as defined by the adjutant general of Iowa, and a member of an Iowa army or air national guard unit throughout each term for which the member receives benefits.

b. Have satisfactorily completed required guard training.

c. Have maintained satisfactory performance of guard duty.

d. Have applied to the adjutant general of Iowa for program eligibility by the established application deadline date(s). The adjutant general shall accept an application from an eligible member of the Iowa national guard who was on federal active duty at the time of an application deadline if the application is received within 30 days after the eligible member returns to Iowa from federal active duty. The applicant will be considered for funding for the state-defined payment period in which the application was received and any future state-defined payment periods in that academic year.

e. Be pursuing a certificate or undergraduate degree program at an eligible Iowa college or university and maintaining satisfactory academic progress.

f. Provide notice of national guard status to the college or university at the time of registration.

20.1(3) Institutional eligibility. Guard members attending the following categories of colleges and universities located in Iowa are eligible to receive awards under this program:

a. Institutions accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA).

b. State-supported area community colleges accredited by the state department of education.

“Located in Iowa” means a college or university accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, that has made a substantial investment in a permanent Iowa campus and staff, and that offers a full range of courses leading to the degrees offered by the institution as well as a full range of student services.

20.1(4) Award notification. A guard member is notified of eligibility by the adjutant general of Iowa. The adjutant general will notify the Iowa college student aid commission (commission) of all eligible members. The commission will notify Iowa colleges and universities of guard member eligibility.

20.1(5) Award limitations. Awards may be used for educational assistance including tuition and fees; room and board; books, supplies, transportation and personal expenses; dependent care; and disability-related expenses. Individual award amounts shall be determined by the adjutant general and shall be neither less than an amount equal to 50 percent of the resident tuition rate established for students attending regent institutions nor exceed the amount of the resident tuition rate established for students attending regent institutions.

20.1(6) Restrictions.

a. A guard member may use benefits only for undergraduate educational assistance.

b. A guard member who has met the educational requirements for a baccalaureate degree is not eligible for benefits.

c. A qualified full-time student may receive benefits for no more than 8 semesters of undergraduate study or the quarter or trimester equivalent. A qualified part-time student may receive benefits for no more than 16 semesters of undergraduate study or the quarter or trimester equivalent.

20.1(7) Verification and compliance.

a. The adjutant general will notify the commission of all eligible guard members. Changes in member eligibility will be sent to the commission within 30 days of the change.

- b.* The commission will notify eligible Iowa colleges and universities of guard member eligibility.
- c.* The commission will coordinate the collection and dissemination of eligibility and enrollment information received from the adjutant general and colleges and universities.
- d.* The institution's financial aid administrator will be responsible for completing academic progress enrollment verifications and for coordinating other aid to ensure compliance with student eligibility requirements and allowable award amounts. Colleges and universities will report changes in student enrollment to the commission within 30 days after the last day of the enrollment period.

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CHAPTER 24
RURAL IOWA PRIMARY CARE LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

283—24.1(261) Rural Iowa primary care loan repayment program. The rural Iowa primary care loan repayment program is a state-supported and administered loan repayment program for students who agree to practice as physicians in service commitment areas for 60 consecutive months and meet the requirements of these rules.

[ARC 1320C, IAB 2/19/14, effective 3/26/14]

283—24.2(261) Definitions. As used in this chapter:

“Eligible loan” means the physician’s total subsidized, unsubsidized, and consolidated Federal Stafford Loan amount under the Federal Family Education Loan Program or the Federal Direct Loan Program, including principal and interest. Only the outstanding portion of a federal consolidation loan that was used to repay an eligible subsidized or unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan qualifies for loan repayment.

“Eligible university” means either the State University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine or Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

“Maximum award” means the maximum amount of loan repayments that the physician can receive after completing all obligations under the rural Iowa primary care loan repayment program, not to exceed a total of \$200,000. The maximum award can be applied only to eligible loans; thus, payments cannot exceed the outstanding eligible loan balance at the time of payment.

“Physician” means an individual who holds a practitioner’s license issued by an agency or board under the Iowa department of public health and is employed in the practice of medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery, specializing in family medicine, pediatrics, psychiatry, internal medicine, or general surgery.

“Residency program” means an accredited medical residency program located in the state of Iowa in which the residency is physically performed in the state of Iowa.

“Service commitment area” means a medically underserved Iowa city with a population of less than 26,000 that is located more than 20 miles from a city with a population of 50,000 or more. Each physician participating in the program must contract with the service commitment area to ensure the service commitment area provides a nonrefundable \$20,000 contribution for deposit in the rural Iowa primary care trust fund. Payment of the nonrefundable contribution to the trust fund can be made by, but is not limited to, the following organizations: community agencies, hospitals, medical groups, municipalities, community foundations, local government entities, or other community entities. Locations and distances between cities will be consistently measured and verified by calculating the straight-line distance between main post offices.

[ARC 1320C, IAB 2/19/14, effective 3/26/14]

283—24.3(261) Eligibility requirements.

24.3(1) An eligible university will recommend up to ten applicants to the commission for loan repayment benefits. Priority will be given to students who are Iowa residents upon enrolling in the eligible university. The criteria used by the state board of regents to determine residency for tuition purposes, Iowa Administrative Code rule 681—1.4(262), are adopted for this program. Fifty percent of the agreements shall be entered into by students attending each eligible university.

a. The commission will annually determine and communicate the number of recommendations that can be funded at each eligible university.

b. If fewer than one-half of the total recommendations in 24.3(1) “*a*” are fulfilled by students at one eligible university, the commission may obtain additional recommendations from the other eligible university to award the remaining agreements.

24.3(2) An applicant must enter into an agreement with the commission when the applicant begins curriculum leading to a doctor of medicine or osteopathy degree.

24.3(3) An applicant must remain enrolled on a full-time basis in each term of enrollment and graduate with a doctor of medicine or osteopathy degree from an eligible university. The commission

may waive the full-time enrollment requirement for a temporary time frame only in the instance of a leave of absence approved by an eligible university. The applicant must request a waiver from the commission in writing.

24.3(4) An applicant must apply for, enter, and complete a residency program in Iowa.

24.3(5) Within nine months of graduating from the residency program, an applicant must receive a permanent license to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery in the state of Iowa and engage in full-time practice, as defined by the service commitment area, of medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery specializing in family medicine, pediatrics, psychiatry, internal medicine, or general surgery for a period of 60 consecutive months in a service commitment area.

24.3(6) An applicant must annually complete and return to the commission an affidavit of full-time enrollment at an eligible university and, when applicable, an annual affidavit of acceptance into and completion of residency programs and acceptance of and completion of employment obligations in a service commitment area.

24.3(7) Prior to or upon engagement in full-time employment in a service commitment area, the physician must contract with a service commitment area to provide a nonrefundable \$20,000 contribution for deposit in the rural Iowa primary care trust fund. Payment must be received by the commission from a service commitment area prior to payment of any loan repayment awards.

24.3(8) Failure by the applicant to meet all eligibility requirements under this rule and in the agreement will result in forfeiture of all remaining unpaid payments.

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283—24.4(261) Awarding of funds.

24.4(1) Prior to accepting an offer of employment, the physician must notify the commission of the service commitment area in which the physician will be employed, and the commission will verify the eligibility of the service commitment area.

24.4(2) The maximum award will be paid to the physician's eligible loan holder in five equal installments, upon successful completion of each of five 12-month employment obligations. Failure to complete all, or any portion, of the 60-consecutive-month employment obligation will result in the forfeiture of all remaining unpaid payments. A physician who fails to meet the requirements of these rules may also be subject to repayment of moneys advanced by the service commitment area as provided in any contract between the physician and the service commitment area.

24.4(3) No loan repayment amounts will be paid until the service commitment area provides the nonrefundable \$20,000 contribution for deposit into the rural Iowa primary care trust fund.

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283—24.5(261) Waivers.

24.5(1) *Service commitment area.* The commission may waive the requirement that the physician practice in the same service commitment area for all 60 months. The physician must request a waiver from the commission in writing.

24.5(2) *Full-time employment.* The commission may waive the requirement that the physician be employed full-time if the physician demonstrates exceptional circumstances. The physician must request a waiver from the commission in writing. If a waiver request is granted by the commission, the agreement will be amended to provide an allowance for part-time employment. The 60-month employment obligation will be proportionally extended to ensure the physician is employed in a service commitment area for the equivalent of 60 full-time months.

24.5(3) *Postponement of physician employment.* The physician obligation to engage in practice in accordance with 24.3(5) may be postponed for no more than two years from the time full-time practice was to commence. The physician must request a waiver from the commission in writing for one of the following purposes:

- a. Active duty service in the armed forces, the armed forces military reserve, or the national guard.
- b. Service in Volunteers in Service to America or the federal Peace Corps.
- c. A service commitment to the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps.

d. A period of religious missionary work conducted by an organization exempt from federal income taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The physician obligation to engage in practice in accordance with 24.3(5) may be postponed for a period exceeding two years for any period of temporary medical incapacity, including leave approved under the Family and Medical Leave Act, during which the physician is unable to engage in full-time practice. The physician must request a waiver from the commission in writing.

24.5(4) *Satisfaction of physician employment.* All obligations under the rural Iowa primary care loan repayment program are considered to be satisfied when any of the following conditions are met:

- a.* All terms of the agreement are met.
- b.* The person who entered into the agreement dies.
- c.* The person who entered into the agreement, due to permanent disability, is unable to meet the requirements of these rules.
- d.* The person who entered into the agreement has no remaining eligible loan balance to repay.

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283—24.6(261) Loan repayment cancellation.

24.6(1) Within 30 days following withdrawal from an eligible university, or termination of employment from a residency program or as a physician in a service commitment area, the applicant must notify the commission.

24.6(2) The applicant is responsible for notifying the commission immediately of a change in contact information including, but not limited to, name, telephone number, e-mail address, and place of employment.

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283—24.7(261) Restrictions. A physician who is in default on a Federal Stafford Loan, Grad PLUS Loan, SLS Loan, Perkins/National Direct/National Defense Student Loan, Health Professions Student Loan (HPSL), or Health Education Assistance Loan (HEAL) or who owes a repayment on any Title IV grant assistance or state award shall be ineligible for loan repayment. Eligibility may be reinstated upon payment in full of the delinquent obligation or by commission ruling on the basis of adequate extenuating evidence presented in appeal under the procedures set forth in 283—Chapters 4 and 5.

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CHAPTER 25
RURAL IOWA ADVANCED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER AND
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

283—25.1(261) Rural Iowa advanced registered nurse practitioner and physician assistant loan repayment program. The rural Iowa advanced registered nurse practitioner and physician assistant loan repayment program is a state-supported and administered loan repayment program for applicants who agree to practice as advanced registered nurse practitioners or physician assistants in service commitment areas for 60 consecutive months and meet the requirements of these rules.

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283—25.2(261) Definitions. As used in this chapter:

“Advanced registered nurse practitioner” means an individual who graduated from a doctorate of nursing practice degree program at an eligible university, holds a practitioner’s license to practice as an advanced registered nurse practitioner pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 152, and is employed in the practice of nursing in an eligible service commitment area.

“Eligible loan” means the advanced registered nurse practitioner’s or physician assistant’s total subsidized, unsubsidized, and consolidated Federal Stafford Loan amount under the Federal Family Education Loan Program or the Federal Direct Loan Program, including principal and interest. Only the outstanding portion of a federal consolidation loan that was used to repay an eligible subsidized or unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan qualifies for loan repayment.

“Eligible university” means either the State University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine or Des Moines University College of Health Sciences.

“Maximum award” means the maximum amount of loan repayments that the advanced registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant can receive after completing all obligations under the rural Iowa advanced registered nurse practitioner and physician assistant loan repayment program, not to exceed a total of \$20,000. The maximum award can be applied only to eligible loans; thus, payments cannot exceed the outstanding eligible loan balance at the time of payment.

“Physician assistant” means an individual who graduated with a master’s degree in a physician assistant studies program at an eligible university, holds a practitioner’s license to practice as a physician assistant pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 148C, and is employed as a physician assistant in an eligible service commitment area.

“Service commitment area” means a medically underserved Iowa city with a population of less than 26,000 that is located more than 20 miles from a city with a population of 50,000 or more. Each applicant participating in the program must contract with the service commitment area to ensure the service commitment area provides a nonrefundable \$2,000 contribution for deposit in the rural Iowa advanced registered nurse practitioner and physician assistant trust fund. Payment of the nonrefundable contribution to the trust fund can be made by, but is not limited to, the following organizations: community agencies, hospitals, medical groups, municipalities, community foundations, local government entities, or other community entities. Locations and distances between cities will be consistently measured and verified by calculating the straight-line distance between main post offices.

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283—25.3(261) Eligibility requirements.

25.3(1) The commission will annually determine and communicate the number of recommendations that can be funded in each physician assistant studies degree program or doctorate of nursing practice degree program at each eligible university. The intent of this determination will be to ensure that an equal number of students in each program at an eligible university are able to enter into an agreement. Priority will be given to applicants who are Iowa residents upon enrolling in the eligible university. The criteria used by the state board of regents to determine residency for tuition purposes, Iowa Administrative Code rule 681—1.4(262), are adopted for this program. If fewer than the maximum number of recommendations of students in either a physician assistant studies degree program or doctorate of nursing practice degree program is recommended at one eligible university, the commission

may obtain additional recommendations from the other eligible university to award the remaining agreements.

25.3(2) An applicant must enter into an agreement with the commission when the applicant begins curriculum leading to a doctor of nursing practice degree or a master's degree in physician assistant studies.

25.3(3) An applicant must remain enrolled on a full-time basis in each term of enrollment and graduate with a doctor of nursing practice degree or a master's degree in physician assistant studies from an eligible university. The commission may waive the full-time enrollment requirement for a temporary time frame only in the instance of a leave of absence approved by an eligible university. The applicant must request a waiver from the commission in writing.

25.3(4) Within nine months of graduating with a doctor of nursing practice degree or a master's degree in physician assistant studies from an eligible university, an applicant must receive a permanent license to practice nursing or to work as a physician assistant in the state of Iowa and engage in full-time practice, as defined by the service commitment area, as a nurse or physician assistant for a period of 60 consecutive months in a service commitment area.

25.3(5) An applicant must annually complete and return to the commission an affidavit of full-time enrollment at an eligible university and, when applicable, an affidavit of completion of the employment obligation in a service commitment area.

25.3(6) Prior to or upon engagement in full-time employment in a service commitment area, the advanced registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant must contract with the service commitment area to provide a nonrefundable \$2,000 contribution for deposit in the rural Iowa advanced registered nurse practitioner and physician assistant trust fund. Payment must be received by the commission from the service commitment area prior to payment of any loan repayment awards to the advanced registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant.

25.3(7) Failure by the applicant to meet all eligibility requirements under these rules and in the agreement will result in forfeiture of all remaining unpaid payments.

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283—25.4(261) Awarding of funds.

25.4(1) Prior to accepting an offer of employment, the advanced registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant must notify the commission of the service commitment area in which the advanced registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant will be employed, and the commission will verify the eligibility of the service commitment area.

25.4(2) The maximum award will be paid to the advanced registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant's eligible loan lender in one installment, upon successful completion of the 60-month employment obligation. Failure to complete all, or any portion, of the 60-consecutive-month employment obligation will result in the forfeiture of all payments. An advanced registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant who fails to meet the requirements of these rules may also be subject to repayment of moneys advanced by the service commitment area as provided in any contract between the advanced registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant and the service commitment area.

25.4(3) No loan repayment amounts will be paid until the service commitment area provides the nonrefundable \$2,000 contribution for deposit into the rural Iowa advanced registered nurse practitioner and physician assistant trust fund.

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283—25.5(261) Waivers.

25.5(1) *Service commitment area.* The commission may waive the requirement that the advanced registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant practice in the same service commitment area for all 60 months. The advanced registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant must request a waiver from the commission in writing.

25.5(2) *Full-time employment.* The commission may waive the requirement that the advanced registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant be employed full-time if the advanced registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant demonstrates exceptional circumstances. The advanced

registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant must request a waiver from the commission in writing. If a waiver request is granted by the commission, the agreement will be amended to provide an allowance for part-time employment. The 60-month employment obligation will be proportionally extended to ensure the advanced registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant is employed in a service commitment area for the equivalent of 60 full-time months.

25.5(3) *Postponement of advanced registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant employment.* The advanced registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant obligation to engage in practice in accordance with 25.3(4) may be postponed for no more than two years from the time full-time practice was to commence. The advanced registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant must request a waiver from the commission in writing for one of the following purposes:

- a. Active duty service in the armed forces, the armed forces military reserve, or the national guard.
- b. Service in Volunteers in Service to America or the federal Peace Corps.
- c. A service commitment to the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps.
- d. A period of religious missionary work conducted by an organization exempt from federal income taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The advanced registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant obligation to engage in practice in accordance with 25.3(4) may be postponed for a period exceeding two years for any period of temporary medical incapacity, including leave approved under the Family and Medical Leave Act, during which the advanced registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant is unable to engage in full-time practice. The advanced registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant must request a waiver from the commission in writing.

25.5(4) *Satisfaction of advanced registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant employment.* All obligations under the rural Iowa advanced registered nurse practitioner and physician assistant loan repayment program are considered to be satisfied when any of the following conditions are met:

- a. All terms of the agreement are met.
- b. The person who entered into the agreement dies.
- c. The person who entered into the agreement, due to permanent disability, is unable to meet the requirements of these rules.
- d. The person who entered into the agreement has no remaining eligible loan balance to repay.

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283—25.6(261) Loan repayment cancellation.

25.6(1) Within 30 days following withdrawal from an eligible university, or termination of employment from a residency program or as an advanced registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant in a service commitment area, the applicant must notify the commission.

25.6(2) The applicant is responsible for notifying the commission immediately of a change in contact information including, but not limited to, name, telephone number, e-mail address, and place of employment.

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283—25.7(261) Restrictions. An advanced registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant who is in default on a Federal Stafford Loan, Grad PLUS Loan, SLS Loan, Perkins/National Direct/National Defense Student Loan, Health Professions Student Loan (HPSL), or Health Education Assistance Loan (HEAL) or who owes a repayment on any Title IV grant assistance or state award shall be ineligible for loan repayment. Eligibility may be reinstated upon payment in full of the delinquent obligation or by commission ruling on the basis of adequate extenuating evidence presented in appeal under the procedures set forth in 283—Chapters 4 and 5.

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These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code section 261.114.

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PREAMBLE

These rules provide for definitions of diagnostic and financial eligibility, provider qualifications, and appeal procedures related to the autism support program created in 2013 Iowa Acts, Senate File 446, division XVII. The purpose of the autism support program is to provide funding for applied behavioral analysis services and care coordination for children with a diagnosis of autism who meet certain financial and clinical eligibility criteria.

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441—22.1(225D) Definitions.

“Administrator” means the entity selected by the department through a request for proposal process or other contractual arrangement to administer the autism support program.

“Applicant” means an individual on whose behalf an application has been submitted but who has not been identified as an eligible individual, or an individual who has received a denial of eligibility for the program.

“Applied behavioral analysis” or *“ABA”* means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 225D.1.

“Autism” means autism spectrum disorders as defined in Iowa Code section 514C.28.

“Autism service provider” means a person providing applied behavioral analysis, who meets the following criteria:

1. Is certified as a behavior analyst by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board or is a health professional licensed under Iowa Code chapter 147.

2. Is approved as a member of the provider network by the department.

“Autism support fund” or *“fund”* means the autism support fund created in Iowa Code section 225D.2.

“Autism support program” or *“program”* means the program created in Iowa Code section 225D.2 to provide funding for applied behavioral analysis and care coordination for eligible individuals with a diagnosis of autism.

“Clinically relevant” means medically necessary and resulting in the development, maintenance, or restoration, to the maximum extent practicable, of the functioning of an individual.

“Department” means the department of human services.

“Diagnostic assessment of autism” means medically necessary assessment, evaluations, or tests performed by a licensed child psychiatrist, developmental pediatrician, or clinical psychologist.

“Eligible individual” means a child less than nine years of age who has been diagnosed with autism based on a diagnostic assessment of autism, is not otherwise eligible for coverage for applied behavioral analysis treatment under the medical assistance program, Iowa Code section 514C.28, or private insurance coverage, and whose household income does not exceed 400 percent of the federal poverty level.

“Federal poverty level” means the most recently revised poverty income guidelines published by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

“Household income” means household income as determined using the modified adjusted gross income methodology pursuant to Section 2002 of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Pub. L. No. 111-148.

“Integrated health home” means the same as defined in 441—subrule 78.53(1).

“Maximum amount of treatment” means a maximum of 24 months of applied behavioral analysis funded by the autism support program. Months of service are not required to be consecutive.

“Maximum annual benefit” means a maximum annual benefit amount of \$36,000 per year for autism support program services for an eligible individual. For the purposes of this program, the annual benefit is calculated by using as a starting date the date the first service is reimbursed by the program and an

ending date 12 months from the starting date. Expenditures included in the calculation of the maximum annual benefit include reimbursements to autism service providers for provision of applied behavioral analysis and reimbursements to integrated health homes for costs of care coordination. Cost-sharing paid by the eligible individual is not included in the calculation of the individual's annual benefit.

"Medical assistance" or *"Medicaid"* means assistance provided under the medical assistance program pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 249A and Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

"Month of service" means any month in which an individual receives at least one billable unit of applied behavioral analysis service funded by the autism support program.

"Provider network" means a network of autism service providers approved by the department to provide services to eligible individuals through the autism support program.

"Regional autism assistance program" or *"RAP"* means the regional autism assistance program created in Iowa Code section 256.35.

"Treatment plan" means a plan for the treatment of autism developed by a licensed physician or licensed psychologist pursuant to a comprehensive evaluation or reevaluation performed in consultation with the patient and the patient's representative.

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441—22.2(225D) Eligibility and application requirements. To be determined eligible for funding for services through the autism support program, an individual must meet the following requirements:

22.2(1) An individual shall submit an application to the administrator of the program using a standardized application form available through the administrator's and the department's Web sites, members of the provider network, the regional autism assistance program, and advocacy organizations.

22.2(2) An applicant for autism program services shall be less than the age of nine at the time of application for the program. Proof of age must be provided at the time of application. An individual who reaches the age of nine prior to receipt of the maximum benefits of the program may continue to receive services from the program in accordance with the individual's treatment plan, up to a maximum of 24 months of applied behavioral analysis treatment.

22.2(3) An individual shall have a diagnosis of autism based on a diagnostic assessment of autism dated 24 months or less from the date of application for the program.

22.2(4) An individual shall be determined ineligible for coverage of applied behavioral analysis services under the medical assistance program, Iowa Code section 514C.28, or private insurance coverage. Proof of insurance coverage and noneligibility for coverage for applied behavioral analysis shall be provided at the time of application.

22.2(5) An individual shall have a household income equal to or less than 400 percent of the federal poverty level. Information needed to determine household income using modified adjusted gross income methodology shall be identified on the program application. The information shall be provided at the time of application.

22.2(6) The administrator shall provide to the parent or guardian a written notice of decision determining initial eligibility or denial within 30 calendar days of receipt of the application.

22.2(7) The administrator shall refer an applicant determined to be an eligible individual to care coordination services. The referral will occur within 5 business days of determination of eligibility for the program. Care coordination services will be provided by the University of Iowa regional autism assistance program (RAP) or an integrated health home. Eligible individuals who reside in counties where integrated health homes for children with a serious emotional disturbance are operational may choose to receive care coordination through the University of Iowa RAP program or an integrated health home that serves residents of the eligible individual's county of residence. Care coordination is not required as a condition of receiving services through the autism support program.

22.2(8) For individuals determined eligible for the program but unable to access services due to lack of available providers, the administrator shall maintain a list of such individuals and shall work to connect eligible individuals on the list to network providers.

22.2(9) The administrator shall stop processing applications at the point where available funds are fully obligated for eligible individuals and additional eligible individuals would cause expenditures in

excess of the funds available to the program. The administrator shall maintain a waiting list of individuals denied access to the program due to lack of available funds. If additional funds become available, the administrator shall contact individuals on the list in order of the earliest date and time of the receipt of the original application. The applicant shall be allowed 30 calendar days to submit an updated application and any required information needed to determine eligibility. If the applicant does not submit required information, the applicant will be denied eligibility and removed from the waiting list maintained for individuals denied access to the program due to lack of funding. The age of the applicant at the time of the most recent application will be used when determining eligibility for the program.

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441—22.3(225D) Cost-sharing requirements and graduated schedule of cost sharing.

22.3(1) An individual with a household income equal to or greater than 200 percent of the federal poverty level, up to a maximum of 400 percent of the federal poverty level, shall be subject to cost-sharing requirements. Cost sharing shall be implemented incrementally up to a maximum of 10 percent of the costs of the services provided through the program for an individual with a household income equal to 400 percent of the federal poverty level. The following is a chart of the cost-sharing requirements:

| Family income as a % of FPL | % of cost-sharing of service costs | Family income as a % of FPL | % of cost-sharing of service costs |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 200% | .476% | 310% | 5.712% |
| 210% | .952% | 320% | 6.188% |
| 220% | 1.428% | 330% | 6.664% |
| 230% | 1.904% | 340% | 7.14% |
| 240% | 2.38% | 350% | 7.616% |
| 250% | 2.856% | 360% | 8.092% |
| 260% | 3.332% | 370% | 8.568% |
| 270% | 3.808% | 380% | 9.04% |
| 280% | 4.284% | 390% | 9.516% |
| 290% | 4.76% | 400% | 9.992% |
| 300% | 5.236% | | |

22.3(2) An individual may request an exemption from cost sharing due to financial hardship. To qualify for an exemption, an individual shall submit written documentation to the administrator that the individual or the individual's family does not have the financial means to fulfill cost-sharing requirements.

22.3(3) Criteria to determine financial hardship include, but are not limited to, a change in income, change in employment of the parent or guardian, additional medical expenditures, other family members' health conditions, or other conditions which may affect the ability to fulfill cost-sharing requirements. The administrator shall provide a written determination regarding eligibility for exemption from cost-sharing requirements. Eligibility for exemption from cost sharing expires at the end of the financial eligibility period.

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441—22.4(225D) Review of financial eligibility, cost-sharing requirements, exemption from cost sharing, and disenrollment in the program.

22.4(1) An eligible individual's continued financial eligibility for the program, cost-sharing requirements, and exemption from cost sharing shall be determined on an annual basis.

22.4(2) The administrator shall request needed information from the eligible individual's parent or guardian for redetermination of financial eligibility, cost-sharing requirements, and exemption from cost sharing at least 30 days prior to the expiration of the eligible individual's eligibility period. The notice

requesting information needed for renewal of eligibility shall include the ending date of eligibility for services.

22.4(3) The administrator shall provide a written notice of decision determining ongoing eligibility or denial within 15 calendar days of receipt of the continued financial eligibility documentation.

22.4(4) If the signed application and verification of continuing eligibility are not received by the administrator by the last working day of the renewal month, the individual's eligibility for the program shall be terminated.

22.4(5) Reasons for disenrollment in the autism support program include:

a. Death of the eligible individual.
b. The family no longer meets one or more of the eligibility criteria outlined in rule 441—22.2(225D).

c. The parent or legal guardian has failed to provide information required for redetermination of eligibility.

d. The eligible individual has failed to access authorized services for a period of three consecutive months and has not made arrangements with the autism service provider or administrator to access authorized services.

e. No funds are appropriated for the autism support program.

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441—22.5(225D) Initial service authorization and renewal of service authorization.

22.5(1) All services reimbursed through the program shall be prior-authorized by the administrator.

22.5(2) An autism service provider shall submit an initial treatment plan to the administrator specifying a plan of treatment for a period of no more than six months. The initial treatment plan shall specify the amount of units of applied behavioral analysis services requested for the eligible individual and include a baseline standardized assessment score.

22.5(3) Family engagement and participation are required for participation in the autism support program. Treatment plans shall identify specific activities and responsibilities of parents or guardians in the treatment plan.

22.5(4) The treatment plan shall reflect the autism service provider's engagement with the school in which the eligible individual is enrolled. Treatment plans shall identify specific actions taken by the autism service provider to engage the eligible individual's school and the results of such actions.

22.5(5) The treatment plan may include services provided by staff with a minimum of a bachelor's degree in a human services or education field, working under the supervision of an autism service provider who is board-certified as a behavior analyst. The treatment plan shall identify which services shall be provided directly by the autism service provider and which services shall be provided by staff under the supervision of the autism service provider.

22.5(6) For renewal or modification of service authorizations, the autism service provider shall submit an updated plan of treatment with a request for the number of units of applied behavioral analysis the provider believes is medically necessary to address the eligible individual's ongoing treatment needs. The autism service provider shall also provide evidence of the eligible individual's progress on identified treatment goals. The administrator shall consider the eligible individual's updated standardized assessment score along with other clinical information when reviewing requests for renewal or modification of service authorizations. Ongoing service authorization requests shall not exceed six months in duration.

22.5(7) The administrator shall provide approval, request for modification, or denial within five business days of receipt of all service authorization requests.

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441—22.6(225D) Provider network. The administrator shall establish and maintain a network of department-approved autism service providers so that applied behavioral analysis services are available to eligible individuals statewide to the maximum extent possible.

22.6(1) A provider shall be approved to participate in the autism support program provider network if the provider meets one of the following standards in paragraph 22.6(1) "a," "b" or "c":

a. The autism service provider is certified as a behavior analyst by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board; or

b. The autism service provider is a health professional licensed under Iowa Code chapter 147. A health professional licensed under Iowa Code chapter 147 who does not hold a current certification as a board-certified behavior analyst shall provide evidence of training in applied behavioral analysis and be licensed as a mental health professional under Iowa Code section 228.1(6); or

c. A provider shall be deemed eligible to participate in the autism support program provider network if the autism service provider meets the standards in paragraph 22.6(1)“a” or “b” and the provider is approved to provide applied behavioral analysis services through Medicaid.

22.6(2) The administrator’s provider network shall accept the rate established by the department through the department’s contract with the administrator as payment in full for the services rendered and will not charge eligible individuals any additional fees for services rendered, except for those eligible individuals who are required to pay a portion of the cost of services due to cost-sharing requirements.

22.6(3) The administrator is responsible for calculating the cost-sharing amount according to standards established in this chapter.

22.6(4) The autism service provider is responsible for collecting the cost-sharing amount from the eligible individual and will only be reimbursed by the administrator for the balance of the service fee minus the amount of cost sharing.

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441—22.7(225D) Financial management of the program. The autism support program administrator shall:

1. Not take new applications for the program that would cause expenditures of the program to exceed the budgeted amount.

2. Limit expenditure of program funds to services for those individuals determined to be eligible individuals and for related administrative costs.

3. Limit annual expenditures for each eligible individual to the amount identified in Iowa Code section 225D.2(2)“a.”

4. Limit length of service through the program to the amount identified in Iowa Code section 225D.2(2)“b.”

5. Allocate available funds for eligible individuals’ services in a manner that allows for funding for all eligible individuals’ services authorized by the administrator without exceeding the department’s funding limits.

6. Limit payment for applied behavioral analysis services to an hourly or equivalent quarter-hour unit rate that is equal to the contracted rate currently paid by Medicaid for applied behavioral analysis services.

7. Limit payment for integrated health home services to an amount consistent with the monthly per-member per-month amount paid by Medicaid to approved providers of integrated health home services for children with a serious emotional disturbance.

8. Not provide financial compensation to the University of Iowa regional autism assistance program for care coordination services.

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441—22.8(225D) Appeal. Notice of adverse action and right to appeal shall be given in accordance with 441—Chapter 7.

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[Prior to 1/7/04, see 581—21.1]

495—2.1(97B) Investment board. The principal place of business of the board is IPERS’ headquarters, 7401 Register Drive, Des Moines, Iowa.

1. Effective July 1, 2002, the board shall be the trustee of the retirement fund. The board shall meet annually, and may meet more often, to review its investment policies.

2. At the first meeting in each fiscal year, the voting members shall elect a chair and vice chair. Future meeting dates for the year shall also be decided at the first meeting. Advance notice of time, date, tentative agenda, and place of each meeting shall be given in compliance with Iowa Code chapter 21. All meetings of the board are open to the public and shall be held in accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order, Revised Edition.

3. Parties wishing to present items for the agenda of the next meeting shall file a written request with the board chair at least five business days prior to the meeting. The board may take up matters not included on its agenda.

4. Four members eligible to vote shall constitute a quorum. A simple majority vote of the full voting membership shall be the vote of the board.

5. Members of the board shall file financial statements pursuant to Iowa Code section 68B.35(2) “e.”

6. In the event that it should become necessary to fill the chief investment officer position, the board may consult with, and make hiring recommendations to, the chief executive officer that are consistent with the requirements of Iowa Code chapter 8A, subchapter IV.

7. The board shall set the salary of the CEO pursuant to Iowa Code section 97B.3.

8. The board shall participate in the annual performance evaluation of the chief investment officer.
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495—2.2(97B) Group trusts. Assets of the fund may be invested in a tax-exempt group trust that has been determined by the Internal Revenue Service to be a pooled fund arrangement pursuant to Revenue Ruling 81-100, as modified by Revenue Rulings 2004-67 and 2011-1, and that is operated or maintained exclusively for the commingling and collective investment of moneys. In such case, the terms of the group trust shall be adopted as part of this plan.
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CHAPTER 4
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[Prior to 6/9/04, see 581—Ch 21]

495—4.1(97B) Covered employers.

4.1(1) Definition. All public employers in the state of Iowa, its cities, counties, townships, agencies, political subdivisions, instrumentalities and public schools are required to participate in IPERS. For the purposes of these rules, the following definitions also apply:

a. "Political subdivision" means a geographic area or territorial division of the state which has responsibility for certain governmental functions. Political subdivisions are characterized by public election of officers and taxing powers. The following examples are representative: cities, municipalities, counties, townships, schools and school districts, drainage and levee districts, and utilities.

b. "Instrumentality of the state or a political subdivision" means an independent entity that is organized to carry on some specific function of government. Public instrumentalities are created by some form of governmental body, including federal and state statutes and regulations, and are characterized by being under the control of a governmental body. Such control may include final budgetary authorization, general policy development, appointment of a board by a governmental body, and allocation of funds.

c. "Public agency" means state agencies and agencies of political subdivisions. Representative examples include an executive board, commission, bureau, division, office, or department of the state or a political subdivision.

d. Effective July 1, 1994, the definition of employer includes an area agency on aging that does not offer an alternative plan to all of its employees that is qualified under the federal Internal Revenue Code.

Covered employers include, but are not limited to: the state of Iowa and its administrative agencies; counties, including their hospitals and county homes; cities, including their hospitals, park boards and commissions; recreation commissions; townships; public libraries; cemetery associations; municipal utilities including waterworks, gasworks, electric light and power; school districts including their lunch and activity programs; state colleges and universities; and state hospitals and institutions.

An entity not already reporting to IPERS which meets the conditions for becoming an IPERS covered employer shall immediately contact IPERS to provide notice which includes the name and address of the entity and other information required by IPERS. If, after review of this information, IPERS determines that the entity should be enrolled as a covered employer, IPERS will notify the entity and provide an IPERS account number for the entity to use when submitting information. IPERS shall not be required to provide benefits otherwise available under Iowa Code chapter 97B for periods of service prior to the effective date for which IPERS actually approves the entity for coverage, unless the employer agrees to pay the full actuarial cost of providing such benefits.

An employer may request a revised beginning date for its status as a covered employer. The employer must submit acceptable proof to IPERS that its status as a covered employer began earlier than the date previously provided. In such case, the employer shall provide IPERS coverage retroactively to all employees providing services to that employer on or after the revised beginning date and shall pay all actuarial costs.

4.1(2) Name change. Any employer which has a change of name, address, title of the employer, its reporting official or any other identifying information shall immediately give notice in writing to IPERS. The notice shall provide IPERS with the following information:

- a.* Former name;
- b.* Former address;
- c.* IPERS account number;
- d.* New name, address, and telephone number of the employer;
- e.* Reason for the change if other than a change of reporting official; and
- f.* Effective date of the change.

4.1(3) Termination. Any employer which terminates or is dissolved for any reason shall provide IPERS with the following:

- a. Complete name and address of the dissolved entity;
- b. Assigned IPERS account number;
- c. Last date on which wages were paid;
- d. Date on which the entity dissolved;
- e. Reason for the dissolution;
- f. Whether or not the entity expects to pay wages in the future;
- g. Whether the entity is being absorbed by another covered employer;
- h. Name and address of absorbing employer if applicable; and
- i. Name and address of employer that will retain the records of the dissolved entity.

4.1(4) Reports of dissolved or absorbed employers. An employer that has been dissolved or entirely absorbed by another employer is required to file a monthly report with IPERS through the effective date on which it was dissolved or absorbed. Any wages paid after this date are reported under the account number assigned to the new or successor employer, if any.

4.1(5) IPERS account number. Each employer is assigned an IPERS account number. This number should be used on all correspondence and reporting forms directed to IPERS.

4.1(6) For patient advocates employed under Iowa Code section 229.19, the county or counties for which services are performed shall be treated as the covered employer(s) of such individuals, and each such employer is responsible for forwarding reports and for withholding and forwarding the applicable IPERS contributions on wages paid by each employer.

495—4.2(97B) Records to be kept by the employer.

4.2(1) General. Each employer shall maintain records to show the information hereinafter indicated. Records shall be kept in the form and manner prescribed by IPERS. Records shall be open to inspection and may be copied by IPERS and its authorized representatives at any reasonable time.

4.2(2) Records shall show with respect to each employee:

- a. Employee's name, address, gender, and social security account number, and other demographic information that may be required;
- b. Each date the employee was paid wages or other wage equivalent (e.g., room, board);
- c. Total amount of wages paid on each date including noncash wage equivalents;
- d. Total amount of wages including wage equivalents on which IPERS contributions are payable;
- e. Amount withheld from wages or wage equivalents for the employee's share of IPERS contributions; and
- f. Effective January 1, 1995, records will show, with respect to each employee, member contributions picked up by the employer.

4.2(3) Reports.

a. Each employer shall make reports as IPERS may require and shall comply with the instructions provided by IPERS for the reports.

b. Effective July 1, 1991, employers must report all terminating employees to IPERS within seven working days following the employee's termination date. This report shall contain the employee's last-known mailing address and such other information as IPERS might require.

c. Effective December 31, 2004, and annually thereafter, employers whose job classes include correctional officers, correctional supervisors, and others whose primary purpose is, through ongoing direct inmate contact, to enforce and maintain discipline, safety and security within a correctional facility shall submit to IPERS each calendar year a list of jobs that qualify for protection occupation class coverage. This report shall also contain any changes in the designation of jobs as qualifying or not qualifying for protection occupation class coverage and effective dates of changes. IPERS' sole responsibility with respect to protection occupation status determinations is to ascertain whether IPERS' records correctly reflect service credit and contributions that are in accordance with the employer's designation of a position as being within a protection occupation class.

4.2(4) Fees. IPERS may assess to the employer a fee for administrative costs as described in subrule 4.3(6).

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495—4.3(97B) Wage reporting and payment of contributions by employers.

4.3(1) *Payment of contributions.* For wages paid on or after July 1, 2008, all covered employers are required to pay contributions on a monthly basis. Upon enrollment as an IPERS covered employer, the employer shall receive the appropriate forms and instructions from IPERS to submit contributions. IPERS will provide monthly statements to each employer.

IPERS accepts the payment of contributions through electronic funds transfer. Payments utilizing the electronic funds transfer system shall be made according to the procedure described in subrule 4.3(3).

IPERS accepts the payment of contributions using checks and remittance advice forms. Employers filing monthly employer remittance advice forms on paper for two or more employers shall attach the checks to each remittance form. Checks shall be made payable to the Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System and mailed with the employer remittance advice form to IPERS, P.O. Box 9117, Des Moines, Iowa 50306-9117. Effective August 1, 2008, such payments and reports shall be subject to a fee as described in subrule 4.3(6).

4.3(2) *Wage reports.* For wages paid on or after July 1, 2008, all IPERS covered employers are required to file wage reports on a monthly basis. IPERS will provide the forms and instructions for wage reporting to employers. Each wage report must include the required information for all employees who earned reportable wages or wage equivalents under IPERS. The reports must be received by IPERS on or before the fifteenth day of the month following the month in which the wages were paid. If the fifteenth day falls on a weekend or holiday, the wage report is due on the next regularly scheduled business day.

Effective August 1, 2008, IPERS shall accept wage reports electronically via the IPERS' employer self service Web application, on compact discs, or as a paper report. However, for those employers submitting reports on compact discs or on paper, IPERS shall charge a fee as described in subrule 4.3(6).

4.3(3) *Deadlines for payment of contributions.*

a. Contributions must be paid monthly and must be received by IPERS on or before the fifteenth day of the month following the month in which wages were paid. If the fifteenth day falls on a weekend or holiday, the contribution is due on the next regularly scheduled business day.

b. For employers paying contributions by electronic funds transfer, wage reports and contributions may be submitted at the same time.

4.3(4) *Request for time extension.* A request for an extension of time to file a wage report or pay a contribution may be granted by IPERS for good cause if a request is made before the due date, but no extension shall exceed 15 days beyond the due date. If an employer that has been granted an extension fails to submit the wage report or pay the contribution on or before the end of the extension period, the applicable interest and fees shall be charged and paid from the original due date as if no extension had been granted. If the fifteenth day falls on a weekend or holiday, the contribution or report is due on the next regularly scheduled business day.

To establish good cause for an extension of time to file a wage report or pay contributions, the employer must show that the delinquency was not due to mere negligence, carelessness or inattention. The employer must affirmatively show that it did not file the report or timely pay because of some occurrence beyond the control of the employer.

4.3(5) *No reportable wages.* When an employer has no reportable wages during the applicable reporting period, the wage reporting document shall be filed according to subrule 4.3(2). Even if there are no reportable wages, the employer's account is considered delinquent for the reporting period and is subject to a fee until the report is filed. However, if the employer has notified IPERS on or before the due date that there are no wages to report, IPERS will adjust the due date, and no fee will be charged.

4.3(6) *Fees for noncompliance.* IPERS is authorized to impose reasonable fees on employers that do not file wage reports through the IPERS' employer self service Web application as described in subrule 4.3(2), that fail to timely file accurate wage reports, or that fail to pay contributions when due pursuant to subrule 4.3(3).

For submissions filed on or after August 1, 2008, IPERS shall charge employers a processing fee of \$20 plus 25 cents per employee for late submissions and manual processing of wage reports by IPERS. Employers that are late or that do not use IPERS' employer self service Web application may be charged both fees. In addition, if a fee for noncompliance is not paid by the fifteenth day of the month after the fee

is assessed, the fee will accrue interest daily at the interest rate provided in Iowa Code section 97B.70. No fee will be charged on late contributions received as a result of a wage adjustment, but interest on the amount due will be charged until paid in full.

If the due date for a fee falls on a weekend or holiday, the due date shall be the next regularly scheduled business day.

4.3(7) *Erroneously reported wages for employees not covered under IPERS.* Employers that erroneously report wages for employees who are not eligible for coverage under IPERS may file an IPERS wage reporting adjustment form. IPERS shall return a warrant or issue a credit for both the employer and employee contributions made in error. The employer is responsible for returning the employees' share and for filing corrected federal and state wage reporting forms. Adjustments in such cases will be reported on the employer's monthly statement. Under no circumstance shall the employer adjust these wages by underreporting wages on a future periodic wage reporting document. Wages shall never be reported as a negative amount. An employer that completes the employer portion of an employee's request for a refund on an IPERS refund application form will not be permitted to file a periodic wage reporting adjustment form for that employee for the same time period. No fee will be assessed to employers that correct information as provided under this subrule.

4.3(8) *Contributions paid on wages in excess of the annual covered wage maximum.* For wages paid on or after July 1, 2008, whenever IPERS determines that an employee's wages will exceed the annual maximum established under Section 401(a)(17)(A) and the cost-of-living adjustments to that maximum permitted under Section 401(a)(17)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code during a given month, IPERS shall notify the applicable employer and shall return the related excess contributions. IPERS will detail on the monthly report those employees for whom wages were reported in excess of the covered wage ceiling. The employer is responsible for returning the employee's share of excess contributions and making the applicable tax corrections.

4.3(9) *Termination within less than six months of the date of employment.* If an employee hired for permanent employment terminates within six months of the date of employment, the employer may file an IPERS form for reporting adjustments to receive a warrant or a credit, as elected by the employer, for both the employer's and employee's portions of the contributions. It is the responsibility of the employer to return the employee's share. "Termination within less than six months of the date of employment" means employment is terminated prior to the day before the employee's six-month anniversary date. For example, an employee hired on February 10 whose last day is August 8 would be treated as having resigned within less than six months. An employee hired on February 10 whose last day is August 9 (the day before the six-month anniversary date, August 10) would be treated as having worked six months and would be eligible for a refund.

4.3(10) *Reinstatement following an employment dispute.* Employees who are reinstated following an employment dispute may restore membership service credit as described in 495—9.5(97B).

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495—4.4(97B) *Accrual of interest and application of employer payments.* Interest or charges as provided under Iowa Code section 97B.9 shall accrue on all employer payments not received by IPERS by the due date, except that interest or charges may be waived by IPERS if the employer requests an extension of time under subrule 4.3(4) prior to the due date. Effective August 1, 2008, employers that remit late contributions shall be charged a minimum of \$20 or interest at the rate provided in Iowa Code section 97B.70, whichever is greater. No fee will be charged on late contributions received as a result of a wage adjustment, but interest on the amount due will be charged until paid in full. Payments received from employers having unpaid account balances shall first be applied to the oldest outstanding balance.

495—4.5(97B) *Credit memos voided.* Rescinded IAB 3/26/08, effective 4/30/08.

495—4.6(97B) *Contribution rates.* The following contribution rate schedule, payable on the covered wage of the member, is determined by the position or classification and the occupation class code of the member.

4.6(1) Contribution rates for regular class members.

a. The following contribution rates were established by the Iowa legislature for all regular class members for the indicated periods:

| | Effective July 1, 2007 | Effective July 1, 2008 | Effective July 1, 2009 | Effective July 1, 2010 | Effective July 1, 2011 |
|---------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Combined rate | 9.95% | 10.45% | 10.95% | 11.45% | 13.45% |
| Employer | 6.05% | 6.35% | 6.65% | 6.95% | 8.07% |
| Employee | 3.90% | 4.10% | 4.30% | 4.50% | 5.38% |

b. Effective July 1, 2012, and every year thereafter, the contribution rates for regular members shall be publicly declared by IPERS staff no later than the preceding December as determined by the annual valuation of the preceding fiscal year. The public declaration of contribution rates will be followed by rule making that will include a notice and comment period and that will become effective July 1 of the next fiscal year. Contribution rates for regular members are as follows.

| | Effective July 1, 2012 | Effective July 1, 2013 | Effective July 1, 2014 |
|---------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Combined rate | 14.45% | 14.88% | 14.88% |
| Employer | 8.67% | 8.93% | 8.93% |
| Employee | 5.78% | 5.95% | 5.95% |

4.6(2) Contribution rates for sheriffs and deputy sheriffs are as follows.

| | Effective July 1, 2010 | Effective July 1, 2011 | Effective July 1, 2012 | Effective July 1, 2013 | Effective July 1, 2014 |
|---------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Combined rate | 17.88% | 19.66% | 19.80% | 19.76% | 19.76% |
| Employer | 8.94% | 9.83% | 9.90% | 9.88% | 9.88% |
| Employee | 8.94% | 9.83% | 9.90% | 9.88% | 9.88% |

4.6(3) Contribution rates for protection occupations are as follows.

| | Effective July 1, 2010 | Effective July 1, 2011 | Effective July 1, 2012 | Effective July 1, 2013 | Effective July 1, 2014 |
|---------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Combined rate | 16.59% | 16.62% | 17.11% | 16.90% | 16.90% |
| Employer | 9.95% | 9.97% | 10.27% | 10.14% | 10.14% |
| Employee | 6.64% | 6.65% | 6.84% | 6.76% | 6.76% |

4.6(4) Members employed in a “protection occupation” shall include:

a. Conservation peace officers. Effective July 1, 2002, all conservation peace officers, state and county, as described in Iowa Code sections 350.5 and 456A.13.

b. Effective July 1, 1994, a marshal in a city not covered under Iowa Code chapter 400 or a firefighter or police officer of a city not participating under Iowa Code chapter 410 or 411. (See employee classifications in rule 495—5.1(97B).) Effective January 1, 1995, part-time police officers shall be included.

c. Correctional officers as provided for in Iowa Code section 97B.49B. Employees who, prior to December 22, 1989, were in a “correctional officer” position but whose position is found to no longer meet this definition on or after that date shall retain coverage, but only for as long as the employee is in that position or another “correctional officer” position that meets this definition. Movement to a position that does not meet this definition shall cancel “protection occupation” coverage.

d. Airport firefighters employed by the military division of the department of public defense (airport firefighters). Effective July 1, 2004, airport firefighters become part of and shall make the same contributions as the other members covered under Iowa Code section 97B.49B. From July 1,

1994, through June 30, 2004, airport firefighters were grouped with and made the same contributions as sheriffs and deputy sheriffs. From July 1, 1988, through June 30, 1994, airport firefighters were grouped with and made the same contributions as the other members covered under Iowa Code section 97B.49B. From July 1, 1986, through June 30, 1988, airport firefighters were a separate protection occupation group and made contributions at a rate calculated for members of that group. Prior to July 1, 1986, airport firefighters were grouped with regular members and made the same contributions as regular members.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, all airport firefighter service prior to July 1, 2004, shall be coded by IPERS as sheriff/deputy sheriff/airport firefighter service, and all airport firefighter service after June 30, 2004, shall be coded by IPERS as protection occupation service. This coding, however, shall not supersede provisions of this title that require members to make contributions at higher rates in order to receive certain benefits, such as in the hybrid formula pursuant to 495—12.4(97B).

e. Airport safety officers employed under Iowa Code chapter 400 by an airport commission in a city with a population of 100,000 or more, and employees covered by the Iowa Code chapter 8A merit system whose primary duties are providing airport security and who carry or are licensed to carry firearms while performing those duties.

f. Effective July 1, 1990, an employee of the state department of transportation who is designated as a “peace officer” by resolution under Iowa Code section 321.477.

g. Effective July 1, 1992, a fire prevention inspector peace officer employed by the department of public safety. Effective July 1, 1994, a fire prevention inspector peace officer employed before that date who does not elect coverage under Iowa Code chapter 97A in lieu of IPERS.

h. Effective July 1, 1994, through June 30, 1998, a parole officer III with a judicial district department of correctional services.

i. Effective July 1, 1994, through June 30, 1998, a probation officer III with a judicial district department of correctional services.

j. Effective July 1, 2008, county jailers and detention officers working as jailers.

k. Effective July 1, 2008, National Guard installation security officers.

l. Effective July 1, 2008, emergency medical care providers.

m. Effective July 1, 2008, special investigators who are employed by county attorneys.

4.6(5) Service reclassification.

a. Prior to July 1, 2006, except as otherwise indicated in the implementing legislation or these rules, for a member whose prior regular service position is reclassified by the legislature as a special service position, all prior service by the member in such regular service position shall be coded by IPERS staff as special service if certified by the employer as constituting special service under current law. No additional contributions shall be required by regular service reclassified as special service under this paragraph.

b. Effective July 1, 2006, for a member whose prior regular service position is reclassified by the legislature as a special service position, all prior service by the member in such regular service position shall continue to be coded by IPERS staff as regular service unless the legislature specifically provides in its legislation for payment of the related actuarial costs of such reclassified service as required under Iowa Code section 97B.65.

4.6(6) Effective July 1, 2006, in the determination of a sheriff’s or deputy sheriff’s eligibility for benefits and the amount of such benefits under Iowa Code section 97B.49C, all protection occupation service credits for that member shall count toward the total years of eligible service as a sheriff or deputy sheriff. However, this subrule shall not be construed to alter the statutory requirement that a sheriff or deputy sheriff must be employed as a sheriff or deputy sheriff at termination of covered employment in order to qualify for benefits under Iowa Code section 97B.49C.

4.6(7) Pretax.

a. Effective January 1, 1995, employers must pay member contributions on a pretax basis for federal income tax purposes only. Such contributions are considered employer contributions for federal income tax purposes and employee contributions for all other purposes. Employers must reduce the member’s salary reportable for federal income tax purposes by the amount of the member’s contribution.

b. Salaries reportable for purposes other than federal income tax will not be reduced, including for IPERS, FICA, and, through December 31, 1998, state income tax purposes.

c. Effective January 1, 1999, employers must pay member contributions on a pretax basis for both federal and state income tax purposes.

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495—4.7(97B) Employee information to be provided by covered employers. Covered employers are required to enroll new employees prior to reporting wages for the new employees. Enrollment information shall include, but is not limited to, the following: member's name, social security number, date of birth, date of hire, occupation code, gender, mailing address, termination date and last check date, when appropriate, and employer identification number.

For new employee enrollments submitted on or after August 1, 2008, employers shall submit the required information using IPERS' employer self service Web application, on compact discs, or on paper. However, those employers submitting information on compact discs or on paper will be charged a fee as described in subrule 4.3(6).

495—4.8(97B) Additional employer contributions from employer-mandated reduction in hours or by the exercise of bumping rights to avoid a layoff. Effective January 1, 2009, this rule applies to the restoration of covered wages reduced by an employer-mandated reduction in hours (EMRH) or the restoration of covered wages reduced by the exercise of bumping rights to avoid a layoff. It does not apply to reductions in base wages, reduced overtime wages, permanent layoffs or other termination of employment situations. EMRH references in this rule shall apply both to situations involving the loss of covered wages due to employer-mandated reductions in hours and to the loss of covered wages due to the exercise of bumping rights to avoid a layoff.

4.8(1) A member may restore the member's three-year average covered wage to the amount that it would have been but for an EMRH by completing the IPERS EMRH application form and related payroll deduction authorization and by filing the application and payroll deduction authorization forms with the employer. By so doing, the member agrees to pay the employee and employer contributions for all reduced work hours and bumping reductions between January 1, 2009, through June 30, 2011.

4.8(2) A member cannot pay the EMRH contributions described under this rule in any manner except through payroll deductions.

4.8(3) The payroll deduction authorization described under this rule shall be irrevocable, except upon death, retirement or termination of employment. If revoked by the member's death, retirement, or termination of employment, all amounts held by an employer in the member's name shall be forwarded to the member along with the member's final wages.

4.8(4) A member may obtain a refund of EMRH contributions collected under this rule as part of a refund of the member's entire account balance or an actuarial equivalent (AE) payment, but a member who commences a monthly retirement allowance shall not receive a refund of any amounts contributed, even if the covered wages being restored are not used in the member's three-year average covered wage.

4.8(5) A covered employer must cooperate with an eligible member's request for payroll deductions using the applicable IPERS forms. Employers shall be required to complete and submit wage certifications showing the covered wages that would have been reported but for the EMRH.

4.8(6) After IPERS has received and processed wage certification forms, the employer will be billed for the applicable EMRH contributions on the next employer monthly statement. If contributions are not paid by the employer statement's due date, the employer will be assessed late fees and interest in accordance with rule 495—4.3(97B).

4.8(7) In completing the federal and state wage reporting forms to be filed with the federal and state tax authorities, an employer shall treat the EMRH contributions collected and forwarded to IPERS the same as pretax IPERS employee contributions.

4.8(8) Upon receipt of the contributions pursuant to this rule, IPERS shall apply them to the member's account as pretax employee contributions.

4.8(9) This rule applies to reductions in wages caused by an EMRH through June 30, 2011. An employer's collection of contributions from such wages shall terminate as of midnight, July 31, 2011. All completed EMRH forms and contributions collected under this rule must be forwarded to IPERS by a covered employer no later than August 15, 2011.

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CHAPTER 9
REFUNDS

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495—9.1(97B) Refunds for members with only one type of service credit. A member is eligible for a refund of the employee accumulated contributions as soon as practicable after the last date the member is considered an employee, provided that the employee has filed the required forms and has not returned to covered employment before the date the refund is paid. Effective July 1, 1999, a vested member's refund shall also include a portion of the employer accumulated contributions. Refund amounts are determined as follows:

9.1(1) Employee accumulated contributions. Upon receiving an eligible member's application for refund, IPERS shall pay to the terminated member the amount of the employee accumulated contributions currently reported to, and processed by, IPERS as of the date of the refund. Upon reconciliation of the final employee contributions for that member, a supplemental refund of the employee accumulated contributions will be paid if funds remain in the member account.

9.1(2) Employer accumulated contributions. IPERS shall also pay to vested members, in addition to the employee accumulated contributions, a refund of a portion of the employer accumulated contributions. The refundable portion shall be calculated by multiplying the employer accumulated contributions by the "service factor." The "service factor" is a fraction, the numerator of which is the member's quarters of service and the denominator of which is the "applicable quarters." The "applicable quarters" shall be 120 for regular members and 88 for all special service members.

All quarters of service credit shall be included in the numerator of the service factor. In no event will a member ever receive an amount in excess of 100 percent of the employer accumulated contributions for that member.

In addition to the foregoing provisions, IPERS shall calculate the refundable portion of the employer accumulated contributions as follows:

a. Upon reconciliation of the final employer contributions for that member, the member's portion of the employer accumulated contributions will be recalculated. IPERS will add the additional quarter(s) of service to the numerator of the service factor. The adjusted service factor will be multiplied by the sum of the original employer accumulated contributions plus the supplemental employer accumulated contributions. The employer accumulated contributions included in the original refund will then be subtracted from that recalculated figure to determine the amount of employer accumulated contributions to be included in the supplemental refund.

b. The member's portion of employer accumulated contributions shall be determined under rule 495—9.2(97B) if the member had a combination of regular service and special service, or a combination of different types of special service.

9.1(3) In making calculations under this rule and rule 495—9.2(97B), IPERS shall round to not less than six decimal places to the right of the decimal point.

495—9.2(97B) Refunds for members eligible for a hybrid refund. The calculation of the member's portion of employer accumulated contributions for a "hybrid refund" shall be as follows:

9.2(1) A "hybrid refund" is a refund that is calculated for a member who has a combination of regular service and special service quarters.

9.2(2) If a member is eligible for a hybrid refund, the member's portion of employer accumulated contributions shall be calculated by multiplying the total employer accumulated contributions by: (a) the member's regular service factor, if any; and (b) the special service factor, if any (except as otherwise provided in this subrule). The amounts obtained will be added together to determine the amount of the employer accumulated contributions payable. In no event will a member ever receive an amount in excess of 100 percent of the employer accumulated contributions for that member.

9.2(3) Upon reconciliation of the final contributions from a member's employer, the member's portion of the employer accumulated contributions under this rule will be recalculated. IPERS will add the additional quarter(s) of service to the numerator of the applicable service factor. The adjusted

service factor will be multiplied by the sum of the original employer accumulated contributions plus the supplemental employer accumulated contributions. The employer accumulated contributions included in the original refund will then be subtracted from that recalculated figure to determine the amount of the employer accumulated contributions to be included in the supplemental refund.

9.2(4) If wages reported for a quarter are a combination of regular and special service wages, IPERS will classify the service credit for each quarter based on the largest dollar amount reported for that quarter. A member shall not receive more than one quarter of service credit for any calendar quarter, even though more than one type of service credit is recorded for that quarter.

9.2(5) If a member is last employed in a sheriff or deputy sheriff position, all quarters of “eligible service” shall be counted as quarters of sheriff or deputy sheriff service credit.

9.2(6) A special limitation applies to hybrid refunds where the member and employer contributed at regular rates for quarters that are eligible for coverage under Iowa Code section 97B.49B or Iowa Code section 97B.49C. If a member has regular service credit and special service credit and any part of the special service credit consists of quarters for which only regular contributions were made, such quarters will be counted as regular service quarters. However, the foregoing limitation will not apply if the member only has service credit eligible for coverage under Iowa Code section 97B.49B or only has service credit eligible for coverage under Iowa Code section 97B.49C.

495—9.3(97B) Refund of retired reemployed members’ contributions. Rescinded IAB 7/14/10, effective 6/21/10.

495—9.4(97B) General administrative provisions. In addition to the foregoing, IPERS shall administer a member’s request for a refund as follows:

9.4(1) To obtain a refund, a member must file a refund application form, which is available directly from IPERS or which can be reprinted from IPERS’ Web site: www.ipers.org. Effective December 31, 2002, refund application forms shall only be available from IPERS. If the member is married, election of a refund under this chapter requires the written acknowledgment of the member’s spouse. However, the system may accept a married member’s election of a refund under this chapter without the written acknowledgment of the member’s spouse if the member submits a notarized statement indicating that, after reasonable diligent efforts, the member has been unable to locate the member’s spouse to obtain the written acknowledgment of the spouse. The member’s election of a refund shall become effective upon filing the necessary forms, including the notarized statement, with the system. The system shall not be liable to the member, the member’s spouse, nor to any other person affected by the member’s election of a refund based upon an election of a refund accomplished without the written acknowledgment of the member’s spouse.

9.4(2) The last date the member is considered an employee and the date of the last paycheck from which IPERS contributions will be deducted must be certified by the employer on the refund application unless the member has not been paid covered wages for at least one year. Terminated employees must keep IPERS advised in writing of any change in address so that refunds and tax documents may be delivered.

9.4(3) Unless otherwise specified by the member, the refund warrant will be mailed to the member at the address listed on the application for refund. If a member so desires, the warrant may be delivered to the member or the member’s agent at IPERS’ principal office. The member must show verification of identification by presenting a picture identification containing both name and social security number. If a member designates in writing an agent to pick up the refund warrant, the agent must present to IPERS both the written designation and the described picture identification.

9.4(4) No payment of any kind is required under this rule if the amount due is less than \$1.

9.4(5) Effective July 1, 2004, an employee must sever all covered employment for 30 days after the date the employee was last considered an employee, and not for 30 days after the date of the last paycheck containing IPERS covered wages.

9.4(6) Effective November 2006, an individual who previously stopped participating in IPERS to begin participating in an alternative plan shall not receive a refund of that individual’s IPERS account

while still employed by a covered employer, even if the member is no longer in IPERS covered employment.

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495—9.5(97B) Reinstatement following an employment dispute. If an involuntarily terminated employee takes a refund and is later reinstated in covered employment as a remedy for an employment dispute, the member may reinstate membership service credit for the period covered by the refund by repaying the amount of the refund plus interest within 90 days after the date of the order or agreement requiring reinstatement. A reinstatement following an employment dispute shall not constitute a violation of Iowa Code section 97B.53(4), even if the reinstatement occurs less than 30 days after the date of termination. Accordingly, the reinstatement described above or, if later, a buy-back, shall be permitted but is not required. However, if the employee is retroactively reinstated and the previously reported termination is expunged, the reemployment shall be treated as falling within the scope of Iowa Code section 97B.53(4) and a previously paid refund shall be repaid with interest.

495—9.6(97B) Refund followed by commencement of disability benefits under Iowa Code section 97B.50(2). If a vested member terminates covered employment, takes a refund, and is subsequently approved for disability under the federal Social Security Act or the federal Railroad Retirement Act, the member may reinstate membership service credit for the period covered by the refund by paying the actuarial cost as determined by IPERS' actuary. Repayments must be made by:

1. For members whose federal social security or railroad retirement disability payments begin before July 1, 2000, within 90 days after July 1, 2000; or

2. For members whose social security or railroad retirement disability payments begin on or after July 1, 2000, within 90 days after the date federal social security or railroad retirement payments begin.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 97B.50 and 97B.53.

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CHAPTER 11
APPLICATION FOR, MODIFICATION OF, AND TERMINATION OF BENEFITS

[Prior to 11/24/04, see 581—Ch 21]

495—11.1(97B) Application for benefits.

11.1(1) Form used. It is the responsibility of the member to notify IPERS of the intention to retire. This should be done 60 days before the expected retirement date. The application for monthly retirement benefits is obtainable from IPERS, 7401 Register Drive, P.O. Box 9117, Des Moines, Iowa 50306-9117. The printed application form shall be completed by each member applying for benefits and shall be mailed, sent by fax or brought in person to IPERS. An application that is incomplete or incorrectly completed will be returned to the member. To be considered complete, an application must include the following:

- a. Proof of date of birth for the member.
- b. Option selected, and
 - (1) If Option 1 is selected, the death benefit amount.
 - (2) If Option 4 or 6 is selected, the contingent annuitant's name, social security number, proof of date of birth, and relationship to member.
 - (3) If Option 1, 2, or 5 is selected, a list of beneficiaries.
- c. If the member has been terminated less than one year, or is applying for disability benefits, the employer certification page must be completed by the employer.
- d. Signature of member and spouse, both properly notarized unless witnessed by an authorized employee of the system.
- e. If the member has no spouse, "NONE" must be designated.
- f. If the member is applying for regular disability benefits, a copy of the award letter from the Social Security Administration or railroad retirement.

A retirement application is deemed to be valid and binding on the date the first payment is paid. Members shall not cancel their applications, change their option choice, or change an IPERS option containing contingent annuitant benefits after that date.

11.1(2) Proof required in connection with application. Proof of date of birth to be submitted with an application for benefits shall be in the form of a birth certificate or an infant baptismal certificate. If these records do not exist, the applicant shall submit two other documents or records which will verify the day, month and year of birth. A photographic identification record may be accepted even if now expired unless the passage of time has made it impossible to determine if the photographic identification record is that of the applicant. The following records or documents are among those deemed acceptable to IPERS as proof of date of birth:

- a. United States census record;
- b. Military record or identification card;
- c. Naturalization record;
- d. A marriage license showing age of applicant in years, months and days on date of issuance;
- e. A life insurance policy;
- f. Records in a school's administrative office;
- g. An official form from the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service, such as the "green card," containing such information;
- h. Driver's license or Iowa nondriver identification card;
- i. Adoption papers;
- j. A family Bible record. A photostatic copy will be accepted with certification by a notary that the record appears to be genuine; or
- k. Any other document or record ten or more years old, or certification from the custodian of such records which verifies the day, month, and year of birth.

If the member, the member's representative, or the member's beneficiary is unable or unwilling to provide proof of birth, or in the case of death, proof of death, IPERS may rely on such resources as it has available, including but not limited to records from the Social Security Administration, Iowa division

of records and statistics, IPERS' own internal records, or reports derived from other public records, and other departmental or governmental records to which IPERS may have access.

IPERS is required to begin making payments to a member or beneficiary who has reached the required beginning date specified by Internal Revenue Code Section 401(a)(9). In order to begin making such payments and to protect IPERS' status as a plan qualified under Internal Revenue Code Section 401(a), IPERS may rely on its internal records with regard to date of birth, if the member or beneficiary is unable or unwilling to provide the proofs required by this subrule within 30 days after written notification of IPERS' intent to begin mandatory payments.

11.1(3) *Benefits estimates.* Prior to submitting an application for benefits, a member may request IPERS to prepare estimates of projected benefits under the various options as described under Iowa Code section 97B.51. A benefit estimate shall not bind IPERS to payment of the projected benefits under the various options specified in Iowa Code chapter 97B. A member cannot rely on the benefit estimate in making any retirement-related decision or taking any action with respect to the member's account, nor shall IPERS assume any liability for such actions. An estimate will not include deductions for a QDRO or any other legal assignments or orders on a member's account, unless specifically requested by the member. A member's actual benefit can only be known and officially calculated when an eligible member applies for benefits.

11.1(4) *Revocation of application.* If IPERS determines an application for benefits is invalid for any reason, IPERS shall revoke, in whole or in pertinent part, the application for benefits and the recipient shall repay all payments made under the revoked application or all payments made pursuant to the revoked part of the application. The terms of repayment shall be subject to the provisions of 495—11.7(97B).

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495—11.2(97B) Retirement benefits and the age reduction factor.

11.2(1) *Normal retirement.*

a. A member shall be eligible for monthly retirement benefits with no age reduction effective with the first of the month in which the member attains the age of 65, if otherwise eligible.

b. Effective July 1, 1998, a member shall be eligible for full monthly retirement benefits with no age reduction effective with the first of the month in which the member attains the age of 62, if the member has 20 full years of service and is otherwise eligible.

c. Effective July 1, 1997, a member shall be eligible to receive monthly retirement benefits with no age reduction effective the first of the month in which the member's age on the last birthday and the member's years of service equal or exceed 88, provided that the member is at least the age of 55 and is otherwise eligible.

11.2(2) *Early retirement.* A member shall be eligible to receive benefits for early retirement effective with the first of the month in which the member attains the age of 55 or the first of any month after attaining the age of 55 before the member's normal retirement date, provided the date is after the last day of service and the member is otherwise eligible.

11.2(3) *Aged 70 and older retirees.* A member shall be eligible to receive monthly retirement benefits with no age reduction effective with the first day of the month in which the member attains the age of 70, even if the member continues to be employed.

11.2(4) *Required beginning date.*

a. Notwithstanding the foregoing, IPERS shall commence payment of a member's retirement benefit under Iowa Code sections 97B.49A to 97B.49I (under Option 2) no later than the "required beginning date" specified under Internal Revenue Code Section 401(a)(9), even if the member has not submitted the application for benefits. If the lump sum actuarial equivalent could have been elected by the member, payments shall be made in such a lump sum rather than as a monthly allowance. The "required beginning date" is defined as the later of: (1) April 1 of the year following the year that the member attains the age of 70½, or (2) April 1 of the year following the year that the member actually terminates all employment with employers covered under Iowa Code chapter 97B.

b. If IPERS distributes a member's benefits without the member's consent in order to begin benefits on or before the required beginning date, the member may elect to receive benefits under an option other than the default option described above, or as a refund, if the member contacts IPERS in writing within 60 days of the first mandatory distribution. IPERS shall inform the member which adjustments or repayments are required in order to make the change.

c. If a member cannot be located to commence payment on or before the required beginning date described above, the member's benefit shall be forfeited. However, if a member later contacts IPERS and wishes to file an application for retirement benefits, the member's benefits shall be reinstated.

d. For purposes of determining benefits, the life expectancy of a member, a member's spouse, or a member's beneficiary shall not be recalculated after benefits commence.

e. If an IPERS member has a qualified domestic relations order (QDRO) or an administrable domestic relations order (ADRO) on file when a mandatory distribution is required, and the QDRO or ADRO requires the member to choose a specific retirement option, IPERS shall pay benefits under the option required by the order.

11.2(5) Mandatory distribution of small inactive accounts. As soon as practicable after July 1, 2004, IPERS shall distribute small inactive accounts to members and beneficiaries as authorized in Iowa Code section 97B.48(5).

11.2(6) Federal tax code limitation for selection of survivor percentages for same gender spouses. Rescinded IAB 2/19/14, effective 3/26/14.

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495—11.3(97B) First month of entitlement (FME).

11.3(1) General. A member shall submit a written application to IPERS setting forth the retirement date, provided the member has attained at least age 55 by the retirement date and the retirement date is after the member's last day of service. A member's first month of entitlement shall be no earlier than the first day of the first month after the member's last day of service or, if later, the month provided for under subrule 11.3(2). No payment shall be made for any month prior to the month the completed application for benefits is received by IPERS.

If a member files a retirement application but fails to select a valid first month of entitlement, IPERS will select by default the earliest month possible. A member may appeal this default selection by sending written notice of the appeal postmarked on or before 30 days after a notice of the default selection was mailed to the member. Notice of the default selection is deemed sufficient if sent to the member at the member's address.

11.3(2) Additional FME provisions.

a. Effective through December 31, 1992, the first month of entitlement of a member who qualifies for retirement benefits is the first month following the member's date of termination or last day of leave, with or without pay, whichever is later.

b. Effective January 1, 1993, the first month of entitlement of an employee who qualifies for retirement benefits shall be the first month after the employee is paid the last paycheck, if paid more than one calendar month after termination. If the final paycheck is paid within the month after termination, the first month of entitlement shall be the month following termination.

c. Effective January 1, 2001, employees of a school corporation who are permitted by the terms of their employment contracts to receive their annual salaries in monthly installments over periods ranging from 9 to 12 months may retire at the end of a school year and receive trailing wages through the end of the contract year if they have completely fulfilled their contract obligations at the time of retirement. For purposes of this paragraph, "school corporation" means body politic described in Iowa Code sections 260C.16 (community colleges), 273.2 (area education agencies) and 273.1 (K-12 public schools). For purposes of this paragraph, "trailing wages" means previously earned wage payments made to such employees of a school corporation after the first month of entitlement. This exception does not apply to hourly employees, including those who make arrangements with their employers to hold back hourly wages for payment at a later date, to employees who are placed on sick or disability leave or leave of

absence, or to employees who receive lump sum leave, vacation leave, early retirement incentive pay or any other lump sum payments in installments.

For all employees of all IPERS covered employers who terminate employment in January 2003, or later, if the final paycheck is paid within the same quarter or within one quarter after termination and wages are reported under the normal pay schedule, the first month of entitlement shall be the month following termination. However, if the last paycheck is paid more than one quarter after the termination, the first month of entitlement shall be the first month after the employee is paid the last paycheck. Under no circumstances shall such trailing wages result in more than one quarter of service credit being added to retiring members' earning records.

11.3(3) *Survival into designated FME.* To be eligible for a monthly retirement benefit, the member must survive into the designated first month of entitlement. If the member dies prior to the first month of entitlement, the member's application for monthly benefits is canceled and the distribution of the member's account is made pursuant to Iowa Code section 97B.52. Cancellation of the application shall not invalidate a beneficiary designation. If the application is dated later in time than any other designations, IPERS will accept the designation in a canceled application as binding until a subsequent designation is filed.

11.3(4) *Members retiring under the rule of 88.* The first month of entitlement of a member qualifying under the rule of 88 shall be the first of the month when the member's age as of the last birthday and years of service equal 88. The fact that a member's birthday allowing a member to qualify for the rule of 88 is the same month as the first month of entitlement does not affect the retirement date.

495—11.4(97B) Termination of monthly retirement allowance. A member's retirement benefit shall terminate after payment is made to the member for the entire month during which the member's death occurs. Death benefits shall begin with the month following the month in which the member's death occurs.

Upon the death of the retired member, IPERS will reconcile the decedent's account to determine if an overpayment was made to the retired member and if further payment(s) is due to the retired member's named beneficiary, contingent annuitant, heirs at law or estate. If an overpayment has been made to the retired member, IPERS will determine if steps should be taken to seek collection of the overpayment from the named beneficiary, contingent annuitant, estate, heirs at law, or other interested parties.

495—11.5(97B) Bona fide retirement and bona fide refund.

11.5(1) *Bona fide retirement—general.* To receive retirement benefits, a member under the age of 70 must officially leave employment with all IPERS covered employers, give up all rights as an employee, and complete a period of bona fide retirement. A period of bona fide retirement means four or more consecutive calendar months for which the member qualifies for monthly retirement benefit payments. The qualification period begins with the member's first month of entitlement for retirement benefits as approved by IPERS. A member may not return to covered employment before filing a completed application for benefits. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the continuation of group insurance coverage at employee rates for the remainder of the school year for a school employee who retires following completion of services by that individual shall not cause that person to be in violation of IPERS' bona fide retirement requirements.

A member will not be considered to have a bona fide retirement if the member is a school or university employee and returns to work with the employer after the normal summer vacation. In other positions, temporary or seasonal interruption of service which does not terminate the period of employment does not constitute a bona fide retirement. A member also will not be considered to have a bona fide retirement if the member has, prior to or during the member's first month of entitlement, entered into contractual arrangements with the employer to return to employment after the expiration of the four-month bona fide retirement period.

Effective July 1, 1990, a school employee will not be considered terminated if, while performing the normal duties, the employee performs for the same employer additional duties which take the employee

beyond the expected termination date for the normal duties. Only when all the employee's compensated duties cease for that employer will that employee be considered terminated.

The bona fide retirement period will be waived, however, if the member is elected to public office which term begins during the normal four-month bona fide retirement period. This waiver does not apply if the member was an elected official who was reelected to the same position for another term. The bona fide retirement period will also be waived for state legislators who terminate their nonlegislative employment and the IPERS coverage for their legislative employment and begin retirement but wish to continue with their legislative duties.

A member will have a bona fide retirement if the member returns to work as an independent contractor with a public employer during the four-month qualifying period. Independent contractors are not covered under IPERS.

Effective July 1, 1998, through June 30, 2000, a member does not have a bona fide retirement until all employment with covered employers, including employment which is not covered by 495—Chapter 4, is terminated and the member receives at least four monthly benefit payments. In order to receive retirement benefits, the member must file a completed application for benefits with IPERS before returning to any employment with the same employer.

Effective July 1, 2000, a member does not have a bona fide retirement until all employment with covered employers, including employment which is not covered under this chapter, is terminated for at least one month, and the member does not return to covered employment for an additional three months. In order to receive retirement benefits, the member must file a completed application for benefits before returning to any employment with a covered employer.

11.5(2) *Bona fide retirement—licensed health care professionals.* For retirees whose first month of entitlement is no earlier than July 2004 and no later than June 2014, a retiree who is reemployed as a “licensed health care professional” by a “public hospital” does not have a bona fide retirement until all employment with covered employers is terminated for at least one calendar month. In order to receive retirement benefits, the member must file a completed application for benefits form before returning to any employment with a covered employer.

“Licensed health care professional” means a public employee who is a physician, surgeon, podiatrist, osteopath, psychologist, physical therapist, physical therapist assistant, nurse, speech pathologist, audiologist, occupational therapist, respiratory therapist, pharmacist, social worker, dietitian, mental health counselor, or physician assistant who is required to be licensed under Iowa Code chapter 147.

“Public hospital” means a governmental entity of a political subdivision of the state of Iowa that is authorized by legislative authority. For purposes of this subrule, a “public hospital” must also meet the requirements of Iowa Code section 249J.3. Under Iowa Code section 249J.3, a “public hospital” must be licensed pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 135B and governed pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 145A (merged hospitals), Iowa Code chapter 347 (county hospitals), Iowa Code chapter 347A (county hospitals payable from revenue), or Iowa Code chapter 392 (creation by city of a hospital or health care facility). For the purposes of this definition, “public hospital” does not include a hospital or medical care facility that is funded, operated, or administered by the Iowa department of human services, Iowa department of corrections, or board of regents, or the Iowa Veterans Home.

A “public hospital” possesses the powers conferred upon it by statute, the Iowa Constitution, and regulatory provisions that are unique to governmental entities and hospitals. For example, a “public hospital” may finance its activities by tax levies or the issuance of bonds, condemn property, hold elections, and join forces with other governmental entities in cooperative ventures that are authorized under Iowa Code chapter 28D and Iowa Code chapter 28E. “Public hospitals” are subject to scrutiny by the public by complying with Iowa Code chapter 21 (open meetings Act) and Iowa Code chapter 22 (open records Act). Public employees of a “public hospital” are covered by Iowa Code chapter 20 (public employment relations Act). A “public hospital” can be distinguished from a profit or not-for-profit hospital by examining whether the focus of the hospital is community service with profits being applied not to rates of return to investors, but to enhance community services, facility upgrading, or subsidized care for persons unable to pay the full cost of service.

This subrule only applies to reemployments that meet all the foregoing requirements and in addition occur following a “complete termination of employment.” A “complete termination of employment” means: (1) the employer must post the opening and conduct a job search; (2) the retired member must receive all termination payouts that are mandatory for other terminated employees of that employer; (3) the retired member must give up all perquisites of seniority, to the extent applicable to all other terminated employees of that employer; and (4) the retired member must not enter into a reemployment agreement with the prior employer or another public hospital as defined in this subrule prior to or during the first month of entitlement.

11.5(3) *Bona fide refund.* The 30-day bona fide refund period shall be waived for an elected official covered under Iowa Code section 97B.1A(8) “a”(1), and for a member of the general assembly covered under Iowa Code section 97B.1A(8) “a”(2), when the elected official or legislator notifies IPERS of the intent to terminate IPERS coverage for the elective office and, at the same time, terminates all other IPERS covered employment prior to the issuance of the refund. Such an official may remain in the elective office and receive an IPERS refund without violating IPERS’ bona fide refund rules. If such elected official terminates coverage for the elective office and also terminates all other IPERS covered employment but is then reemployed in covered employment, and has not received a refund as of the date of hire, the refund shall not be made. Furthermore, if such elected official is reemployed in covered employment, the election to revoke IPERS coverage for the elective position shall remain in effect, and the public official shall not be eligible for new IPERS coverage for such elected position.

The prior election to revoke IPERS coverage for the elected position shall also remain in effect if such elected official is reelected to the same position without an intervening term out of office. The waiver granted in this subrule shall be applicable to such elected officials who were in violation of the prior bona fide refund rules on and after November 1, 2002, when such individuals have not repaid the previously invalid refund.

If a member takes a refund in violation of the bona fide refund requirements of Iowa Code section 97B.53(4), the member shall have 30 days from the date of written notice by IPERS to repay the refund in full without interest. Thereafter, in order to receive service credit for the period covered by the refund, the member shall be required to buy back the period of service at its full actuarial cost.

11.5(4) *Part-time appointed members of boards or commissions receiving minimal noncovered wages.* Solely for purposes of determining whether a member has severed all employment with all covered employers and has remained out of employment as required under Iowa Code section 97B.52A, persons who have been appointed as part-time members of boards or commissions prior to or during their first month of entitlement and who receive only per diem and reimbursements for reasonable business expenses for such positions will be deemed not to be in employment prohibited under Iowa Code section 97B.52A.

For purposes of this subrule, per diem shall not exceed the amount authorized under Iowa Code section 7E.6(1) “a” for members of boards, committees, commissions, and councils within the executive branch of state government. This limit shall apply regardless of whether or not the position in question is within the executive branch of state government.

Members of boards and commissions not exempted under this subrule include: (a) those who are entitled to the payment of per diem regardless of attendance at board or commission meetings, and (b) those who would have received per diem in excess of the amount authorized under Iowa Code section 7E.6(1) “a” were it not for an agreement by the member to waive such compensation.

Persons appointed as part-time board or commission members who receive only per diem as set forth above and reimbursements of reasonable business expenses may continue in or accept appointments to such positions without violating the bona fide retirement rules under Iowa Code section 97B.52A.

11.5(5) *Members of the national guard who are called into state active duty.* Effective May 25, 2008, members of the national guard who are called into state active duty as defined in Iowa Code section 29A.1 in noncovered positions during the required period of complete severance will not be in violation of the bona fide retirement requirements of Iowa Code section 97B.52A as amended by 2010 Iowa Acts, House File 2518, section 33.

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495—11.6(97B) Payment processing and administration.

11.6(1) *Monthly paper warrants processing fee.* Effective July 1, 2005, IPERS shall charge a per-warrant processing fee to members who choose to receive paper warrants in lieu of electronic deposits of their monthly retirement allowance. The fee may be waived if the person establishes that it would be an undue hardship for the person to do what is necessary to receive payment of the person's IPERS monthly retirement allowance by electronic deposit. The processing fee will be deducted from the member's retirement allowance on a posttax basis.

For purposes of this subrule, a member claiming undue hardship must establish that the cost normally assessed for the processing of paper warrants would be unduly burdensome because of the member's limited income, or is otherwise financially burdensome or physically impracticable.

11.6(2) *Repeated requests for replacement warrants.* Effective July 1, 2002, for a member or beneficiary who, due to the member's or beneficiary's own actions or inactions, has benefits warrants replaced twice in a six-month period, except when the need for a replacement warrant is caused by IPERS' failure to mail to the address specified by the recipient, payment shall be suspended until such time as the recipient establishes a direct deposit account in a bank, credit union or similar financial institution and provides IPERS with the information necessary to make electronic transfer of said monthly payments. Persons subject to said cases may be required to provide a face-to-face interview and additional documentation to prove that such a suspension would result in an undue hardship.

11.6(3) *Forgery claims.* When a forgery of a warrant issued in payment of an IPERS refund or benefit is alleged, the claimant must complete and sign an affidavit before a notary public that the endorsement is a forgery. A supplementary statement must be attached to the affidavit setting forth the details and circumstances of the alleged forgery.

11.6(4) *Rollover fees.* Effective January 1, 2007, if the recipient of a lump-sum distribution which qualifies to be rolled over requests that a rollover be made to more than one IRA or other qualified plan, IPERS may assess a \$5 administrative fee for each additional rollover beyond the first one. The fee will be deducted from the gross amount of each distribution, less federal and state income tax.

11.6(5) *Offsets against amounts payable.* IPERS may, with or without consent and upon reasonable proof thereof, offset amounts currently payable to a member or the member's designated beneficiaries, heirs, assigns or other successors in interest by the amount of IPERS benefits paid in error to or on behalf of such member or the member's designated beneficiaries, heirs, assigns or other successors in interest.

11.6(6) *Lump sum paper warrants processing fee.* Effective April 1, 2012, and thereafter, IPERS shall charge \$1 for paper warrants issued in payment of all nonrecurring lump sum distributions. If a nonrecurring lump sum distribution is followed by a supplemental lump sum distribution due to the reporting of additional covered wages, the \$1 processing fee shall also be charged. This \$1 processing fee shall not apply to a direct rollover described under Iowa Code section 97B.53B (however, processing fees may be charged for multiple rollover requests), lump sum mandatory account distributions required under Iowa Code section 97B.48(5), mandatory lump sum distributions required under Internal Revenue Code Section 401(9), or warrants reissued in forged endorsement or other fraudulent payment situations. [ARC 0017C, IAB 2/22/12, effective 3/28/12]

495—11.7(97B) Overpayment of IPERS benefits.**11.7(1) *Overpayments—general.***

a. An "overpayment" means a payment of money by IPERS that results in a recipient receiving a higher payment than the recipient is entitled to under the provisions of Iowa Code chapter 97B.

b. A "recipient" is a person or beneficiary, heir, assign, or other successor in interest who receives an overpayment from an IPERS benefit and is liable to repay the amount(s) upon receipt of a written explanation and request for the amounts to be repaid.

c. If IPERS determines that the cost of recovering the amount of an overpayment is estimated to exceed the overpayment, the repayment may be deemed to be unrecoverable.

d. If the overpayment is equal to or less than \$50 and cannot be recovered from other IPERS payments, IPERS may limit its recovery efforts to written requests for repayment and other nonjudicial remedies.

11.7(2) *Overpayment made to a retired member.* A retired member shall receive written notice of overpayment, including the reason for the overpayment, the amount of the overpayment, and a limited opportunity to repay the overpayment in full without interest. If a retired member repays an overpayment in full within 30 days after the date of the notice, there will be no interest charge. A retired member may repay an overpayment out of pocket or direct IPERS to recover the overpayment from future retirement benefit payments, or a combination of both. If the retired member cannot repay an overpayment in full, either out of pocket or from the next monthly installment of retirement benefits, or both, interest shall be charged. A retired member who cannot repay the full amount of the overpayment within 30 days after the date of the notice must enter into an agreement with IPERS to make monthly installment payments, or to have the overpayment offset against future monthly benefit payments or death benefits, if any, and authorize any unpaid balance as a first priority claim in the recipient's estate.

11.7(3) *Overpayment made to a person other than a retired member.* A recipient other than a retired member, except a recipient listed in subrule 11.7(4), shall receive written notice of overpayment, including the reason for the overpayment, the amount of the overpayment, and the opportunity to repay the overpayment in full without interest. If such a recipient repays an overpayment in full within 30 days after the date of the notice, there will be no interest charge. If such a recipient cannot repay an overpayment in full within 30 days after the date of the notice, interest shall be charged. If repayment in full cannot be made within 30 days, such a recipient shall make repayment arrangements subject to IPERS' approval within 30 days of the written notice and request for repayment.

If the overpayment recipient cannot be located to receive notice of the overpayment at the recipient's last-known address, IPERS shall, after trying to locate the person, consider the recipient to have waived entitlement to the quarters covered by the refund.

11.7(4) *Overpayment made to a person who violates a bona fide severance period.* If a recipient takes a refund and does not complete the required period of severance, the recipient shall receive a written notice of overpayment, including the reason for the overpayment, the amount of the overpayment, and the opportunity to repay the overpayment in full without interest. The recipient shall have 30 days after the date of notice to repay the full amount of the refund without interest. If the repayment is not made within 30 days after the date of notice, the person shall receive no credit for the period of employment covered by the refund and shall be required to buy back the refund at its actuarial cost if the member later decides that the member wants service credit for any portion of the period of employment covered by the refund.

11.7(5) *Interest charges.*

a. Overpayment not fraudulent. If the overpayment of benefits, other than an overpayment that results from a violation described in subrule 11.7(4), was not the result of wrongdoing, negligence, misrepresentation, or omission of the recipient, the recipient is liable to pay interest charges at the rate of 5 percent, or the rate IPERS determines, on the outstanding balance, beginning 30 days after the date of notice of the overpayment(s) is provided by IPERS.

b. Overpayments as the result of fraud. If the overpayment of benefits, other than an overpayment that results from a violation described in subrule 11.7(4), was the result of wrongdoing, negligence, misrepresentation, or omission of the recipient, the recipient is liable to pay interest charges at the rate of 5 percent on the outstanding balance, beginning on the date of the overpayment(s).

c. Overpayments that result in a judgment. In addition to other remedies, IPERS may file a civil action to recover overpayments, and the interest rate may be set by the court.

11.7(6) *Recovery of overpayment from a deceased recipient.* If a recipient dies prior to the full repayment of an erroneous overpayment of benefits, IPERS shall be entitled to apply to the estate of the deceased to recover the remaining balance.

11.7(7) *Offsets against amounts payable.* IPERS may, in addition to other remedies and after notice to the recipient, request an offset against amounts owing to the recipient by the state according to the offset procedures pursuant to Iowa Code sections 8A.504 and 421.17.

11.7(8) *Rights of appeal.* A recipient who is notified of an overpayment and required to make repayments under this rule may appeal IPERS' determination in writing to the chief executive officer.

The written request must explain the basis of the appeal and must be received by IPERS' office within 30 days of overpayment notice pursuant to 495—Chapter 26.

11.7(9) Release of overpayment. IPERS may release a recipient from liability to repay an overpayment, in whole or in part, if IPERS determines that the receipt of overpayment is not the fault of the recipient, and that it would be contrary to equity and good conscience to collect the overpayment. No release of an individual recipient's obligation to repay an overpayment shall stand as precedent for release of another recipient's obligation to repay an overpayment.

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CHAPTER 12
CALCULATION OF MONTHLY RETIREMENT BENEFITS
[Prior to 11/24/04, see 581—Ch 21]

495—12.1(97B) General.

12.1(1) *Formula benefit versus money purchase benefit.* If a member is vested by complete years of service credit in IPERS, a monthly payment allowance will be paid in accordance with the formulas set forth in Iowa Code sections 97B.49A through 97B.49I, the applicable paragraphs of this chapter, and the option the member elects pursuant to Iowa Code section 97B.51(1). IPERS shall determine on the applicable forms which designated fractions of a member's monthly retirement allowance payable to contingent annuitants shall be provided as options under Iowa Code section 97B.51(1). Any option elected by a member under Iowa Code section 97B.51(1) must comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code that apply to governmental pension plans, including but not limited to Internal Revenue Code Section 401(a)(9). If a member does not have four complete years of service credit, the benefit receivable will be computed on a money purchase basis, with reference to annuity tables used by IPERS in accordance with the member's age and option choice.

12.1(2) *Reduction for early retirement.*

a. Effective July 1, 1988, through December 31, 2000, a member's benefit formula will be reduced by .25 percent for each month the member's retirement precedes the normal retirement date, as defined in Iowa Code section 97B.45 excluding section 97B.45(4). The following are situations in which a member is considered to be taking early retirement:

(1) If a member has not attained the age of 65 in the member's first month of entitlement and has less than 20 years of service; or

(2) If a member has not attained the age of 62 in the month of the member's retirement and has 20 years of service.

b. Effective July 1, 1997, a member shall be eligible to receive monthly retirement benefits with no age reduction effective the first of the month in which the member's age on the last birthday and the member's years of service equal or exceed 88, provided that the member is at least the age of 55.

c. Effective July 1, 1991, a member qualifying for early retirement due to disability under Iowa Code section 97B.50 shall not be subject to a reduction in benefits due to age.

d. If a member retires with at least 20 years of service but has not attained the age of 62, the age reduction shall be calculated by deducting .25 percent per month for each month that the first month of entitlement precedes the month in which the member attains the age of 62. If a member retires with less than 20 years of service, the age reduction shall be calculated by deducting .25 percent per month for each month that the first month of entitlement precedes the month in which the member attains the age of 65.

e. Effective January 1, 2001, the age reduction shall be calculated by deducting .25 percent per month for each month that the first month of entitlement precedes the earliest possible normal retirement date for that member based on the age and years of service at the member's actual retirement.

f. For the portion of the member's retirement allowance based on service through June 30, 2012, the early retirement reduction shall be calculated as provided in paragraphs 12.1(2)"a" through "e." For the portion of the retirement allowance based on years of service beginning July 1, 2012, and later, the member's early retirement reduction shall be one-half of one percent for each month that the early retirement precedes the date the member attains age 65.

12.1(3) *Early retirement date.* A member's early retirement date shall be the first day of the month of the fifty-fifth birthday or any following month before the normal retirement date, provided that date is after the member's termination date.

12.1(4) *Members employed before January 1, 1976, and retiring after January 1, 1976.* Members employed before January 1, 1976, and retiring after January 1, 1976, with four or more complete years of membership service shall be eligible to receive the larger of a monthly formula benefit equal to the member's total covered wages multiplied by one-twelfth of one and fifty-seven hundredths percent,

multiplied by the percentage calculated in subrule 12.1(2), if applicable, or a benefit as calculated in subrule 12.1(6).

12.1(5) *Members employed before January 1, 1976, who qualified for prior service credit.* Members employed before January 1, 1976, who qualified for prior service credit shall be eligible to receive a monthly formula benefit of eight-tenths of one percent multiplied by each year of prior service multiplied by the monthly rate of the member's total remuneration during the 12 consecutive months of prior service for which the total remuneration was the highest, disregarding any monthly rate amount in excess of \$250, plus three-tenths of one percent of the monthly rate amount not in excess of \$250 for each year in which accrued liability for benefit payments created by the abolished system is funded.

12.1(6) *Benefit formulas for members retiring on or after July 1, 1994.*

a. For each active member retiring on or after July 1, 1994, with four or more complete years of service, the monthly benefit will be equal to one-twelfth of an amount equal to 60 percent of the three-year average covered wage multiplied by a fraction of years of service.

b. For all active and inactive vested members, the monthly retirement allowance shall be determined on the basis of the formula in effect on the date of the member's retirement. If the member takes early retirement, the benefit shall be adjusted as provided in subrule 12.1(2).

c. Effective July 1, 1996, through June 30, 1998, in addition to the 60 percent multiplier identified above, members who retire with years of service in excess of their "applicable years" shall have the percentage multiplier increased by 1 percent for each year in excess of their "applicable years," not to exceed an increase of 5 percent. For regular members, "applicable years" means 30 years; for protection occupation members, "applicable years" means 25 years; for sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, and airport firefighters, "applicable years" means 22 years.

d. Effective July 1, 1998, sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, and airport firefighters who retire with years of service in excess of their applicable years shall have their percentage multiplier increased by 1.5 percent for each year in excess of their applicable years, not to exceed an increase of 12 percent.

e. Effective July 1, 2000, the "applicable years" and increases in the percentage multiplier for years in excess of the applicable years for protection occupation members shall be determined under Iowa Code section 97B.49B(1), as set forth in paragraph "f" below.

f. For special service members covered under Iowa Code section 97B.49B, the applicable percentage and applicable years for members retiring on or after July 1, 2000, shall be determined as follows:

(1) For each member retiring on or after July 1, 2000, and before July 1, 2001, 60 percent plus, if applicable, an additional .25 percent for each additional quarter of eligible service beyond 24 years of service (the "applicable years"), not to exceed 6 additional percentage points;

(2) For each member retiring on or after July 1, 2001, and before July 1, 2002, 60 percent plus, if applicable, .25 percent for each additional quarter of eligible service beyond 23 years of service (the "applicable years"), not to exceed a total of 7 additional percentage points;

(3) For each member retiring on or after July 1, 2002, and before July 1, 2003, 60 percent plus, if applicable, .25 percent for each additional quarter of eligible service beyond 22 years of service (the "applicable years"), not to exceed a total of 8 additional percentage points;

(4) For each member retiring on or after July 1, 2003, 60 percent plus, if applicable, an additional .375 percent for each additional quarter of eligible service beyond 22 years of service (the "applicable years"), not to exceed a total of 12 additional percentage points.

(5) Regular service does not count as "eligible service" in determining a special service member's applicable percentage.

12.1(7) *Average covered wages.*

a. "Three-year average covered wage" means a member's covered calendar year wages averaged for the highest three years of the member's service. However, if a member's final quarter of a year of employment does not occur at the end of a calendar year, IPERS may determine the wages for the third year by computing the final quarter or quarters of wages to complete the year. The computed year wages shall not exceed the maximum covered wage in effect for that calendar year. Furthermore, for members whose first month of entitlement is January of 1999 or later, the computed year shall not exceed

the member's highest actual calendar year of covered wages by more than 3 percent. Effective July 1, 2007, a member's high three-year average wage shall be the greater of (1) the member's high three-year average covered wage based on covered wages reported through June 30, 2007; or (2) the member's high three-year average covered wage after application of the antispiking control as described in paragraph "c" below.

For members whose first month of entitlement is January 1995 or later, a full third year will be created when the final quarter or quarters reported are combined with a computed average quarter to complete the last year. The value of this average quarter will be computed by selecting the highest covered wage year not used in the computation of the three high years and dividing the covered salary by four quarters. This value will be combined with the final quarter or quarters to complete a full calendar year. If the member's final quarter of wages will reduce the three-year average covered wage, it can be dropped from the computation. However, if the covered wages for that quarter are dropped, the service credit for that quarter will be forfeited as well. If the final quarter is the first quarter of a calendar year, those wages must be used in order to give the member a computed year. The three-year average covered wage cannot exceed the highest maximum covered wages in effect during the member's service.

If the three-year average covered wage of a member who retires on or after January 1, 1997, and before January 1, 2002, exceeds the limits set forth in paragraph "b" below, the longer period specified in paragraph "b" shall be substituted for the three-year averaging period described above. No quarters from the longer averaging period described in paragraph "b" shall be combined with the final quarter or quarters to complete the last year.

b. For the persons retiring during the period beginning January 1, 1997, and ending December 31, 2001, the three-year average covered wage shall be computed as follows:

(1) For a member who retires during the calendar year beginning January 1, 1997, and whose three-year average covered wage at the time of retirement exceeds \$48,000, the member's covered wages averaged for the highest four years of the member's service or \$48,000, whichever is greater.

(2) For a member who retires during the calendar year beginning January 1, 1998, and whose three-year average covered wage at the time of retirement exceeds \$52,000, the member's covered wages averaged for the highest five years of the member's service or \$52,000, whichever is greater.

(3) For a member who retires during the calendar year beginning January 1, 1999, and whose three-year average covered wage at the time of retirement exceeds \$55,000, the member's covered wages averaged for the highest six years of the member's service or \$55,000, whichever is greater.

(4) For a member who retires on or after January 1, 2000, but before January 1, 2001, and whose three-year average covered wage at the time of retirement exceeds \$65,000, the member's covered wages averaged for the highest six years of the member's service or \$65,000, whichever is greater. For the calendar year beginning January 1, 2001, the six-year wage averaging trigger shall be increased to \$75,000.

(5) Effective January 1, 2002, the computation of average covered wages shall be as provided in paragraph 12.1(7)"a."

For purposes of paragraph 12.1(7)"b," the highest years of the member's service shall be determined using calendar years and may be determined using one computed year. The computed year shall be calculated in the manner and subject to the restrictions provided in paragraph 12.1(7)"a."

c. Antispiking limit on the growth of a member's high three-year average.

(1) Selection of the control year shall give highest priority to calendar years of wages in which there are four quarters of service credit for wages on file not used in the high three-year average wage calculation. For example, if the member receives \$20,000 of wages for a calendar year with four quarters of service credit for wages, and the member also has received \$30,000 of wages for a calendar year with three quarters of service credit for wages, the control year selection process shall give preference to the calendar year with \$20,000 of reported wages.

(2) If there is a calendar year of covered wages outside the high three-year average wage calculation that has four quarters, but the covered wages for that year are less than the covered wages for the fourth highest calendar year of covered wages, and that fourth highest calendar year of covered wages does not have four quarters of service credit for wages, the control year will be the lowest of the high three calendar

years of wages with service credits for wages in all four quarters being used in the high three-year average wage calculation.

- (3) “Service credit for wages” means service credit recorded for:
1. Quarters in which the member receives covered wages from covered employment.
 2. Quarters in which the member is credited with covered wages due to a military leave.
 3. Quarters in which the member would have had covered wages but for the application of the IRS covered wage limitations.
 4. Quarters in which an employee of a nine-month institution receives service credit for a qualifying leave of absence under 495—subrule 7.1(2).
 5. Quarters in which a legislator, legislative employee, or elected official receives service credit for employment.

(4) If none of the calendar years of wages that fall outside of the high three-year average wage calculation have service credit for wages reported in all four quarters, the control year will then be the lowest of the high three calendar years of wages with service credit for wages in all four quarters being used in the high three-year average wage calculation.

(5) If none of the wage years used in the high three-year average wage calculation have service credits for wages reported in all four quarters, the control year will then revert to the highest calendar year of wages not included in the high three-year average wage calculation, regardless of whether there are fewer than four quarters with service credits for wages on file.

(6) For high three-year average wage calculations that utilize the computed year, the control year may be the calendar year from which the “average quarters” used in the computed year are drawn. However, the control year cannot be the computed year, as the computed year will never be a calendar year with service credit for wages in all four quarters.

d. Effective July 1, 2012, a nonvested member’s average covered wage shall be the member’s five-year average covered wage calculated as provided in Iowa Code section 97B.1A(10A)“*a.*”

e. Effective July 1, 2012, for members vested as of June 30, 2012, the member’s average covered wage shall be the greater of the member’s three-year average covered wage calculated as provided under paragraphs 12.1(7)“*a.*” through “*c.*” or the member’s five-year average covered wage calculated as provided in Iowa Code section 97B.1A(10A)“*a.*”

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495—12.2(97B) Initial benefit determination.

12.2(1) The initial monthly benefit for the retired member will be calculated utilizing the wages that have been reported as of the member’s retirement and subject to the requirements of subrule 12.1(7). When the final quarter(s) of wages is reported for the retired member, a recalculation of benefits will be performed by IPERS to redetermine the member’s benefit amount. In cases where the recalculation determines that the benefit will be changed, the adjustment in benefits will be made retroactive to the first month of entitlement. The wages for the “computed year” shall not exceed the highest covered wage ceiling in effect during the member’s period of employment.

12.2(2) In cases where the member’s final quarter’s wages have been reported to IPERS prior to retirement, the original benefit will be calculated utilizing all available wages.

12.2(3) The Option 1 death benefit amount cannot exceed the member’s investment and cannot lower the member’s benefit below the minimum distribution required by federal law.

495—12.3(97B) Minimum benefits. Effective January 1, 1997, those members and beneficiaries of members who retired prior to July 1, 1990, and who upon retirement had years of service equal to or greater than 10, will receive a minimum benefit as follows.

12.3(1) The minimum benefit is \$200 per month for those members with 10 years of service who retired under Option 2. The minimum shall increase by \$10 per year or \$2.50 per each additional quarter of service to a maximum benefit of \$400 per month for members with 30 years of service. No increase is payable for years in excess of 30. The minimum benefit will be adjusted by a percentage that reflects option choices other than Option 2, and a percentage that reflects any applicable early retirement penalty.

12.3(2) In determining minimum benefits under this rule, IPERS shall use only the years of service the member had at first month of entitlement (FME). Reemployment periods and service purchases completed after FME shall not be used to determine eligibility.

12.3(3) The adjusted minimum benefit amount shall be determined using the option and early retirement adjustment factors set forth below.

a. The option adjustment factor is determined as follows:

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| Option 1 | .94 |
| Option 2 | 1.00 |
| Option 3 | 1.00 |
| Option 4 (100%) | .87 |
| Option 4 (50%) | .93 |
| Option 4 (25%) | .97 |
| Option 5 | .97 |

b. The early retirement adjustment factor is determined as follows:

(1) There is no early retirement adjustment if the member's age at first month of entitlement equals or exceeds 65, or if the member's age at first month of entitlement is at least 62 and the member had 30 or more years of service.

(2) The early retirement adjustment for a member having 30 years of service whose first month of entitlement occurred before the member attained age 62 is .25 percent per month for each month the first month of entitlement precedes the member's sixty-second birthday.

(3) The early retirement adjustment for a member having less than 30 years of service whose first month of entitlement occurred before the member attained age 65 is .25 percent per month for each month the first month of entitlement precedes the member's sixty-fifth birthday.

(4) IPERS shall calculate the early retirement adjustment factor to be used in subrule 12.3(4) as follows:

$$100\% - \text{early retirement adjustment percentage} = \text{early retirement adjustment factor}$$

(5) The early retirement adjustment shall not be applied to situations in which the member's retirement was due to a disability that qualifies under Iowa Code section 97B.50 or 97B.50(2).

12.3(4) IPERS shall use the following formula to calculate the adjusted minimum benefit:

$$\text{unadjusted minimum benefit} \times \text{option adjustment factor} \times \text{early retirement adjustment factor} = \text{adjusted minimum benefit}$$

12.3(5) IPERS shall compare the member's current benefit to the adjusted benefit determined as provided in subrules 12.3(3) and 12.3(4). If the member's current benefit is greater than or equal to the adjusted minimum benefit, no change shall be made. Otherwise, the member shall receive the adjusted minimum benefit.

12.3(6) Effective January 1, 1999, the monthly allowance of certain retired members and their beneficiaries, including those whose monthly allowance was increased by the operation of subrules 12.3(3) to 12.3(5), shall be increased. If the member retired from the system before July 1, 1986, the monthly allowance currently being received by the member or the member's beneficiary shall be increased by 15 percent. If the member retired from the system on or after July 1, 1986, and before July 1, 1990, the monthly allowance currently being received by the member or the member's beneficiary shall be increased by 7 percent.

495—12.4(97B) Hybrid formula for members with more than one type of service credit.

12.4(1) Eligibility. Effective July 1, 1996, members having both regular and special service (as defined in Iowa Code section 97B.1A(22)) shall receive the greater of the benefit amount calculated under this subrule or the benefit amount calculated under the applicable nonhybrid benefit formula.

a. Members who are vested by service as defined in Iowa Code section 97B.1A(25) “*d*” may utilize the hybrid formula.

b. The following classes of members are not eligible for the hybrid formula:

- (1) Members who have only regular service credit.
- (2) Members who have 22 years of special service credit.
- (3) Members who have 30 years of regular service.
- (4) Members who are not vested by service as defined in Iowa Code section 97B.1A(25) “*d*.”

12.4(2) Assumptions. IPERS shall utilize the following assumptions in calculating benefits under this rule.

a. The member’s average covered wage shall be determined in the same manner as it is determined for the nonhybrid formula.

b. Increases in the benefit formula under this rule shall be determined as provided under Iowa Code section 97B.49D. The percentage multiplier shall only be increased for total years of service over 30.

c. Years of service shall be utilized as follows:

(1) Quarters which have two or more occupation class codes shall be credited as the class that has the highest reported wage for said quarter. A member shall not receive more than one quarter of credit for any calendar quarter, even though more than one type of service credit is recorded for that quarter.

(2) Quarters shall not be treated as special service quarters unless the applicable employer and employee contributions have been made.

12.4(3) Years of service fraction not to exceed one.

a. In no event shall a member’s years of service fraction under the hybrid formula exceed, in the aggregate, one.

b. If the years of service fraction does, in the aggregate, exceed one, the member’s quarters of service credit shall be reduced until the member’s years of service fraction equals, in the aggregate, one.

c. Service credit shall first be subtracted from the member’s regular service credit and, if necessary, shall next be subtracted from the member’s special service credit.

12.4(4) Age reduction. The portion of the member’s benefit calculated under this rule that is based on the member’s regular service shall be subject to a reduction for early retirement. In calculating the age reduction to be applied to the portion of the member’s benefit based on the member’s regular service, the system shall use all quarters of service credit, including both regular and special service quarters.

12.4(5) Calculations. A member’s benefit under the hybrid formula shall be the sum of the following:

a. The applicable percentage multiplier divided by 22 times the years of special service credit times the member’s high three-year average covered wage, plus

b. The applicable percentage multiplier divided by 30 times the years of regular service credit (if any) times the member’s high three-year average covered wage minus the applicable wage reduction (if any).

If the sum of the percentages obtained exceeds the applicable percentage multiplier for that member, the percentage obtained above for each class of service shall be subject to reduction so that the total shall not exceed the member’s applicable percentage multiplier in the order specified in paragraph 12.4(3) “*c*” of this subrule.

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495—12.5(97B) Money purchase benefits.

12.5(1) For each member who is vested prior to July 1, 2012, and is retiring prior to July 1, 2012, with less than four complete years of service, a monthly annuity shall be determined by applying the total reserve as of the effective retirement date (plus any retirement dividends standing to the member’s

credit on December 31, 1966) to the annuity tables in use by the system according to the member's age (or member's and contingent annuitant's ages, if applicable). If the member's retirement occurs before January 1, 1995, IPERS' revised 6.5 percent tables shall be used. If the member's retirement occurs after December 31, 1994, IPERS' 6.75 percent tables shall be used.

12.5(2) For each vested member for whom the present value of future benefits under Option 2 is less than the member reserve as of the effective retirement date, a monthly annuity shall be determined by applying the member reserve to the annuity tables in use by the system according to the member's age (or member's and contingent annuitant's ages, if applicable). If the member's retirement occurs before January 1, 1995, IPERS' revised 6.5 percent tables shall be used. If the member's retirement occurs after December 31, 1994, IPERS' 6.75 percent tables shall be used.

12.5(3) For calculations under subrule 12.5(1), the term "total reserve" means the total of the member's investment and the employer's investment as of the effective retirement date, plus any retirement dividends standing to the member's credit as of December 31, 1966. For calculations under subrule 12.5(2), the term "member reserve" means the member's total investment, excluding all other amounts standing to the member's credit.

12.5(4) For calculations under subrule 12.5(1), Options 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 shall be calculated by dividing the member's total reserve by the applicable Option 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 annuity factor taken from the system's tables to determine the monthly amount. For calculations under subrule 12.5(2), Options 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 shall be calculated by dividing the member reserve by the applicable Option 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 annuity factor taken from the system's tables to determine the monthly amount.

12.5(5) For Option 1, the cost per \$1,000 of death benefit shall be determined according to the system's tables. That cost shall be subtracted from the Option 3 monthly amount to determine the Option 1 monthly benefit amount. The Option 1 death benefit amount shall be reduced as necessary so that the Option 1 monthly benefit amount is not less than one-half of the Option 2 monthly benefit amount.

12.5(6) If the member has prior service (service prior to July 4, 1953), the Option 2 benefit amount calculated under subrules 12.5(1) and 12.5(2) shall be calculated by determining the amount of the member's Option 2 benefit based on the member's prior service and the applicable plan formula, plus the amount of the member's Option 2 benefit based on the member's membership service as determined under this rule. The Option 2 benefit amount based on prior service shall be adjusted for early retirement.

12.5(7) For members retiring after June 30, 2012, the money purchase benefit calculated pursuant to this rule shall be provided to members who are not vested by service as defined in Iowa Code section 97B.1A(25) "d."

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495—12.6(97B) Recalculation for a member aged 70. A member remaining in covered employment after attaining the age of 70 years may receive a retirement allowance without terminating the covered employment. A member who is in covered employment, attains the age of 70 and begins receiving a retirement allowance must terminate all covered employment before the member's retirement allowance can be recalculated to take into account service after the member's original FME. The termination of employment must be a true severance lasting at least 30 days. The formula to be used in recalculating such a member's retirement allowance depends on the date of the member's FME and the member's termination date, as follows:

If the member is receiving a retirement allowance with an FME prior to July 1, 2000, and terminates covered employment on or after January 1, 2000, the member's retirement formula for recalculation purposes shall be the formula in effect at the time of the member's termination from covered employment or, if later, the date the member applies for a recalculation.

In all other cases, the recalculation for a member aged 70 who retires while actively employed shall use the retirement formula in effect at the time of the member's FME.

Payments under this rule shall begin no earlier than the month following the month of termination, upon IPERS' receipt of a member's application for recalculation.

A member receiving a recalculation under this rule after June 30, 2012, will have the member's average covered wage calculated as follows. IPERS will calculate the average high three covered wage

as of June 30, 2012. IPERS will next calculate the average high five covered wage at the time of the member's termination from covered employment or, if later, the date the member applies for a recalculation. IPERS will determine the benefit amount based on the calculation that produces the greatest benefit to the member.

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495—12.7(97B) Level payment choice for special service members. A level payment choice is created effective July 1, 2002. IPERS shall implement the level payment choice by preparing factors to convert nonhybrid IPERS Options 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 to the level payment choice. The new benefit feature applies solely to special service members, and any reference to members in this rule shall only apply to special service members.

12.7(1) Conversion rights window. A special service member who qualifies for a July 2002 or later first month of entitlement (FME) may elect to retire under the regular IPERS Option 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5, and later have the member's option converted to the level payment choice. Retroactive adjustments in monthly amounts and death benefits, without interest, shall be provided.

In order to qualify for the conversion and retroactive payments, the member must request the level payment choice in writing no later than six months after the member's first monthly payment. If the member is married, the member's spouse must also consent to the requested change. Election of conversion to the level payment choice shall be irrevocable upon receipt of the first payment under the level payment choice.

A member who has retired under Iowa Code section 97B.49D or under IPERS Option 6 on or after July 1, 2002, and who wishes to receive benefits under this rule may revoke the member's initial election and choose IPERS Option 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 to be paid as a level payment choice. The conversion to the level payment choice under this subrule is mandatory and irrevocable.

The conversion rights granted in this subrule shall not apply to members whose FME is January 2003 and later. Those members must select the level payment choice at the time they submit an IPERS retirement application.

12.7(2) Member's social security retirement amount. Calculations of a member's level payment choice shall be based on the member's social security retirement amount at age 62 as verified by Social Security Administration statements provided by the member. No adjustments shall be made if subsequent social security statements indicate an increase in the age 62 social security retirement amount. Verification of the social security benefits shall not precede the member's first month of entitlement by more than 12 months.

12.7(3) Death benefit assumptions. In preparing level payment choice factors, IPERS shall assume:

a. For IPERS Options 1 and 2, death benefits under those options shall not be reduced as a result of a member's attaining the age of 62 and having the member's monthly allowance reduced under this rule.

b. For IPERS Options 4 and 5, IPERS shall assume that the contingent annuitant's or beneficiary's monthly payments and death benefits, if any, prior to the date the member attains, or would have attained, age 62 shall be based on the amount that was payable to the member for periods before the member attains, or would have attained, age 62. Beginning with the month that the member attains, or would have attained, age 62, a contingent annuitant's or beneficiary's monthly payments and death benefits, except death benefits under IPERS Options 1 and 2, shall be based on the reduced amount that would have been payable to the member in the month after the month that the member attained age 62.

12.7(4) Favorable experience dividends. An eligible member's or beneficiary's favorable experience dividend, if any, shall be based on the member's or beneficiary's level payment choice monthly amount as of the preceding December 31.

12.7(5) Prohibitions. The following special service members shall be prohibited from receiving benefits under this rule:

- a.* Those who retire under Iowa Code section 97B.49D.
- b.* Those who retire under Option 6.

c. Those who request a level payment amount that reflects less than a full offset for the social security retirement amount at age 62.

d. Those reemployed in covered employment and subsequently retiring, for the period of reemployment. A member who has elected the level payment choice shall have retirement benefits calculated solely for the period of reemployment, except for vesting credit.

12.7(6) *Limit on reductions.* For a member who has substantial noncovered employment, the application of the level payment choice factors shall not reduce the monthly amount payable to a member at age 62 to less than 50 percent of the monthly amount that would have been payable under IPERS Option 2. Accordingly, payments before age 62 to such members shall be reduced in the same manner, with the corresponding adjustments made to death benefits.

12.7(7) *Commencement of level payment option reduction.* The monthly benefit of a member who selects the level payment option shall be reduced beginning with the month after the member reaches age 62.

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495—12.8(97B) Reemployment of retired members.

12.8(1) Effective July 1, 1998, the monthly benefit payments for a member under the age of 65 who has a bona fide retirement and is then reemployed in covered employment shall be reduced by 50 cents for each dollar the member earns in excess of the annual limit. Effective July 1, 2002, this reduction is not required until the member earns the amount of remuneration permitted for a calendar year for a person under the age of 65 before a reduction in federal social security retirement benefits is required, or earns \$30,000, whichever is greater. The foregoing reduction shall apply only to IPERS benefits payable for the applicable year that the member has reemployment earnings and after the earnings limit has been reached. Said reductions shall be applied as provided in subrule 12.8(2).

Effective January 1, 1991, this earnings limitation does not apply to covered employment as an elected official. A member aged 65 or older who has completed at least four full calendar months of bona fide retirement and is later reemployed in covered employment shall not be subject to any wage-earning disqualification.

12.8(2) Beginning on or after July 1, 1996, the retirement allowance of a member subject to reduction pursuant to subrule 12.8(1) shall be reduced as follows:

a. A member's monthly retirement allowance in the following calendar year shall be reduced by the excess benefit paid in the preceding year after the excess benefit payment amount has been determined.

b. Employers shall be required to complete IPERS wage reporting forms for reemployed individuals which shall reflect the prior year's wage payments on a month-to-month basis. These reports shall be used by IPERS to determine the amount which must be recovered to offset overpayments in the prior calendar year due to reemployment wages.

c. The member's overpayment shall be collected as follows:

(1) If the overpayment can be repaid by deducting up to 30 percent of each net monthly payment in three installments or less, IPERS shall adjust the member's monthly benefit accordingly. If the adjustment cannot be repaid in three payments, a repayment agreement must be signed by the member and IPERS; or

(2) A member may elect to make repayments of the overpayment amounts out of pocket in lieu of having the member's monthly benefit reduced. An out-of-pocket repayment may be made in one check or in installments. However, an election to make repayment in installments must be accompanied by a repayment agreement signed by the member and IPERS.

(3) If a member dies and the full amount of overpayment determined under this subrule has not been repaid, the remaining amounts shall be deducted from the payments to be made, if any, to the member's designated beneficiary or contingent annuitant. If the member has selected an option under which there are no remaining amounts to be paid, or the remaining amounts are insufficient, the unrecovered amounts shall be a charge on the member's estate.

(4) A member may elect in writing to have the member's monthly retirement allowance suspended in the month in which the member's remuneration exceeds the amount of remuneration permitted under this subrule in lieu of receiving a reduced retirement allowance under subparagraph (1). In order to become effective, the member's written election must be delivered to IPERS in person, by regular mail, E-mail, facsimile or by private carrier. Oral elections shall not be accepted. The member's election to suspend benefit payments in the month when the member's remuneration exceeds the amount of reimbursement permitted under this subrule shall remain in effect for all subsequent calendar years until revoked by the member in writing. If the member's written election is not received in time to avoid overpayment, the overpayment must be recovered, to the extent possible, from monthly amounts beginning in January of the next calendar year or under one of the alternate arrangements permitted under this rule. Effective July 1, 2007, remuneration shall include those amounts as described in 495—subrule 6.3(13).

12.8(3) A member who is reemployed in covered employment after retirement may, after again retiring from employment, request a recomputation of benefits. The member's retirement benefit shall be increased if possible by the addition of a second annuity, which is based on years of reemployment service, reemployment covered wages and the benefit formula in place at the time of the recomputation. A maximum of 30 years of service is creditable to an individual retired member. If a member's combined years of service exceed 30, a member's initial annuity may be reduced by a fraction of the years in excess of 30 divided by 30. The second retirement benefit will be treated as a separate annuity by IPERS. Any contributions that cannot be used in the recomputation of benefits shall be refunded to the employee and the employer.

Effective July 1, 1998, a member who is reemployed in covered employment after retirement may, after again terminating employment for at least one full calendar month, elect to receive a refund of the employee and employer contributions made during the period of reemployment in lieu of a second annuity. If a member requests a refund in lieu of a second annuity, the related service credit shall be forfeited.

Effective July 1, 2007, employer contributions described in 495—subrule 6.3(13) shall constitute "remuneration" for purposes of applying the reemployment earnings limit and determining reductions in the member's monthly benefits but shall not be considered covered wages for IPERS benefits calculations.

12.8(4) In recomputing a retired member's monthly benefit, IPERS shall use the following assumptions.

a. The member cannot change the option or beneficiary with respect to the reemployment period.
b. If the member would only qualify for a money purchase benefit under rule 495—12.5(97B) based solely on the period of reemployment, then the money purchase formula shall be used to compute the additional benefit amount due to the reemployment.

c. If the member would qualify for a non-money purchase retirement allowance based solely on the period of reemployment, the benefit formula in effect as of the first month of entitlement (FME) for the reemployment period shall be used. If the FME is July 1998 or later, and the member has more than 30 years of service, including both original and reemployment service, the percentage multiplier for the reemployment period only will be at the applicable percentage (up to 65 percent) for the total years of service.

d. If a period of reemployment would increase the monthly benefit a member is entitled to receive, the member may elect between the increase and a refund of the employee and employer contributions without regard to reemployment FME.

e. If a member previously elected IPERS Option 1, is eligible for an increase in the Option 1 monthly benefits, and elects to receive the increase in the member's monthly benefits, the member's Option 1 death benefit shall also be increased if the investment is at least \$1,000. The maximum amount of the increase shall be equal to the member's investment (reemployment contributions and interest). In determining the increase in Option 1 death benefits, IPERS shall round up to the nearest \$1,000. For example, if a member's investment for a period of reemployment is \$2,900, the maximum death benefit attributable to the reemployment shall be \$3,000 (\$2,900 rounded up to the nearest \$1,000). In

the example above, the member may choose a death benefit increase of \$1,000, or \$2,000, or \$3,000, but must choose at least the \$1,000 increase. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the member's investment for the period of reemployment is less than \$1,000, the benefit formula for a member who originally elected new IPERS Option 1 shall be calculated under IPERS Option 3.

f. A retired reemployed member whose reemployment FME precedes July 1998 shall not be eligible to receive the employer contributions made available to retired reemployed members under Iowa Code section 97B.48A(4) effective July 1, 1998.

g. A retired reemployed member who requests a return of the employee and employer contributions made during a period of reemployment cannot repay the distribution and have the service credit for the period of reemployment restored.

h. If a retired reemployed member selected IPERS Option 5 at retirement, and after the period of reemployment requests an increase in the member's monthly allowance, at death all remaining guaranteed payments with respect to both periods of employment shall be paid in a commuted lump sum.

i. If a retired reemployed member selected IPERS Option 2 (or old IPERS Option 1) at retirement, and after the period of reemployment requests an increase in the member's monthly allowance, at death the member's monthly payments following the increase shall be prorated between the member's two annuities to determine the amount of the member's remaining accumulated contributions that may be paid as a death benefit.

j. A retired reemployed member who has attained the age of 70 may take an actuarial equivalent (AE) payment. However, such a member must terminate covered employment for at least 30 days before taking an additional AE payment.

12.8(5) Mandatory distribution of active wages. If a retired reemployed member whose annual benefit would be increased by less than \$600 does not request a second annuity or a lump sum payment of reemployment accruals by the end of the fourth quarter after the last quarter in which the member had covered wages, IPERS shall proceed to pay the member the applicable lump sum amount. The member shall have 60 days after the postmark date of the mandatory payment to return the payment and restore the member's account.

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495—12.9(97B) Actuarial equivalent (AE) payments.

12.9(1) If a member aged 55 or older requests an estimate of benefits which results in a monthly benefit amount under Option 2 of less than \$50, the member shall receive, under Iowa Code section 97B.48(1), a lump sum actuarial equivalent (AE) payment in lieu of a monthly benefit. Once the AE payment has been paid to the member, the member shall not be entitled to any further benefits based on the contributions included in the AE payment and the employment period represented thereby. If the member later returns to covered employment, any future benefits the member accrues shall be based solely on the new employment period. If an estimate of benefits based on the new employment period again results in any one of the options having a monthly benefit amount of less than \$50, the member may again elect to receive an AE payment.

12.9(2) If a member, upon attaining the age of 70 or later, requests a retirement allowance without terminating employment and the member's monthly benefit amount under Option 2 is less than \$50, the member shall receive an AE payment based on the member's employment up to, but not including, the quarter in which the application is filed. When the member subsequently terminates covered employment, any benefits due to the member will be based only on the period of employment not used in computing the AE paid when the member first applied for a retirement allowance. If an estimate of benefits based on the later period of employment again results in a monthly benefit amount under Option 2 of less than \$50, the member shall receive another AE payment. However, a member who elects to receive an AE payment upon or after attaining age 70 without terminating employment may not elect to receive additional AE payments unless the member terminates all covered employment for at least one full calendar month.

12.9(3) An AE payment under this rule shall be equal to the sum of the member's and employer's accumulated contributions and the retirement dividends standing to the member's credit before December 31, 1966.

495—12.10(97B) Conforming rules for lump-sum payments. Effective January 1, 2007, IPERS may, notwithstanding certain provisions of Iowa Code section 97B.53B enacted in order to comply with prior rollover provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, utilize forms and procedures affording payees of lump-sum distributions with broader rollover rights as permitted under the applicable roll-over provisions of the Internal Revenue Code as amended subsequent to the enactment of Iowa Code section 97B.53B.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 97B.1A, 97B.1A(24), 97B.15, 97B.25, 97B.45, 97B.47 to 97B.48A, 97B.49A to 97B.49I, 97B.51, and 97B.53B.

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CHAPTER 13
DISABILITY FOR REGULAR AND SPECIAL SERVICE MEMBERS
[Prior to 11/24/04, see 581—Ch 21]

495—13.1(97B) Disability for persons retiring under Iowa Code section 97B.50(2).

13.1(1) For IPERS regular class members retiring because of a disability:

a. The member must be awarded federal social security benefits due to a disability which existed on or before the member's first month of entitlement.

b. Effective July 1, 1990, the member may also qualify for the IPERS disability provision by being awarded, and commencing to receive, disability benefits through the federal Railroad Retirement Act, 45 U.S.C. Section 231 et seq., due to a disability which existed at the time of retirement.

c. The period for which up to 36 months of retroactive payments under Iowa Code section 97B.50(2) shall be paid is for up to 36 months preceding the month in which such completed application for IPERS disability is received by IPERS. In no event shall retroactive disability benefits payments under Iowa Code section 97B.50(2) precede the month the member actually receives the member's first social security or railroad retirement disability payment. The member shall provide IPERS with a copy of the Social Security Administration or railroad retirement award letter showing dates of eligibility.

d. Continued qualification monitoring.

(1) For a member retiring due to a disability under Iowa Code section 97B.50(2), on or after January 1, 2009, the member shall provide IPERS with proof of continuing eligibility for federal social security disability benefits or railroad retirement disability benefits by June 30 of each calendar year, in order to continue qualification for IPERS disability benefits.

(2) For a member retiring due to a disability under Iowa Code section 97B.50A, the member shall provide IPERS complete copies of the member's state and federal income tax returns, including all supporting schedules, by June 30 of each calendar year, in order to continue qualification for IPERS disability benefits.

IPERS shall suspend the disability benefits of any member if the records required under these subparagraphs are not timely provided.

13.1(2) If a member returns to covered employment after achieving a bona fide retirement, the benefits being provided to the member under Iowa Code section 97B.50(2) "a" or "b" shall be suspended or reduced as follows. If the member has not attained the age of 55 upon reemployment, benefit payments shall be suspended in their entirety until the member subsequently terminates employment, applies for, and is approved to receive benefits under the provisions of Iowa Code chapter 97B. If the member has attained the age of 55 or older upon reemployment, the member shall continue to receive monthly benefits adjusted as follows. Monthly benefits shall be calculated under the same benefit option that was first selected, based on the member's age, years of service, and the applicable reductions for early retirement as of the month that the member returns to covered employment. The member's benefit shall also be subject to the applicable provisions of Iowa Code section 97B.48A pertaining to reemployed retired members.

13.1(3) Upon terminating a reemployment that resulted in the suspension of all or a portion of the member's disability retirement allowance, the member's benefits shall be recomputed under Iowa Code section 97B.48A and rule 495—12.8(97B). To requalify for a monthly retirement allowance under Iowa Code section 97B.50(2), the member must furnish a new or updated Social Security Administration disability award letter, or other acceptable documentation from the Social Security Administration, indicating that the member is currently eligible for social security disability benefits.

13.1(4) If a member whose IPERS disability benefits were suspended because of the member's return to covered employment provides proof acceptable to IPERS that the member remains eligible for federal social security disability benefits or railroad retirement disability benefits, IPERS shall reinstate the member's disability benefits, subject to the member's continued compliance with paragraph 13.1(1) "e." [ARC 1348C, IAB 2/19/14, effective 3/26/14]

495—13.2(97B) Disability claim process for special service members. Except as otherwise indicated, this rule shall apply only to disability claims initiated under Iowa Code section 97B.50A. Except as

otherwise indicated, disability claims under Iowa Code section 97B.50(2) shall be administered under rule 495—13.1(97B).

13.2(1) *Initiation of disability claim.* The disability claim process shall originate as an application to the system by the member. The application shall be forwarded to the system's designated retirement benefits officer. An application shall be sent upon request to members who qualify pursuant to Iowa Code section 97B.50A(13). The application consists of the following sections which must be completed and returned to the system's designated retirement benefits officer:

1. General applicant information.
2. Applicant's statement.
3. Employer's statement.
4. Member's assigned duties.
5. Disability/injury reports.
6. Medical information release.

13.2(2) *Preliminary processing.* Completed forms shall be returned to the disability retirement benefits officer. If the forms are not complete, they will be returned for completion. The application package shall contain copies of all relevant medical records and the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all relevant physicians. If medical records are not included, the designated retirement benefits officer shall have the authority to contact the listed physicians for copies of the files on the individual and shall request that any applicable files be sent to the medical board. In addition, IPERS may request workers' compensation records, social security records and such other official records as are deemed necessary. The application, including copies of the medical information, shall be forwarded to the medical board for review. All medical records that will be part of a member's permanent file shall be kept in locked locations separate from the member's other retirement records.

13.2(3) *Scheduling of appointments.* Upon receipt and forwarding of the application and sufficient medical records to the medical board, the disability retirement benefits officer shall establish an appointment for the applicant to be seen by the medical board in Iowa City. The member shall be notified by telephone and in writing of the appointment, and shall be given general instructions about where to go for the examinations. The appointment for the examinations shall be no later than 60 days after the completed application, including sufficient medical records, is provided. All examinations must be scheduled and completed on the same date. The member shall also be notified about the procedures to follow for reimbursement of travel expenses and lodging. Fees for physical examinations and medical records costs shall be paid directly by IPERS pursuant to its contractual arrangements with the medical providers required to implement Iowa Code section 97B.50A.

13.2(4) *Medical board examinations.* The medical board, consisting of three physicians from the University of Iowa occupational medicine clinic and other departments as required, shall examine the member and perform the relevant tests and examinations.

The medical board shall submit a letter of recommendation to the system, based on its findings and the job duties supplied in the member's application, whether or not the member is mentally or physically incapacitated from the further performance of the member's duties and whether or not the incapacity is likely to be permanent. "Permanent" means that the mental or physical incapacity is reasonably expected to last more than one year. The medical board's letter of recommendation shall include a recommended schedule for reexaminations to determine the continued existence of the disability in question.

IPERS shall not be liable for any diagnostic testing procedures performed in accordance with Iowa Code section 97B.50A and this rule which are alleged to have resulted in injury to the members being examined.

The medical board shall furnish its determination, test results, and supporting notes to the system no later than ten working days after the date of the examination. The medical board may use electronic signatures in fulfilling its reporting obligations under this rule.

The medical board shall not be required to have regular meetings, but shall be required to meet with IPERS' representatives at reasonable intervals to discuss the implementation of the program and performance review.

13.2(5) Member and employer comments. Upon receipt by the system, the medical board's determination regarding the existence or nonexistence of a permanent disability shall be distributed to the member and to the employer for review. The member and the employer may forward to the system written statements pertaining to the medical board's findings within ten days of transmittal. If relevant medical information not considered in materials previously forwarded to the medical board is contained within such written statements, the system shall submit such information to the medical board for review and comment.

13.2(6) Fast-track review. IPERS' disability retirement benefits officer may refer any case to IPERS' chief benefits officer (CBO) for fast-track review. The CBO or the CBO's designee may, based upon a review of the member's application and medical records, determine that the medical board be permitted to make its recommendations based solely upon a review of the application and medical records, without requiring the member to submit to additional medical examinations by, or coordinated through, the medical board.

13.2(7) Initial administrative determination. The medical board's letter of recommendation, test results, and supporting notes, and the member's file shall be forwarded to IPERS. Except as otherwise requested by IPERS, the medical board shall forward hospital discharge summary reports rather than the entire set of hospital records. The complete file shall be reviewed by the system's disability retirement benefits officer, who shall, in consultation with the system's legal counsel, make the initial disability determination. Written notification of the initial disability determination shall be sent to the member and the member's employer within 14 business days after a complete file has been returned to IPERS for the initial disability determination.

13.2(8) General benefits provisions. Effective July 1, 2000, if an initial disability determination is favorable, benefits shall begin as of the date of the initial disability determination or, if earlier, the member's last day on the payroll, but no more than six months of retroactive benefits are payable, subject to Iowa Code section 97B.50A(13). "Last day on the payroll" shall include any form of authorized leave time, whether paid or unpaid. If a member receives short-term disability benefits from the employer while awaiting a disability determination hereunder, disability benefits will accrue from the date the member's short-term disability payments are discontinued. If an initial favorable determination is appealed, the member shall continue to receive payments pending the outcome of the appeal.

Any member who is awarded disability benefits under Iowa Code section 97B.50A and this rule shall be eligible to elect any of the benefit options available under Iowa Code section 97B.51. All such options shall be the actuarial equivalent of the lifetime monthly benefit provided in Iowa Code section 97B.50A(2) and (3).

The disability benefits established under this subrule shall be eligible for the favorable experience dividends payable under Iowa Code section 97B.49F(2).

If the award of disability benefits is overturned upon appeal, the member may be required to repay the amount already received or, upon retirement, have payments suspended or reduced until the appropriate amount is recovered.

IPERS shall, at the member's written request, precertify a member's medical eligibility through the procedures set forth in subrules 13.2(3) and 13.2(4), provided that IPERS shall have full discretion to request additional medical information and to redetermine the member's medical eligibility if the member chooses not to apply for disability benefits at the time of the precertification. IPERS shall not pay for the costs of more than one such precertification per 12-month period.

13.2(9) In-service disability determinations. Subject to the presumptions contained in Iowa Code section 97B.50A in determining whether a member's mental or physical incapacity arises in the actual performance of duty, "duty" shall mean:

a. For special service members other than firefighters, any action that the member, in the member's capacity as a law enforcement officer:

(1) Is obligated or authorized by rule, regulation, condition of employment or service, or law to perform; or

(2) Performs in the course of controlling or reducing crime or enforcing the criminal law; or

b. For firefighters, any action that the member, in the member's capacity as a firefighter:

(1) Is obligated or authorized by rule, regulation, condition of employment or service, or law to perform; or

(2) Performs while on the scene of an emergency run (including false alarms) or on the way to or from the scene.

c. A presumption shall exist that a special service member contracted a disease while on active duty only if the disease is defined by Iowa Code section 97B.50A(2) “c” as amended by 2010 Iowa Acts, House File 2518, section 31. If a presumption exists, IPERS may, in making its determination as to whether a disability was incurred while the member was on active duty, go forward with evidence to rebut the presumption. IPERS can rebut the presumption when credible evidence exists to the contrary or when the requirements are met in Iowa Code section 97B.50A(2) “c” as amended by 2010 Iowa Acts, House File 2518, section 31. Under no circumstances shall the burden of proof shift from the special service member to IPERS.

13.2(10) Appeal rights. The member or the employer, or both, may appeal IPERS’ initial disability determination. Within 30 days after the notification of IPERS’ initial disability determination was mailed, the member shall submit to IPERS’ CEO or CEO’s designee a notice of appeal in writing setting forth:

a. The name, address, and social security number of the member or employee number of the employer;

b. A reference to the decision from which the appeal is being made;

c. The fact that an appeal from the decision is being made;

d. The grounds upon which the appeal is based;

e. Additional medical or other evidence to support the appeal; and

f. The request that a different decision be made by IPERS.

The system shall conduct an internal review of the initial disability determination, and the CEO or CEO’s designee shall notify in writing the party who filed the appeal of IPERS’ final disability determination with respect to the appeal. The CEO or CEO’s designee may appoint a review committee to make nonbinding recommendations on such appeals. The disability retirement benefits officer, if named to the review committee, shall not vote on any such recommendations, nor shall any members of IPERS’ legal staff participate in any capacity other than a nonvoting capacity. Further appeals shall follow the procedures set forth in 495—Chapter 26.

13.2(11) Notice of abuse of disability benefits. The system has the obligation and full authority to investigate allegations of abuse of disability benefits. The scope of the investigation to be conducted shall be determined by the system, and may include the ordering of a sub rosa investigation of a disability recipient to verify the facts relating to an alleged abuse. A sub rosa investigation shall only be considered upon receipt and evaluation of an acceptable notice of abuse. The notification must be in writing and include:

a. The informant’s name, address, telephone number, and relationship to the disability recipient; and

b. A statement pertaining to the circumstances that prompted the notification, such as activities which the informant believes are inconsistent with the alleged disability.

c. Anonymous calls shall not constitute acceptable notification.

IPERS may employ such investigators and other personnel, in IPERS’ sole discretion, as may be deemed necessary. IPERS may also, in its sole discretion, decline to carry out such investigations if more than five years have elapsed since the date of the disability determination.

13.2(12) Qualification for social security or railroad retirement disability benefits. Upon qualifying for social security or railroad retirement disability benefits, a special service member may contact the system to have the member’s disability benefits calculated under Iowa Code section 97B.50(2). The member and spouse must complete the designated application to stop having benefits calculated under Iowa Code section 97B.50A and to start having benefits calculated under Iowa Code section 97B.50(2). The decision is irrevocable, and must be made within 60 days after the member receives written notification of eligibility for disability benefits from social security or railroad retirement and has commenced receiving such payments.

13.2(13) Reemployment/income monitoring. A member who retires under Iowa Code section 97B.50A and this rule shall be required to supply a copy of a complete set of the member's state and federal income tax returns, including all supporting schedules, by June 30 of each calendar year. IPERS may suspend the benefits of any such member if such records are not timely provided.

Only wages and self-employment income shall be counted in determining a member's reemployment comparison amount, as adjusted for health care coverage for the member and member's dependents.

For purposes of calculating the income offsets required under Iowa Code section 97B.50A, IPERS shall convert any lump sum workers' compensation award, disability insurance payments, or similar lump sum awards for the same illnesses or injuries to an actuarial equivalent, as determined by IPERS. [ARC 8929B, IAB 7/14/10, effective 6/21/10; ARC 9068B, IAB 9/8/10, effective 10/13/10; ARC 0662C, IAB 4/3/13, effective 5/8/13]

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 97B.50 and 97B.50A.

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CHAPTER 14
DEATH BENEFITS AND BENEFICIARIES

[Prior to 11/24/04, see 581—Ch 21]

495—14.1(97B) Internal Revenue Code limitations. The death benefits payable under Iowa Code sections 97B.51 and 97B.52 shall not exceed the maximum amount possible under Internal Revenue Code Section 401(a)(9).

To ensure that the limit is not exceeded, a member's combined lump sum death benefit under Iowa Code sections 97B.52(1) and 97B.52(2) shall not exceed 100 times the Option 2 amount that would have been payable to the member at the member's earliest normal retirement age. If a beneficiary of a special service member is eligible for an in-the-line-of-duty death benefit, any reduction required under this rule shall be taken first from a death benefit payable under Iowa Code section 97B.52(1). The "100 times" limit shall apply to active and inactive members. The death benefits payable under this chapter for a period of reemployment for a retired reemployed member who dies during the period of reemployment shall also be subject to the limits described in this rule.

The maximum claims period for IPERS lump sum death benefits shall not exceed the period required under Internal Revenue Code Section 401(a)(9), which may be less than five years for a member who dies after the member's required beginning date, unless the beneficiary is a spouse. The claims period for all cases in which the member's death occurs during the same calendar year in which a claim must be filed under this rule shall end April 1 of the year following the year of the member's death.

A member's beneficiary or heir may file a claim for previously forfeited death benefits. Interest, if any, for periods prior to the date of the claim will only be credited through the quarter that the death benefit was required to be forfeited by law. Interest for periods following the quarter of forfeiture will accrue beginning with the quarter that the claim for reinstatement is received by IPERS. For death benefits required to be forfeited in order to satisfy Section 401(a)(9) of the federal Internal Revenue Code, in no event will the forfeiture date precede January 1, 1988. IPERS shall not be liable for any excise taxes imposed by the Internal Revenue Service on reinstated death benefits.

Effective January 14, 2004, all claims for a previously forfeited death benefit shall be processed under the procedure set forth at rule 495—14.13(97B).

The system recognizes the validity of same gender marriages consummated in Iowa on or after April 27, 2009. The Iowa Supreme Court decision recognizing same gender marriages in Iowa specifically states that this recognition does not extend to same gender marriages of other states. The following special rules apply to same gender marriages in Iowa. IPERS shall administer marital property and support orders of same gender spouses married in Iowa on or after April 27, 2009, if the orders otherwise meet the system's minimum requirements for such orders.

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495—14.2(97B) Survival into first month of entitlement. When a member who has filed an application for retirement benefits and has survived into the first month of entitlement dies prior to the issuance of the first benefit check, IPERS will pay the death benefit allowed under the retirement option elected by the member in the application for retirement benefits.

495—14.3(97B) Designation of beneficiaries.

14.3(1) Designation of beneficiaries. To designate a beneficiary, the member must complete an IPERS designation of beneficiary form, which must be filed with IPERS. The designation of a beneficiary by a retiring member on the application for monthly benefits revokes all prior designation of beneficiary forms. IPERS may consider as valid a designation of beneficiary form filed with the member's employer prior to the death of the member, even if that form was not forwarded to IPERS prior to the member's death. If a retired member is reemployed in covered employment, the most recently filed beneficiary form shall govern the payment of all death benefits for all periods of employment. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, a reemployed IPERS Option 4 or 6 retired member may name someone other than the member's contingent annuitant as beneficiary, but only for lump sum death benefits accrued during the period of reemployment and only if the contingent

annuitant has died or has been divorced from the member before the period of reemployment unless a qualified domestic relations order (QDRO) directs otherwise. If a reemployed IPERS Option 4 or 6 retired member dies without filing a new beneficiary form, the death benefits accrued for the period of reemployment shall be paid to the member's contingent annuitant, unless the contingent annuitant has died or been divorced from the member. If the contingent annuitant has been divorced from the member, any portion of the lump sum death benefits awarded in a QDRO shall be paid to the contingent annuitant as alternate payee, and the remainder of the lump sum death benefits shall be paid to the member's estate or, if applicable, to the member's heirs if no estate is probated.

14.3(2) *Change of beneficiary.* The beneficiary may be changed by the member by filing a new designation of beneficiary form with IPERS. The latest dated designation of beneficiary form on file shall determine the identity of the beneficiary. Payment of a refund to a terminated member cancels the designation of beneficiary on file with IPERS.

495—14.4(97B) Applications for death benefits. Before death benefit payments can be made, application in writing must be submitted to IPERS with a copy of the member's death certificate, together with information establishing the claimant's right to payment. A named beneficiary must complete an IPERS application for death benefits based on the deceased member's account. If the claimant's claim is based on dissolution of marriage that revoked the IPERS beneficiary designation, the claim must be processed pursuant to rule 495—14.16(97B).

495—14.5(97B) Commuted lump sums.

14.5(1) *Designated beneficiary is an estate, trust, church, charity, or similar organization.* Where the designated beneficiary is an estate, trust, church, charity or similar organization, or is a person, such as a trustee, executor, or administrator who has been appointed to receive funds on behalf of such entities, payment of benefits shall be made in a lump sum only.

14.5(2) *Multiple beneficiaries.* Where multiple beneficiaries have been designated by the member, payment, including the payment of the remainder of a series of guaranteed annuity payments, shall be made in a lump sum only. The lump sum payment shall be paid to the multiple beneficiaries in equal shares.

14.5(3) *Guaranteed payments.* Where a member has selected Option 5 and dies before receiving all guaranteed payments, and the member's designated beneficiary also dies before all guaranteed payments are made, any remaining guaranteed payments shall be paid in a commuted lump sum.

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495—14.6(97B) Payment of the death benefit when no designation of beneficiary or an invalid designation of beneficiary form is on file. When no designation of beneficiary or an invalid designation of beneficiary form is on file with IPERS, payment shall be made in one of the following ways.

14.6(1) Where the estate is open, payment shall be made to the administrator or executor where said executor or administrator shall be duly appointed and serving under Iowa Code chapter 633 or 635.

14.6(2) Where no estate is probated or the estate is closed prior to the filing with IPERS of an application for death benefits, payment will be made to the surviving spouse. The following documents shall be presented as supporting evidence:

- a. Copy of the will, if any;
- b. Copy of any letters of appointment; and
- c. Copy of the court order closing the estate and discharging the executor or administrator.

14.6(3) Where no estate is probated or the estate is closed prior to the filing with IPERS of an application for death benefits and there is no surviving spouse, payment will be made to the heirs-at-law as determined by the intestacy laws of the state of Iowa.

14.6(4) Where a trustee has been named as designated beneficiary and is not willing to accept the death benefit or otherwise serve as trustee, IPERS may apply but is not required to apply to the applicable district court for an order to distribute the funds to the clerk of court on behalf of the beneficiaries of the member's trust. Upon the issuance of an order and the giving of such notice as the court prescribes,

IPERS may deposit the death benefit with the clerk of court for distribution. IPERS shall be discharged from all liability upon deposit with the clerk of court.

495—14.7(97B) Waiver of beneficiary rights. A named beneficiary of a deceased member may waive current and future rights to payments to which the beneficiary would have been entitled. The waiver of the rights shall occur prior to the receipt of a payment from IPERS to the beneficiary. The waiver of rights shall be binding and will be executed on a form provided by IPERS. The waiver of rights may be general, in which case payment shall be divided equally among all remaining designated beneficiaries or, if there are none, to the member's estate. The waiver of rights may also expressly be made in favor of one or more of the member's designated beneficiaries or the member's estate. If the waiver of rights operates in favor of the member's estate and no estate is probated or claim made, or if the executor or administrator expressly waives payment to the estate, payment shall be paid to the member's surviving spouse unless there is no surviving spouse or the surviving spouse has waived the surviving spouse's rights. In that case, payment shall be made to the member's heirs excluding any person who waived the right to payment. Any waiver filed by an executor, administrator, or other fiduciary must be accompanied by a release acceptable to IPERS indemnifying IPERS from all liability to beneficiaries, heirs, or other claimants for any waiver executed by an executor, administrator, or other fiduciary.

495—14.8(97B) Beneficiaries under the age of 18. Payment may be made to a conservator if the beneficiary is under the age of 18 and the total dollar amount to be paid by IPERS to a single beneficiary is \$25,000 or more. Payment may be made to a custodian if the total dollar amount to be paid by IPERS to a single beneficiary is less than \$25,000.

495—14.9(97B) Simultaneous deaths. IPERS will apply the provisions of the Uniform Simultaneous Death Act, Iowa Code sections 633.523 et seq., in determining the proper beneficiaries of death benefits in applicable cases.

495—14.10(97B) Felonious deaths. IPERS will apply the provisions of the Felonious Death Act, Iowa Code sections 633.535 et seq., in determining the proper beneficiaries of death benefits in applicable cases.

495—14.11(97B) No interest on postretirement death benefits. Interest is only accrued on a member's death benefit if the member dies before the member's first month of entitlement (FME) or, for a retired reemployed member, before the member's reemployment FME, and is only accrued with respect to the retired or retired reemployed member's accumulated contributions account.

495—14.12(97B) Preretirement death benefits.

14.12(1) Pre-January 1, 1999, deaths. Where the member dies prior to the first month of entitlement, the death benefit shall include the accumulated contributions of the member plus the product of an amount equal to the highest year of covered wages of the deceased member and the number of years of membership service divided by the "applicable denominator," as provided in Iowa Code section 97B.52(1). The amount payable shall not be less than the amount that would have been payable on the death of the member on June 30, 1984. The calculation of the highest year of covered wages shall use the highest calendar year of covered wages reported to IPERS.

14.12(2) Post-January 1, 1999, deaths—death benefits under Iowa Code section 97B.52(1).

a. Definitions.

"Accrued benefit" means the monthly amount that would have been payable to the deceased member under IPERS Option 2 at the member's earliest normal retirement age, based on the member's covered wages and service credits at the date of death. If a deceased member's wage record consists of a combination of regular and special service credits, the monthly amount that would have been payable to the deceased member under Option 2 at the member's earliest normal retirement age shall be determined separately for regular and special service credits, and then combined.

“Beneficiary(ies)” shall, unless the context indicates otherwise, refer to both window period beneficiaries and post-window period beneficiaries.

“Implementation date” means January 1, 2001.

“Nearest age” means a member’s or beneficiary’s age expressed in whole years, after rounding for partial years of age. Ages shall be rounded down to the nearest whole year if less than six complete months have passed following the month of the member’s or beneficiary’s last birthday, and shall be rounded up if six complete months or more have passed following the month of the member’s or beneficiary’s last birthday.

“Post-window period beneficiary” means a beneficiary of a member who dies before the member’s first month of entitlement and on or after January 1, 2001.

“Window period beneficiary” means a beneficiary of a member who dies before the member’s first month of entitlement during the period January 1, 1999, through December 31, 2000.

b. Any window period beneficiary or post-window period beneficiary may elect to receive the lump sum amount available under Iowa Code section 97B.52(1). Sole beneficiaries may elect, in lieu of the foregoing lump sum amount, to receive a single life annuity that is the actuarial equivalent of such lump sum amount.

A window period beneficiary must repay any prior preretirement death benefit received as follows:

(1) If a window period beneficiary wishes to receive the larger lump sum amount, if any, the system shall pay the difference between the prior death benefit lump sum amount and the new death benefit lump sum amount.

(2) If a sole window period beneficiary wishes to receive a single life annuity under Iowa Code section 97B.52(1), the sole window period beneficiary may either:

1. Annuitize the difference between the previously paid lump sum amount and the new larger lump sum amount, if any; or

2. Annuitize the full amount of the largest of the lump sum amounts available under the revised statute, but must repay the full amount of the previously paid lump sum amount.

(3) To the extent possible, repayment costs shall be recovered from retroactive monthly payments, if any, and the balance shall be offset against current and future monthly payments until the system is repaid in full.

c. A claim for a single life annuity under this subrule must be filed as follows:

(1) A sole window period beneficiary must file a claim for a single life annuity within 12 months of the implementation date.

(2) A sole post-window period beneficiary must file a claim for a single life annuity within 12 months of the member’s death.

(3) A beneficiary who is a surviving spouse must file a claim for a single life annuity within the period specified in subparagraph (1) or (2), as applicable, or by the date that the member would have attained the age of 70½, whichever period is longer.

d. Elections to receive the lump sum amount or single life annuity available under Iowa Code section 97B.52(1) and this subrule shall be irrevocable once the first payment is made. Election shall be irrevocable as of the date the first paycheck is issued, or would have been issued but for the fact that the payment is being offset against a prior preretirement death benefit payment.

e. No further benefits will be payable following the death of any beneficiary who qualifies and elects to receive the single life annuity provided under this subrule.

f. The provisions of this subrule shall not apply to members who die before January 1, 1999.

g. Procedures and assumptions to be used in calculating the lump sum present value of a member’s accrued benefit are as follows:

(1) IPERS shall calculate a member’s retirement benefit at earliest normal retirement age under IPERS Option 2, based on the member’s covered wages and service credits at the date of death, and the retirement benefit formula in effect in the month following the date of death.

(2) For purposes of determining the “member date of death annuity factor” under the conversion tables supplied by IPERS’ actuary, IPERS shall assume that “age” means the member’s nearest age at the member’s date of death.

(3) For purposes of determining the “member unreduced retirement annuity factor” under the conversion tables supplied by IPERS’ actuary, IPERS shall assume that “age” means the member’s nearest age at the member’s earliest normal retirement date. If a member had already attained the member’s earliest normal retirement date, IPERS shall assume that “age” means the member’s nearest age at the date of death.

h. Procedures and assumptions for converting the lump sum present value of a deceased member’s preretirement death benefit to a single life annuity are as follows:

(1) For purposes of determining the “age of beneficiary annuity factor” under the conversion tables supplied by IPERS’ actuary, IPERS shall assume that “age” means the beneficiary’s nearest age as of the beneficiary’s first month of entitlement.

(2) A beneficiary’s first month of entitlement is the month after the date of the member’s death.

(3) Effective for claims filed after June 30, 2004, no retroactive payments of the single life annuity shall be made under this subrule.

(4) Effective for claims filed after June 30, 2004, the beneficiary whose single life annuity is less than \$600 per year shall be able to receive only the lump sum payment under this rule.

i. Eligibility for favorable experience dividend (FED) payments. Any sole beneficiary who is eligible for and elects to receive a single life annuity under this subrule shall also qualify for the dividend payments authorized under rule 495—15.2(97B), subject to the requirements of that rule.

j. Retired reemployed members and aged 70 members who retire without terminating employment. Preretirement death benefits for retired reemployed members and aged 70 members who retire without terminating employment shall be calculated as follows:

(1) For beneficiaries of such members who elect IPERS Option 4 or 6 at retirement, IPERS shall recompute (for retired reemployed members) or recalculate/recompute (for aged 70 members who retired without terminating employment) the member’s monthly benefits as though the member had elected to terminate employment as of the date of death, to have the member’s benefits adjusted for postretirement wages, and then lived into the recomputation or recalculation/recomputation (as applicable) first month of entitlement.

(2) The recomputation provided under subparagraph (1) shall apply only to beneficiaries of members who elected IPERS Option 4 or 6, where the member’s monthly benefit would have been increased by the period of reemployment, and is subject to the limitations of Iowa Code sections 97B.48A, 97B.49A, 97B.49B, 97B.49C, 97B.49D, and 97B.49G. The recalculation/recomputations provided under subparagraph (1) shall apply only to beneficiaries of members who elected IPERS Option 4 or 6, where the member’s monthly benefit would have been increased by the period of employment after the initial retirement, and is subject to the limitations of Iowa Code sections 97B.49A, 97B.49B, 97B.49C, 97B.49D, and 97B.49G. In all other cases, including cases where members previously received a lump sum payment under Iowa Code section 97B.48(1) in lieu of a monthly retirement allowance, preretirement death benefits under this subparagraph shall be the lump sum amount equal to the accumulated employee and accumulated employer contributions.

(3) Beneficiaries of members who had elected IPERS Option 4 or 6 may also elect to receive the accumulated employer and accumulated employee contributions described in subparagraph 14.12(2) “j”(2), in lieu of the increased monthly annuity amount. Notwithstanding subparagraph (2) above, if the member elected IPERS Option 5 at retirement, the lump sum amount payable under this paragraph shall be the greater of the applicable commuted lump sum or the accumulated employee and accumulated employer contributions.

k. Inactive members with less than 16 quarters of service credit. For deaths occurring after June 30, 2004, preretirement death benefits shall be provided solely under Iowa Code section 97B.52(1) “a,” and shall only be payable in lump sum amounts for inactive members who have less than 16 quarters of service credit. For purposes of this paragraph, an inactive member is a member as defined under Iowa Code section 97B.1A(12).

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495—14.13(97B) Payment procedures for heirs that cannot be located.

14.13(1) Order of priority. If a death benefit cannot be paid because heirs cannot be located, IPERS will pay a death benefit to the member's heirs according to the following procedure.

a. Children. If there is no surviving spouse, but at least one child survives, the death benefit shall be divided equally among the member's children. If there are living and deceased children, the shares that would have been payable to deceased children shall be payable in equal shares to the surviving children of each such deceased child.

b. Grandchildren. If neither the spouse nor children survive, but at least one grandchild survives, the death benefit shall be divided equally among the member's grandchildren. If there are living and deceased grandchildren, the shares that would have been payable to any deceased grandchild shall be payable in equal shares to the surviving children of such deceased grandchild.

c. Parent(s). If there is no surviving spouse, child, or grandchild, but at least one parent survives, the death benefit shall be divided equally between the member's parents.

d. Siblings. If there is no surviving spouse, child, grandchild, or parent, but at least one sibling survives, the death benefit shall be divided equally among the member's siblings. If there are living and deceased siblings, the shares that would have been payable to any deceased sibling shall be payable in equal shares to the surviving children of such deceased siblings.

e. Nephew(s) and niece(s). If no one from the above-mentioned groups survives, but there is at least one surviving niece or nephew, the death benefit shall be divided equally among the member's surviving nieces and nephews.

f. Estate. If someone other than a member of one of the groups listed above claims the member's death benefit, an estate must be opened and the death benefit shall only be payable to the administrator of that estate.

14.13(2) Procedures for initial distribution for identified heirs. IPERS shall distribute the death benefit to the heirs making a claim for such benefit in descending order listed in 14.13(1) "a" to "f." A claimant shall be required to submit an affidavit suitable to IPERS that verifies the claimant's share or, to the best of the claimant's knowledge, that there are no other surviving persons from the claimant's group and that there are no living persons in any lower-numbered group that would have a higher priority claim to the death benefit. IPERS shall have no responsibility to determine or search out the member's heirs at law, nor shall IPERS incur any liability for relying on a claimant's affidavits in paying the death benefit hereunder.

14.13(3) Procedures for final distribution to heirs who have filed claims. If a claimant has identified other persons in the claimant's group who would be entitled to a share of the member's death benefit, but such persons have not filed a claim within five years after the member's death, or by the date required under IRC Section 401(a)(9) if earlier, the remainder of the member's death benefit shall be paid in pro-rata shares to the claimants who were previously paid a share of the death benefit. In order to comply with the applicable IRS limitations, the final payments under this subrule shall be made by December 31 of the fifth year that begins after the member's date of death, or by December 31 of the year that distribution is required under IRC Section 401(a)(9), if earlier. The sole recourse of any claimant who is a member of a group receiving payments hereunder or of any lower-numbered group that should have received all of such payments shall be against the claimants of the group that received death benefit payments.

495—14.14(97B) Procedures for deaths of certain voluntary emergency services personnel occurring in the line of duty. Effective July 1, 2006, for a member who dies while performing the functions of a voluntary emergency services provider as described under Iowa Code section 85.61 or 147A.1, benefits for deaths occurring in the line of duty shall be paid pursuant to Iowa Code section 100B.31.

495—14.15(97B) Rollovers by nonspouse beneficiaries. Effective January 1, 2007, nonspouse beneficiaries shall be permitted to request a direct rollover of such beneficiaries' death benefit payments to traditional IRA accounts established in accordance with Section 829 of the Pension Protection Act

of 2006 and IRS Notice 2007-7. IPERS shall determine the amount eligible for direct rollover under IRC Section 401(a)(9), if any, and the procedural requirements for requesting such rollovers. It shall be the beneficiaries' responsibility to determine that the recipient IRAs meet the structural and operational requirements of Section 829 and Notice 2007-7. IPERS shall bear no responsibility for rollovers to IRA accounts that fail to meet such requirements.

Effective January 1, 2008, IPERS will also allow rollovers under this rule to Roth IRA accounts established in accordance with the structural and operational requirements of Section 829 and Notice 2007-7.

495—14.16(97B) Required minimum distribution (RMD) basic calculation.

14.16(1) The RMD for a member who retired under an option with a lump sum death benefit and died after the member's required beginning date (RBD) is calculated as follows:

a. Step 1. Determine the number of payments remaining for the calendar year in which the member died. The current month's payment is not used in this calculation.

b. Step 2. Multiply the number of remaining payments determined in Step 1 by the gross amount of the member's last monthly payment to get the RMD amount. If the lump sum death benefit is less than the RMD, then the RMD is the lump sum death benefit amount.

c. Step 3. Determine the total non-RMD amount by subtracting the RMD as determined in Step 2 from the lump sum death benefit.

d. The eligible rollover amount is the total non-RMD amount as determined in Step 3.

14.16(2) In order to allocate nontaxable amounts between RMD and non-RMD, the calculation is performed as follows:

a. Nontaxable amounts are allocated first to the RMD portion of the lump sum death benefit.

b. If the nontaxable amounts are greater than the RMD amount, the remaining nontaxable amounts are allocated to the non-RMD portion of the lump sum amount.

c. If the nontaxable amounts are less than the RMD amount, the remaining portion of the RMD amount is composed of taxable amounts.

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495—14.17(97B) Beneficiary revocation pursuant to Iowa Code section 598.20B, dissolution of marriage. IPERS is not liable for the payment of death benefits to a beneficiary pursuant to a beneficiary designation that has been revoked or reinstated by a divorce, annulment, or remarriage before IPERS receives the written notice set forth in subrule 14.17(1). Furthermore, IPERS shall only be liable for payments made after receipt of such written notice if the written notice is received at least ten calendar days prior to the payment.

14.17(1) *Form of notice.* The written notice shall include the following information:

a. The name of the deceased member,

b. The name of the person(s) whose entitlement to IPERS death benefits is being challenged,

c. The name, address, and telephone number of the person(s) asserting an interest,

d. A statement that the decedent's divorce, annulment, or remarriage revoked the entitlement of the person(s) whose status is being challenged to the IPERS death benefits in question, and

e. A copy of the divorce decree upon which the claim is based.

In addition to the above information, if the person whose entitlement is being challenged is not the former spouse, the written notice must indicate that the person was related to the former spouse, but not the member, by blood, adoption or affinity, and state the nature of the relationship.

14.17(2) *Delivery of notice.* Written notice under this rule must be addressed to IPERS General Counsel and mailed to IPERS by registered mail or served upon IPERS in the same manner as a summons in a civil action.

14.17(3) *Administration.* Upon receipt of written notice that meets the requirements of subrules 14.17(1) and 14.17(2):

a. IPERS shall review the deceased member's account and determine if there are moneys left to be distributed from the account.

b. IPERS shall pay the amounts owed, if any, to the probate court having jurisdiction over the decedent's estate, if the deceased member has an open estate.

c. IPERS shall pay the amounts owed, if any, to the probate court that had or would have had jurisdiction over the decedent's estate, if the deceased member's estate is closed or an estate was not opened.

d. As IPERS makes applicable payments, a copy of the written notice received by IPERS shall be filed with the probate court.

If the probate court charges a filing fee for the deposit of amounts payable hereunder, IPERS shall deduct such filing fees and other court costs from the amounts payable prior to transfer. The probate court shall hold the funds and, upon its determination, shall order disbursement or transfer in accordance with the determination. Additional filing fees and court costs, if any, shall be charged upon disbursement either to the recipient or against the funds on deposit with the probate court, in the discretion of the court.

14.17(4) Release of claims. Payments made to a probate court under this rule shall discharge IPERS from all claims by all persons for the value of amounts paid the court.

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495—14.18(97B) Special rules for tax treatment of distributions to same gender spouse and same gender former spouse alternate payees. Rescinded ARC 1348C, IAB 2/19/14, effective 3/26/14.

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CHAPTER 16
DOMESTIC RELATIONS ORDERS AND OTHER ASSIGNMENTS

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495—16.1(97B) Garnishments and income withholding orders.

16.1(1) For the limited purposes of this rule, the term “member” includes IPERS members, beneficiaries, contingent annuitants and any other third-party payees to whom IPERS is paying a monthly benefit or a lump sum distribution.

16.1(2) A member’s right to any payment from IPERS is not transferable or assignable and is not subject to execution, levy, attachment, garnishment, or other legal process, including bankruptcy or insolvency law, except for the purpose of enforcing child, spousal, or medical support.

16.1(3) Only members receiving payment from IPERS, including monthly benefits and lump sum distributions, may be subject to garnishment, attachment, or execution against funds that are payable. Such garnishment, attachment, or execution is not valid and enforceable for members who have not applied for and have not been approved to receive funds from IPERS.

16.1(4) Upon receipt of an income withholding order issued by the Iowa department of human services or a court, IPERS shall send a copy of the withholding order to the member. If a garnishment has been issued by a court, the party pursuing the garnishment shall send a notice pursuant to Iowa law to the member against whom the garnishment is issued.

16.1(5) IPERS shall continue to withhold a portion of the member’s monthly benefit as specified in the initial withholding order until instructed by the court or the Iowa department of human services issuing the order to amend or cease payment. IPERS shall continue to withhold a portion of the member’s monthly benefit as specified in the garnishment until the garnishment expires or is released.

16.1(6) Funds withheld or garnished are taxable to the member. IPERS may assess a fee of \$2 per payment in accordance with Iowa Code section 252D.18A(2). The fee will be deducted from the gross amount, less federal and state income tax, before a distribution is divided.

16.1(7) A garnishment, attachment or execution may not be levied upon funds which are already the subject of a levy, including a levy placed upon funds by the United States Internal Revenue Service, unless the requirements of IRC Section 6334(a)(8) are met. Multiple garnishments, attachments and executions are allowed as long as the amount levied upon does not exceed the limitations prescribed in 15 U.S.C. Section 1673(b).

16.1(8) IPERS may release information relating to entitlement to funds to a court or to the Iowa department of human services prior to receipt of a valid garnishment, attachment, execution, or income withholding order when presented with a written request stating the information requested and reasons for the request. This request must be signed by a magistrate, judge, or child support recovery unit director or the director’s designee, including an attorney representing the Iowa department of human services. In addition, IPERS may release information to the Iowa department of human services through automated matches.

495—16.2(97B) Domestic relations orders. This rule shall apply only to marital property orders. All support orders shall continue to be administered under rule 495—16.1(97B).

16.2(1) Definitions.

“*Alternate payee*” means a spouse or former spouse, regardless of gender, of a member who is recognized by a domestic relations order as having a right to receive all or a portion of the benefits payable by IPERS with respect to such member.

“*Benefits*” means, for purposes of this rule and depending on the context, a refund, monthly allowance (including monthly allowance paid as an actuarial equivalent (AE)), or death benefit payable with respect to a member covered under IPERS. “Benefits” does not include dividends payable under Iowa Code section 97B.49 or other cost-of-living increases unless specifically provided for in a QDRO or an ADRO.

“*Domestic relations order*” means any judgment, decree, or order which relates to the provision of marital property rights to a spouse or former spouse, regardless of gender, of a member and is made pursuant to the domestic relations laws of a state.

“*Member*” means, for purposes of this rule, IPERS members, beneficiaries, and contingent annuitants.

“*Qualified domestic relations order*” or “*QDRO*” means a domestic relations order that divides the marital property of opposite gender spouses and assigns to an opposite gender alternate payee the right to receive all or a portion of the benefits payable with respect to a member under IPERS and meets the requirements of this rule.

“*Successor alternate payee*” means a nonspouse person or persons named in a domestic relations order to receive the amounts payable to the former spouse alternate payee under the QDRO if the alternate payee dies before the member. Successor alternate payees must be named individuals, not a class of individuals, a trust or an estate.

“*Trigger event*” means a distribution or series of distributions of benefits made with respect to a member.

16.2(2) Requirements.

a. Mandatory provisions. A domestic relations order is a QDRO if such order:

(1) Clearly specifies the member’s name and last-known mailing address, member identification number or social security number, and the names and last-known mailing addresses and social security numbers of alternate payees. This information shall be provided to IPERS on IPERS’ Confidential Information form;

(2) Clearly specifies a fixed dollar amount or a percentage, but not both, of the member’s benefits to be paid by IPERS to the alternate payee or the manner in which the fixed dollar amount or percentage is to be determined, provided that no such method shall require IPERS to perform present value calculations of the member’s accrued benefit;

(3) Clearly specifies the period to which such order applies;

(4) Clearly specifies that the order applies to IPERS;

(5) Clearly specifies that the order is for purposes of making a property division; and

(6) Is clearly signed by the judge and filed with the clerk of court. IPERS will consider an order duly signed if it carries an original signature, a stamp bearing the judge’s signature, electronic clerk of court stamp and judge’s signature page via the electronic data management system (EDMS), or is conformed in accordance with local court rules.

b. Prohibited provisions. A domestic relations order is not a QDRO if such order:

(1) Requires IPERS to provide any type or form of benefit or any option not otherwise provided under Iowa Code chapter 97B;

(2) Requires IPERS to provide increased benefits determined on the basis of actuarial value;

(3) Requires the payment of benefits to an alternate payee which are required to be paid to another alternate payee under another order previously determined by IPERS to be a QDRO;

(4) Requires any action by IPERS that is contrary to its governing statutes or plan provisions;

(5) Awards any future benefit increases that are provided by the legislature, except as provided in subparagraph 16.2(2)“c”(2); or

(6) Requires the payment of benefits to an alternate payee prior to a trigger event.

c. Permitted provisions. A QDRO may also:

(1) If a trigger event has not occurred as of the date the order is received by IPERS, name an alternate payee as a designated beneficiary or contingent annuitant or require the payment of benefits under a particular benefit option, or both;

(2) Specify that the alternate payee shall be entitled to a fixed dollar amount or percentage of dividend payments, or cost-of-living increase or any other postretirement benefit increase to the member (all known as dividend payments), as follows:

1. If the court order awards a fixed dollar amount of benefits to the alternate payee, the dollar amount of dividend payments to be added or method for determining the dollar amount shall be stated in the court order or an award of a share of dividend payments shall be given no effect; and

2. If the court order awards a specified percentage of benefits to the alternate payee, IPERS shall add dividends to the alternate payee's share of the retirement allowance as necessary to keep the alternate payee's share of payments at the percentage specified in the court order;

(3) Bar a vested member from requesting a refund of the member's accumulated contributions without the alternate payee's written consent. If a member applies for a refund, a consent form will be sent to the alternate payee at the address of record at IPERS. The completed consent form must be received by IPERS within 60 days. If returned undeliverable or no response is received, the alternate payee's refund amount will be payable to the member. If returned marked "no consent," the refund will not be payable to either the member or alternate payee;

(4) Allow benefits to be paid to an alternate payee based on a period of reemployment for a retired member; and

(5) Name a successor alternate payee to receive the amounts that would have been payable to the member's spouse or former spouse under the order, if the alternate payee dies before the member. The designation of a successor alternate payee in an order shall be void and be given no effect if IPERS does not receive confirmation of the successor's name, social security number, and last-known mailing address on IPERS' Confidential Information form. A QDRO that lists a series of default successor alternate payees by class or permits a successor alternate payee to designate additional successor alternate payees is not permitted and will be rejected. Once a QDRO is accepted by IPERS for administration, in order to change the designation of successor alternate payees, an amended order is required.

16.2(3) Administrative provisions.

a. IPERS uses the shared payment method for payments under a domestic relations order. IPERS will not create a separate account for the alternate payee or any successor alternate payee(s). Payment to the alternate payee (or successor alternate payee(s)) shall be in a lump sum if the member's benefits are paid in a lump sum distribution or as monthly payments if the member's benefits are paid under a retirement option. A member shall not be able to receive an actuarial equivalent (AE) under Iowa Code section 97B.48(1) unless the total benefit payable with respect to that member meets the applicable requirements. All divisions of benefits shall be based on the gross amount of monthly or lump sum benefits payable. Federal and state income taxes shall be deducted from the member's and former spouse alternate payee's respective shares and reported under their respective federal tax identification numbers. Unrecovered basis shall be allocated on a pro rata basis to the member and alternate payee. Federal and state income taxes shall be deducted from the member's gross payment when a nonspouse successor alternate payee(s) receives a payment. Federal and state income taxes shall be reported under the member's federal tax identification number. Unrecovered basis shall be allocated to the member.

b. The alternate payee shall not be entitled to any share of the member's death benefits except to the extent such entitlement is so provided in a QDRO or in a beneficiary designation filed subsequent to the dissolution.

c. If a QDRO directs the member to name the alternate payee under the order as a designated beneficiary, and the member fails to do so, the provisions of the QDRO awarding the alternate payee a share of the member's death benefits shall be deemed, except as revoked or modified in a subsequent QDRO, to operate as a beneficiary designation, and shall be given first priority by IPERS in the determination and payment of such member's death benefits. Death benefits remaining after payments required by the QDRO, to the extent possible, shall then be made according to the terms of the member's most recent beneficiary designation. If a QDRO does not require the member to select an option, the member is allowed to select any option at retirement, including an option that does not provide for payment of postretirement death benefits.

d. If an alternate payee has been awarded a share of the member's benefits and dies before the member, the entire account value shall be restored to the member unless otherwise specified in the order and in the manner required under this rule.

e. An alternate payee shall not receive a share of dividends or other cost-of-living increases, unless so provided in a QDRO.

f. The CEO, or CEO's designee, shall have exclusive authority to determine whether a domestic relations order is a QDRO. A final determination by the CEO, or CEO's designee, may be appealed in the same manner as any other final agency determination under Iowa Code chapter 97B.

g. A person who attempts to make IPERS a party or requires IPERS to appear as a witness to a domestic relations action in order to determine an alternate payee's right to receive a portion of the benefits payable to a member shall be liable to IPERS for its costs and attorney's fees.

h. A domestic relations order shall not become effective until it is approved by IPERS. If a member is receiving a retirement allowance at the time a domestic relations order is received by the system, the order shall be effective only with respect to payments made after the order is determined to be a QDRO. Payment to the alternate payee will be withheld from the member's payment the month the alternate payee's application is mailed by IPERS. If the member is not receiving a retirement allowance at the time a domestic relations order is approved by IPERS and the member applies for a refund or monthly allowance, or dies, no distributions shall be made until the respective rights of the parties under the domestic relations order are determined by IPERS. If IPERS has placed a hold on the member's account following written or verbal notification from the member, member's spouse, or legal representative of either party of a pending dissolution of marriage, and no further contacts are received from either party or their representatives within the following one-year period, or IPERS has not received and qualified a domestic relations order, IPERS shall release the hold.

i. IPERS and its staff shall have no liability for making or withholding payments in accordance with the provisions of this rule.

j. IPERS has no duty or responsibility to search for alternate payees. Alternate payees must notify IPERS of any change in their mailing addresses. IPERS shall mail the alternate payee an application once an application for a distribution has been received from the member and considered a complete application by IPERS. The application mailed by IPERS to the alternate payee states that, if the alternate payee does not return the application to IPERS within 60 days after the application is mailed by IPERS, the amounts otherwise payable to the alternate payee shall be paid to the member or the member's beneficiary(ies). If the member applied for a refund, and the alternate payee's application is not received within the 60 days, the alternate payee's share of the member's lump sum refund shall be paid to the member. If the member applies for a monthly pension payment, unless and until a valid application for the alternate payee's share of the monthly pension payments is received and accepted by IPERS, IPERS shall have no liability to the alternate payee with respect to payment of monthly amounts, nor will any retroactive payment be made if and when an application is received and accepted. All monthly payments in this case shall be prospective.

k. If a QDRO requires the member to select an option with joint and survivor provisions (Option 4 or 6) and name the alternate payee as contingent annuitant, the order must state the percentage in Option 4 or 6 to be payable to the alternate payee as contingent annuitant (the currently available percentages under Option 4 or 6 are 25, 50, 75 and 100 percent). Acceptable birth proof for the alternate payee as the named contingent annuitant, pursuant to 495—subrule 11.1(2), must also be provided to IPERS prior to approval of the order by IPERS.

l. For both lump sum and monthly payments, the alternate payee's tax withholding and rollover elections, if eligible, must be received before the first or current month's benefit is certified for payment or IPERS will use the applicable default tax withholding elections.

m. If an order that is determined to be a QDRO divides a member's account using a service factor formula and the member's IPERS benefits are based on a number of quarters less than the member's total covered quarters, notwithstanding any terms of the order to the contrary, IPERS shall limit the number of quarters used in the numerator and the denominator of the service fraction to the number of quarters actually used in the calculation of IPERS benefits.

n. Service credit that is purchased during the period when the member is married to the alternate payee shall be added to the numerator and the denominator of the service fraction when calculating the service factor pursuant to a domestic relations order. Service credit that is purchased during a period when the member is not married to the alternate payee shall only be added to the denominator of the service fraction when calculating the service factor pursuant to a domestic relations order. Under no

circumstances shall the number of quarters in the denominator be more than the number of quarters used to calculate the member's benefit. Service purchase after retirement shall not increase or decrease the alternate payee's payment amount that was deducted and was payable at the time of retirement.

o. The parties or their attorneys in a dissolution action involving an IPERS member shall decide between themselves which attorney will submit a proposed domestic relations order to IPERS for review. IPERS shall not review a proposed order that has not been approved as to form by both parties or their counsel by enclosure of the Administrative Rule Compliance for QDROs form. A rejection under this paragraph shall not preclude IPERS from placing a hold on a member's account until the status of a proposed order as a QDRO is resolved or the hold is released pursuant to the terms of paragraph 16.2(3) "h."

p. If a retired member has a qualified domestic relations order on the member's account, the parties (the member and the alternate payee or their counsel of record) may execute a waiver of the 30-day appeal period following review and qualification of the retired member's domestic relations order, using a form approved by the system.

q. If a member with an IPERS-approved QDRO is receiving a distribution according to a qualified benefits arrangement (QBA), the alternate payee shall share in the distribution to the member unless the order specifically states otherwise.

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CHAPTER 64
WASTEWATER CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION PERMITS

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567—64.1(455B) Definitions. Rescinded IAB 3/11/09, effective 4/15/09.

567—64.2(455B) Permit to construct.

64.2(1) No person shall construct, install or modify any wastewater disposal system or part thereof or extension or addition thereto without, or contrary to any condition of, a construction permit issued by the director or by a local public works department authorized to issue such permits under 567—Chapter 9, nor shall any connection to a sewer extension in violation of any special limitation specified in a construction permit pursuant to 64.2(10) be allowed by any person subject to the conditions of the permit.

64.2(2) The site for each new wastewater treatment plant or expansion or upgrading of existing facilities must be inspected and approved by the department prior to submission of plans and specifications. Applications must be submitted in accordance with 567—60.4(455B).

64.2(3) Site approval under 64.2(2) shall be based on the criteria contained in the Ten States Standards, design manuals published by the department, applicable federal guidelines and standards, standard textbooks, current technical literature and applicable safety standards. To the extent that separation distances of this subrule conflict with the separation distances of Iowa Code section 455B.134(3) “f,” the greater distance shall prevail. The following separation distances from a treatment works shall apply unless a separation distance exception is provided in the “Iowa Wastewater Facilities Design Standards.” The separation distance from lagoons shall be measured from the water surface.

a. 1000 feet from the nearest inhabitable residence, commercial building, or other inhabitable structure. If the inhabitable or commercial building is the property of the owner of the proposed treatment facility, or there is written agreement with the owner of the building, the separation criteria shall not apply. Any such written agreement shall be filed with the county recorder and recorded for abstract of title purposes, and a copy submitted to the department.

b. 1000 feet from public shallow wells.

c. 400 feet from public deep wells.

d. 400 feet from private wells.

e. 400 feet from lakes and public impoundments.

f. 25 feet from property lines and rights-of-way.

When the above separation distances cannot be maintained for the expansion, upgrading or replacement of existing facilities, the separation distances shall be maintained at no less than 90 percent of the existing separation distance on the site, providing no data is available indicating that a problem has existed or will be created.

64.2(4) Applications for a construction permit must be submitted to the director in accordance with 567—60.4(455B) at least 120 days in advance of the date of start of construction.

64.2(5) The director shall act upon the application within 60 days of receipt of a complete application by either issuing a construction permit or denying the construction permit in writing unless a longer review period is required and the applicant is so notified in writing. Notwithstanding the 120-day requirement in 64.2(4), construction of the approved system may commence immediately after the issuance of a construction permit.

64.2(6) The construction permit shall expire if construction thereunder is not commenced within one year of the date of issuance thereof. The director may grant an extension of time to commence construction if it is necessary or justified, upon showing of such necessity or justification to the director.

64.2(7) The director may modify or revoke a construction permit for cause which shall include but not be limited to the following:

a. Failure to construct said wastewater disposal system or part thereof in accordance with the approved plans and specifications.

b. Violation of any term or condition of the permit.

c. Obtaining a permit by misrepresentation of facts or failure to disclose fully all material facts.

d. Any change during construction that requires material changes in the approved plans and specifications.

64.2(8) A construction permit shall not be required for the following:

- a.* Storm sewers or storm water disposal systems that transport only storm water.
- b.* Any new disposal system or extension or addition to any existing disposal system that receives only domestic or sanitary sewage from a building, housing or occupied by 15 persons or less.
- c.* A privately owned pretreatment facility, except an anaerobic lagoon, where a treatment unit or units provide partial reduction of the strength or toxicity of the waste stream prior to additional treatment and disposal by another person, corporation, or municipality. However, the department may require that the design basis and construction drawings be filed for information purposes.

64.2(9) Review of applications.

a. Review of applications for construction permits shall be based on the criteria contained in the “Iowa Wastewater Facilities Design Standards,” the Ten States Standards, applicable federal guidelines and standards, standard textbooks, current technical literature and applicable safety standards. To the extent of any conflict between the above criteria the “Iowa Wastewater Facilities Design Standards” standards shall prevail.

b. The chapters of the “Iowa Wastewater Facilities Design Standards”* that apply to wastewater facilities projects, and the date of adoption of those chapters are:

| | <u>Chapter</u> | <u>Date of Adoption</u> |
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| 11. | Project submittals | April 25, 1979 |
| 12. | Iowa Standards for Sewer Systems | September 6, 1978 (Amended March 28, 1979 and May 20, 1987) |
| 13. | Wastewater pumping stations and force mains | March 19, 1985 |
| 14. | Wastewater treatment works | March 22, 1984 (Amended May 20, 1987) |
| 15. | Screening and grit removal | February 18, 1986 |
| 16. | Settling | March 22, 1984 (Amended May 20, 1987) |
| 17. | Sludge handling & disposal | March 26, 1980 |
| 18. | Biological treatment | |
| | <i>A.</i> Fixed film media treatment | October 21, 1985 |
| | <i>B.</i> Activated sludge | March 22, 1984 |
| | <i>C.</i> Wastewater treatment ponds (Lagoons) | April 25, 1979 (Amended May 20, 1986 and May 20, 1987) |
| 19. | Supplemental treatment processes | November 13, 1986 |
| 20. | Disinfection | February 18, 1986 |
| 21. | Land application of wastewater | April 25, 1979 |

*The design manual as adopted and amended is available upon request to department, also filed with administrative rules coordinator.

c. Variances from the design standards and siting criteria which provide in the judgment of the department for substantially equivalent or improved effectiveness may be requested when there are unique circumstances not found in most projects. The director may issue variances when circumstances are appropriate. The denial of a variance may be appealed to the commission.

d. When reviewing the variance request the director may consider the unique circumstances of the project, direct or indirect environmental impacts, the durability and reliability of the alternative, and the purpose and intent of the rule or standard in question.

e. Circumstances that would warrant consideration of a variance (which provides for substantially equivalent or improved effectiveness) may include the following:

(1) The utilization of new equipment or new process technology that is not explicitly covered by the current design standards.

(2) The application of established and acceptable technologies in an innovative manner not covered by current standards.

(3) It is reasonably clear that the conditions and circumstances which were considered in the adoption of the rule or standard are not applicable for the project in question and therefore the effective purpose of the rule will not be compromised if a variance is granted.

64.2(10) Applications for sanitary sewer extension construction permits shall conform to the Iowa Standards for Sewer Systems, and approval shall be subject to the following:

a. A sanitary sewer extension construction permit may be denied if, at the time of application, the treatment facility treating wastewater from the proposed sewer is not in substantial compliance with its operating permit or if the treatment facility receives wastes in volumes or quantities that exceed its design capacity and interfere with its operation or performance.

If the applicant is operating under a compliance schedule which is being adhered to that leads to resolution of the substantial compliance issues or if the applicant can demonstrate that the problem has been identified, the planning completed, and corrective measures initiated, then the construction permit may be granted.

b. A sanitary sewer extension construction permit may be denied if bypassing has occurred at the treatment facility, except when any of the following conditions are being met:

(1) The bypassing is due to a combined sewer system, and the facility is in compliance with a long-term CSO control plan approved by the department.

(2) The bypassing occurs as a result of a storm with an intensity or duration greater than that of a storm with a return period of five years. (See App. A)

(3) The department determines that timely actions are being taken to eliminate the bypassing.

c. A sanitary sewer extension construction permit may be denied if an existing downstream sewer is or will be overloaded or surcharged, resulting in bypassing, flooded basements, or overflowing manholes, unless:

(1) The bypassing or flooding is the result of a precipitation event with an intensity or duration greater than that of a storm with a return period of two years. (See App. A); or

(2) The system is under full-scale facility planning (I/I and SSES) and the applicant provides a schedule that is approved by the department for rehabilitating the system to the extent necessary to handle the additional loadings.

d. Potential loads. Construction permits may be granted for sanitary sewer extensions that are sized to serve future loads that would exceed the capacity of the existing treatment works. However, initial connections shall be limited to the load that can be handled by the existing treatment works. The department will determine this load and advise the applicant of the limit. This limitation will be in effect until additional treatment capacity has been constructed.

64.2(11) Certification of completion. Within 30 days after completion of construction, installation or modification of any wastewater disposal system or part thereof or extension or addition thereto, the permit holder shall submit a certification by a registered professional engineer that the project was completed in accordance with the approved plans and specifications.

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567—64.3(455B) Permit to operate.

64.3(1) Except as otherwise provided in this subrule, in 567—Chapter 65, and in 567—Chapter 69, no person shall operate any wastewater disposal system or part thereof without, or contrary to any condition of, an operation permit issued by the director. An operation permit is not required for the following:

a. A private sewage disposal system which does not discharge into, or have the potential to reach, a designated water of the state or subsurface drainage tile (NOTE: private sewage disposal systems under this exemption are regulated under 567—Chapter 69);

- b.* A semipublic sewage disposal system, the construction of which has been approved by the department and which does not discharge into a water of the state;
- c.* A pretreatment system, the effluent of which is to be discharged directly to another disposal system for final treatment and disposal;
- d.* A discharge from a geothermal heat pump which does not reach a navigable water.
- e.* Water well construction and well services related discharge that does not reach a water of the United States as defined in 40 CFR Part 122.2.
- f.* Discharges from the application of biological pesticides and chemical pesticides where the discharge does not reach a water of the United States as defined in 40 CFR Part 122.2.

64.3(2) Rescinded, effective 2/20/85.

64.3(3) The owner of any disposal system or part thereof in existence before August 21, 1973, for which a permit has been previously granted by the Iowa department of health or the Iowa department of environmental quality shall submit such information as the director may require to determine the conformity of such system and its operation with the rules of the department by no later than 60 days after the receipt of a request for such information from the director. If the director determines that the disposal system does not conform to the rules of the department, the director may require the owner to make such modifications as are necessary to achieve compliance. A construction permit shall be required, pursuant to 64.2(1), prior to any such modification of the disposal system.

64.3(4) Applications.

a. Individual permit. Except as provided in 64.3(4)“*b*,” applications for operation permits required under 64.3(1) shall be made on forms provided by the department, as noted in 567—subrule 60.3(2). The application for an operation permit under 64.3(1) shall be filed pursuant to 567—subrule 60.4(2). Permit applications for a new discharge of storm water associated with construction activity as defined in 567—Chapter 60 under “storm water discharge associated with industrial activity” must be submitted at least 60 days before the date on which construction is to commence. Upon completion of a tentative determination with regard to the permit application as described in 64.5(1)“*a*,” the director shall issue operation permits for applications filed pursuant to 64.3(1) within 90 days of the receipt of a complete application unless the application is for an NPDES permit or unless a longer period of time is required and the applicant is so notified.

b. General permit. A Notice of Intent for coverage under a general permit must be made on the appropriate form provided by the department listed in 567—subrule 60.3(2) and in accordance with 567—64.6(455B). A Notice of Intent must be submitted to the department according to the following:

(1) For existing storm water discharge associated with industrial activity, with the exception of discharges identified in subparagraphs (2) and (3) of this paragraph, on or before October 1, 1992.

(2) For any existing storm water discharge associated with industrial activity from a facility or construction site that is owned or operated by a municipality with a population of less than 100,000 other than an airport, power plant or uncontrolled sanitary landfill, on or before March 10, 2003.

For purposes of this subparagraph, municipality means city, town, borough, county, parish, district, association, or other public body created by or under state law. The entire population served by the public body shall be used in the determination of the population.

(3) For any existing storm water discharge associated with small construction activity on or before March 10, 2003.

(4) For storm water discharge associated with industrial activity which initiates operation after October 1, 1992, with the exception of discharges identified in subparagraphs (2) and (3) of this paragraph, where storm water discharge associated with industrial activity could occur as defined in rule 567—60.2(455B).

(5) For any private sewage disposal system installed after July 1, 1998, where subsoil discharge is not possible.

(6) For any discharge, except a storm water only discharge, from a mining or processing facility after July 18, 2001.

(7) For the discharge of biological pesticides and chemical pesticides which leave a residue to a water of the United States (as defined in 40 CFR Part 122.2) that meet any of the thresholds established in General Permit No. 7 after March 30, 2011.

64.3(5) Requirements for industries that discharge to another disposal system except storm water point sources.

a. The director may require any person discharging wastes to a publicly or privately owned disposal system to submit information similar to that required in an application for an operation permit, but no operation permit is required for such discharge.

Significant industrial users as defined in 567—Chapter 60 must submit a treatment agreement which meets the following criteria:

(1) The agreement must be on the treatment agreement form, number 542-3221, as provided by the department; and

(2) Must identify and limit the monthly average and the daily maximum quantity of compatible and incompatible pollutants discharged to the disposal system and the variations in daily flow; and

(3) Be signed and dated by the significant industrial user and the owner of the disposal system accepting the wastewater; and

(4) Provide that the quantities to be discharged to the disposal system must be in accordance with the applicable standards and requirements in 567—Chapter 62.

b. A significant industrial user must submit a new treatment agreement form 60 days in advance of a proposed expansion, production increase or process modification that may result in discharges of sewage, industrial waste, or other waste in excess of the discharge stated in the existing treatment agreement. An industry that would become a significant industrial user as a result of a proposed expansion, production increase or process modification shall submit a treatment agreement form 60 days in advance of the proposed expansion, production increase or process modification.

c. A treatment agreement form must be submitted at least 180 days before a new significant industrial user proposes to discharge into a wastewater disposal system. The owner of a wastewater disposal system shall notify the director by submitting a complete treatment agreement to be received at least 10 days prior to making any commitment to accept waste from a proposed new significant industrial user. However, the department may notify the owner that verification of the data in the treatment agreement may take longer than 10 days and advise that the owner should not enter into a commitment until the data is verified.

d. A treatment agreement form for each significant industrial user must be submitted with the facility plan or preliminary engineering report for the construction or modification of a wastewater disposal system. These agreements will be used in determining the design basis of the new or upgraded system.

e. Treatment agreement forms from significant industrial users shall be required as a part of the application for a permit to operate the wastewater disposal system receiving the wastes from the significant industrial user.

64.3(6) Rescinded, effective 7/23/86.

64.3(7) Operation permits may be granted for any period of time not to exceed five years. Applications for renewal of an operation permit must be submitted to the department 180 days in advance of the date the permit expires. General permits will be issued for a period not to exceed five years. Each permit to be renewed shall be subject to the provisions of all rules of the department in effect at the time of the renewal.

64.3(8) Identity of signatories of permit applications. The person who signs the application for a permit shall be:

a. Corporations. In the case of corporations, a responsible corporate officer. A responsible corporate officer means:

(1) A president, secretary, treasurer, or vice president in charge of a principal business function, or any other person who performs similar policy- or decision-making functions; or

(2) The manager of manufacturing, production, or operating facilities, if authority to sign documents has been assigned or delegated to the manager in accordance with corporate procedures.

b. Partnerships. In the case of a partnership, a general partner.
c. Sole proprietorships. In the case of a sole proprietorship, the proprietor.
d. Municipal, state, federal, or other public agency. In the case of a municipal, state, or other public facility, either the principal executive officer or the ranking elected official. A principal executive officer of a public agency includes:

- (1) The chief executive officer of the agency; or
- (2) A senior executive officer having responsibility for the overall operations of a unit of the agency.

e. Storm water discharge associated with industrial activity from construction activities. In the case of a storm water discharge associated with construction activity, either the owner of the site or the general contractor.

f. Certification. Any person signing a document under paragraph “a” to “d” of this subrule shall make the following certification:

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for known violations.

The person who signs NPDES reports shall be a person described in this subrule, except that in the case of a corporation or a public body, monitoring reports required under the terms of the permit may be submitted by a duly authorized representative of the person described in this subrule. A person is a duly authorized representative if the authorization is made in writing by a person described in this subrule and the authorization specifies an individual or position having responsibility for the overall operation of the regulated facility, such as plant manager, superintendent, or position of equivalent responsibility, or an individual or position having overall responsibility for environmental matters for the corporation.

64.3(9) When necessary to comply with present standards which must be met at a future date, an operation permit shall include a schedule for the alteration of the permitted facility to meet said standards in accordance with 64.7(4) and 64.7(5). Such schedules shall not relieve the permittee of the duty to obtain a construction permit pursuant to 567—64.2(455B). When necessary to comply with a pretreatment standard or requirement which must be met at a future date, a significant industrial user will be given a compliance schedule for meeting those requirements.

64.3(10) Operation permits shall contain such conditions as are deemed necessary by the director to ensure compliance with all applicable rules of the department, including monitoring and reporting conditions, to protect the public health and beneficial uses of state waters, and to prevent water pollution from waste storage or disposal operations.

64.3(11) The director may amend, revoke and reissue, or terminate in whole or in part any individual operation permit or coverage under a general permit for cause. Except for general permits, the director may modify in whole or in part any individual operation permit for cause. A variance or modification to the terms and conditions of a general permit shall not be granted. If a variance or modification to a general permit is desired, the applicant must apply for an individual permit following the procedures in 64.3(4) “a.”

a. Permits may be amended, revoked and reissued, or terminated for cause either at the request of any interested person (including the permittee) or upon the director’s initiative. All requests shall be in writing and shall contain facts or reasons supporting the request.

b. Cause under this subrule includes the following:

- (1) Violation of any term or condition of the permit.
- (2) Obtaining a permit by misrepresentation of fact or failure to disclose fully all material facts.
- (3) A change in any condition that requires either a temporary or permanent reduction or elimination of the permitted discharge.

(4) Failure to submit such records and information as the director shall require both generally and as a condition of the permit in order to ensure compliance with the discharge conditions specified in the permit.

(5) Failure or refusal of an NPDES permittee to carry out the requirements of 64.7(7)“c.”

(6) Failure to provide all the required application materials or appropriate fees.

(7) A request for a modification of a schedule of compliance, an interim effluent limitation, or the minimum monitoring requirements pursuant to 567—paragraph 60.4(2)“b.”

(8) Causes listed in 40 CFR 122.62 and 122.64.

c. The permittee shall furnish to the director, within a reasonable time, any information that the director may request to determine whether cause exists for amending, revoking and reissuing, or terminating a permit, including a new permit application.

d. The filing of a request by an interested person for an amendment, revocation and reissuance, or termination does not stay any permit condition.

e. If the director decides the request is not justified, the director shall send the requester a brief written response giving a reason for the decision. Denials of requests for modification, revocation and reissuance, or termination are not subject to public notice, comment, hearings, or appeals.

f. Draft permits.

(1) If the director tentatively decides to amend, revoke and reissue, or terminate a permit, a draft permit shall be prepared according to 64.5(1).

(2) When a permit is amended under this paragraph, only those conditions to be modified shall be reopened when a new draft permit is prepared. All other aspects of the existing permit shall remain in effect for the duration of the permit.

(3) When a permit is revoked and reissued under this paragraph, the entire permit is reopened just as if the permit had expired and was being reissued.

(4) If the permit amendment falls under the definition of “minor amendment” in 567—60.2(455B), the permit may be amended without a draft permit or public notice.

(5) During any amendment, revocation and reissuance, or termination proceeding, the permittee shall comply with all conditions of the existing permit until a new final permit is reissued.

64.3(12) No permit may be issued:

a. When the applicant is required to obtain certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act and that certification has not been obtained or waived;

b. When the imposition of conditions cannot ensure compliance with the applicable water quality requirements of all affected states; or

c. To a new source or new discharger if the discharge from its construction or operation will cause or contribute to a violation of water quality standards. The owner or operator of a new source or new discharger proposing to discharge to a water segment which does not meet applicable water quality standards must demonstrate, before the close of the public comment period for a draft NPDES permit, that:

(1) There is sufficient remaining load in the water segment to allow for the discharge; and

(2) The existing dischargers to the segment are subject to compliance schedules designed to bring the segment into compliance with water quality standards.

The director may waive the demonstration if the director already has adequate information to demonstrate (1) and (2).

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567—64.4(455B) Issuance of NPDES permits.

64.4(1) *Individual permit.* An individual NPDES permit is required when there is a discharge of a pollutant from any point source into navigable waters. An NPDES permit is not required for the following:

a. Reserved.

b. Discharges of dredged or fill material into navigable waters which are regulated under Section 404 of the Act;

c. The introduction of sewage, industrial wastes or other pollutants into a POTW by indirect dischargers. (This exclusion from requiring an NPDES permit applies only to the actual addition of materials into the subsequent treatment works. Plans or agreements to make such additions in the future do not relieve dischargers of the obligation to apply for and receive permits until the discharges of pollutants to navigable waters are actually eliminated. It also should be noted that, in all appropriate cases, indirect discharges shall comply with pretreatment standards promulgated by the administrator pursuant to Section 307(b) of the Act and adopted by reference by the commission);

d. Any discharge in compliance with the instruction of an On-Scene Coordinator pursuant to 40 CFR Part 300 (The National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan) or 33 CFR 153.10(e) (Pollution by Oil and Hazardous Substances);

e. Any introduction of pollutants from non-point source agricultural and silvicultural activities, including storm water runoff from orchards, cultivated crops, pastures, range lands, and forest lands, except that this exclusion shall not apply to the following:

- (1) Discharges from concentrated animal feeding operations as defined in 40 CFR 122.23;
- (2) Discharges from concentrated aquatic animal production facilities as defined in 40 CFR 122.24;
- (3) Discharges to aquaculture projects as defined in 40 CFR 122.25;
- (4) Discharges from silvicultural point sources as defined in 40 CFR 122.27;

f. Return flows from irrigated agriculture; and

g. Water transfers, which are defined as activities that convey or connect navigable waters without subjecting the transferred water to intervening industrial, municipal, or commercial use.

64.4(2) General permit.

a. The director may issue general permits which are consistent with 64.4(2)“b” and the requirements specified in 567—64.6(455B), 567—64.7(455B), subrule 64.8(2), and 567—64.9(455B) for the following activities:

(1) Storm water point sources requiring an NPDES permit pursuant to Section 402(p) of the federal Clean Water Act and 40 CFR 122.26 (as amended through June 15, 1992).

(2) Private sewage disposal system discharges permitted under 567—Chapter 69 where subsoil discharge is not possible as determined by the administrative authority.

(3) Discharges from water well construction and related well services where the discharge will reach a water of the United States as defined in 40 CFR Part 122.2.

(4) For any discharge, except a storm water only discharge, from a mining or processing facility.

(5) Discharges from the application of biological pesticides and chemical pesticides which leave a residue where the discharge will reach a water of the United States as defined in 40 CFR Part 122.2.

b. Each general permit issued by the department must:

(1) Be adopted as an administrative rule in accordance with Iowa Code chapter 17A, the Administrative Procedure Act. Each proposed permit will be accompanied by a fact sheet setting forth the principal facts and methodologies considered during permit development,

(2) Correspond to existing geographic or political boundaries, and

(3) Be identified in 567—64.15(455B).

c. If an NPDES permit is required for an activity covered by a general permit, the applicant may seek either general permit coverage or an individual permit. Procedures and requirements for obtaining an individual NPDES permit are detailed in 64.3(4)“a.” Procedures for filing a Notice of Intent for coverage under a general permit are described in 567—64.6(455B) “Completing a Notice of Intent for Coverage Under a General Permit.”

64.4(3) Effect of a permit.

a. Except for any toxic effluent standards and prohibitions imposed under Section 307 of the Act and standards for sewage sludge use or disposal under Section 405(d) of the Act, compliance with a permit during its term constitutes compliance, for purposes of enforcement, with Sections 301, 302, 306, 307, 318, 403 and 405(a)-(b) of the Act, and equivalent limitations and standards set out in 567—Chapters 61 and 62. However, a permit may be terminated during its term for cause as set forth

in 64.3(11). Compliance with a permit condition which implements a particular standard for sewage sludge use or disposal shall be an affirmative defense in any enforcement action brought for a violation of that standard for sewage sludge use or disposal.

b. The issuance of a permit does not convey any property rights of any sort, or any exclusive privilege.

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567—64.5(455B) Notice and public participation in the individual NPDES permit process.

64.5(1) *Formulation of tentative determination.* The department shall make a tentative determination to issue or deny an operation or NPDES permit for the discharge described in a permit application in advance of the public notice as described in 64.5(2).

a. If the tentative determination is to issue an NPDES permit, the department shall prepare a permit rationale for each draft permit pursuant to 64.5(3) and a draft permit. The draft permit shall include the following:

(1) Effluent limitations identified pursuant to 64.6(2) and 64.6(3), for those pollutants proposed to be limited.

(2) If necessary, a proposed schedule of compliance, including interim dates and requirements, identified pursuant to 64.7(4) and 64.7(5), for meeting the effluent limitations and other permit requirements.

(3) Any other special conditions (other than those required in 64.6(5)) which will have a significant impact upon the discharge described in the permit application.

b. If the tentative determination is to deny an NPDES permit, the department shall prepare a notice of intent to deny the permit application. The notice of intent to deny an application will be placed on public notice as described in 64.5(2).

c. If the tentative determination is to issue an operation permit (non-NPDES permit), the department shall prepare a final permit and transmit the final permit to the applicant. The applicant will have 30 days to appeal the final operation permit.

d. If the tentative determination is to deny an operation permit (non-NPDES permit), no public notice is required. The department shall send written notice of the denial to the applicant. The applicant will have 30 days to appeal the denial.

64.5(2) *Public notice for NPDES permits.*

a. Prior to the issuance of an NPDES permit, a major NPDES permit amendment, or the denial of a permit application for an NPDES permit, public notice shall be circulated in a manner designed to inform interested and potentially interested persons of the proposed discharge and of the tentative determination to issue or deny an NPDES permit for the proposed discharge. Procedures for the circulation of public notice shall include at least the procedures of subparagraphs (1) to (3).

(1) The public notice for a draft NPDES permit or major permit amendment shall be circulated by the applicant within the geographical areas of the proposed discharge by posting the public notice in the post office and public places of the city nearest the premises of the applicant in which the effluent source is located; by posting the public notice near the entrance to the applicant's premises and in nearby places; and by publishing the public notice in local newspapers and periodicals, or, if appropriate, in a newspaper of general circulation. The public notice for the denial of a permit application shall be sent to the applicant and circulated by the department within the geographical areas of the proposed discharge by publishing the public notice in local newspapers and periodicals, or, if appropriate, in a newspaper of general circulation.

(2) The public notice shall be sent by the department to any person upon request.

(3) Upon request, the department shall add the name of any person or group to the distribution list to receive copies of all public notices concerning the tentative determinations with respect to the permit applications within the state or within a certain geographical area and shall send a copy of all public notices to such persons.

b. The department shall provide a period of not less than 30 days following the date of the public notice during which time interested persons may submit their written views on the tentative

determinations with respect to the permit application and request a public hearing pursuant to 64.5(6). Written comments may be submitted by paper or electronic means. All comments submitted during the 30-day comment period shall be retained by the department and considered by the director in the formulation of the director's final determinations with respect to the permit application. The period for comment may be extended at the discretion of the department. Pertinent and significant comments received during either the original comment period or an extended comment period shall be responded to in a responsiveness summary pursuant to 64.5(8).

c. The contents of the public notice of a draft NPDES permit, a major permit amendment, or the denial of a permit application for an NPDES permit shall include at least the following:

- (1) The name, address, and telephone number of the department.
- (2) The name and address of each applicant.
- (3) A brief description of each applicant's activities or operations which result in the discharge described in the permit application (e.g., municipal waste treatment plant, corn wet milling plant, or meat packing plant).

- (4) The name of the waterway to which each discharge of the applicant is made and a short description of the location of each discharge of the applicant on the waterway indicating whether such discharge is a new or an existing discharge.

- (5) A statement of the department's tentative determination to issue or deny an NPDES permit for the discharge or discharges described in the permit application.

- (6) A brief description of the procedures for the formulation of final determinations, including the 30-day comment period required by paragraph "b" of this subrule, procedures for requesting a public hearing and any other means by which interested persons may influence or comment upon those determinations.

- (7) The address, telephone number, and E-mail address of places at which interested persons may obtain further information, request a copy of the tentative determination and any associated documents prepared pursuant to 64.5(1), request a copy of the permit rationale described in 64.5(3), and inspect and copy permit forms and related documents.

d. No public notice is required for a minor permit amendment, including an amendment to correct typographical errors, include more frequent monitoring requirements, revise interim compliance schedule dates, change the owner name or address, include a local pretreatment program, or remove a point source outfall that does not result in the discharge of pollutants from other outfalls.

e. No public notice is required when a request for a permit amendment or a request for a termination of a permit is denied. The department shall send written notice of the denial to the requester and the permittee only. No public notice is required if an applicant withdraws a permit application.

64.5(3) *Permit rationales and notices of intent to deny.*

a. When the department has made a determination to issue an NPDES permit as described in 64.5(1), the department shall prepare and, upon request, shall send to any person a permit rationale with respect to the application described in the public notice. The contents of such permit rationales shall include at least the following information:

- (1) A detailed description of the location of the discharge described in the permit application.
- (2) A quantitative description of the discharge described in the permit application which includes:
 1. The average daily discharge in pounds per day of any pollutants which are subject to limitations or prohibitions under 64.7(2) or Section 301, 302, 306 or 307 of the Act and regulations published thereunder; and

2. For thermal discharges subject to limitation under the Act, the average and maximum summer and winter discharge temperatures in degrees Fahrenheit.

- (3) The tentative determinations required under 64.5(1).

- (4) A brief citation, including a brief identification of the uses for which the receiving waters have been classified, of the water quality standards applicable to the receiving waters and effluent standards and limitations applicable to the proposed discharge.

- (5) An explanation of the principal facts and the significant factual, legal, methodological, and policy questions considered in the preparation of the draft permit.

(6) Any calculations or other necessary explanation of the derivation of effluent limitations.

b. When the department has made a determination to deny an application for an NPDES permit as described in 64.5(1), the department shall prepare and, upon request, shall send to any person a notice of intent to deny with respect to the application described in the public notice. The contents of such notice of intent to deny shall include at least the following information:

(1) A detailed description of the location of the discharge described in the permit application; and

(2) A description of the reasons supporting the tentative decision to deny the permit application.

c. When the department has made a determination to issue an operation permit as described in 64.5(1), the department shall prepare a short description of the waste disposal system and the reasons supporting the decision to issue an operation permit. The description shall be sent to the operation permit applicant upon request.

d. When the department has made a determination to deny an application for an operation permit as described in 64.5(1), the department shall prepare and send written notice of the denial to the applicant only. The written denial shall include a description of the reasons supporting the decision to deny the permit application.

e. Upon request, the department shall add the name of any person or group to a distribution list to receive copies of permit rationales and notices of intent to deny and shall send a copy of all permit rationales and notices of intent to deny to such persons or groups.

64.5(4) Notice to other government agencies. Prior to the issuance of an NPDES permit, the department shall notify other appropriate government agencies of each complete application for an NPDES permit and shall provide such agencies an opportunity to submit their written views and recommendations. Notifications may be distributed and written views or recommendations may be submitted by paper or electronic means. Procedures for such notification shall include the procedures of paragraphs “a” to “f.”

a. At the time of issuance of public notice pursuant to 64.5(2), the department shall transmit the public notice to any other state whose waters may be affected by the issuance of the NPDES permit. Each affected state shall be afforded an opportunity to submit written recommendations to the department and to the regional administrator which the director may incorporate into the permit if issued. Should the director fail to incorporate any written recommendation thus received, the director shall provide to the affected state or states and to the regional administrator a written explanation of the reasons for failing to accept any written recommendation.

b. At the time of issuance of public notice pursuant to 64.5(2), the department shall send the public notice for proposed discharges (other than minor discharges) into navigable waters to the appropriate district engineer of the army corps of engineers.

(1) The department and the district engineer for each corps of engineers district within the state may arrange for: notice to the district engineer of minor discharges; waiver by the district engineer of the right to receive public notices with respect to classes, types, and sizes within any category of point sources and with respect to discharges to particular navigable waters or parts thereof; and any procedures for the transmission of forms, period of comment by the district engineer (e.g., 30 days), and for objections of the district engineer.

(2) A copy of any written agreement between the department and a district engineer shall be forwarded to the regional administrator and shall be available to the public for inspection and copying in accordance with 567—Chapter 2.

c. Upon request, the department shall send the public notice to any other federal, state, or local agency, or any affected county, and provide such agencies an opportunity to respond, comment, or request a public hearing pursuant to 64.5(6).

d. The department shall send the public notice for any proposed NPDES permit within the geographical area of a designated and approved management agency under Section 208 of the Act (33 U.S.C.1288).

e. The department shall send the public notice to the local board of health for the purpose of assisting the applicant in coordinating the applicable requirements of the Act and Iowa Code chapter 455B with any applicable requirements of the local board of health.

f. Upon request, the department shall provide any of the entities listed in 64.5(4) “a” through “e” with a copy of the permit rationale, permit application, or proposed permit prepared pursuant to 64.5(1).

64.5(5) Public access to NPDES information. The records of the department connected with NPDES permits are available for public inspection and copying to the extent provided in 567—Chapter 2.

64.5(6) Public hearings on proposed NPDES permits. The applicant, any affected state, the regional administrator, or any interested agency, person or group of persons may request or petition for a public hearing with respect to an NPDES application. Any such request shall clearly state issues and topics to be addressed at the hearing. Any such request or petition for public hearing must be filed with the director within the 30-day period prescribed in 64.5(2) “b” and shall indicate the interest of the party filing such request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. The director shall hold an informal and noncontested case hearing if there is a significant public interest (including the filing of requests or petitions for such hearing) in holding such a hearing. Frivolous or insubstantial requests for hearing may be denied by the director. Instances of doubt should be resolved in favor of holding the hearing. Any hearing held pursuant to this subrule shall be held in the geographical area of the proposed discharge, or other appropriate area in the discretion of the director, and may, as appropriate, consider related groups of permit applications.

64.5(7) Public notice of public hearings on proposed NPDES permits.

a. Public notice of any hearing held pursuant to 64.5(6) shall be circulated at least as widely as was the notice of the tentative determinations with respect to the permit application.

(1) Notice shall be published in at least one newspaper of general circulation within the geographical area of the discharge;

(2) Notice shall be sent to all persons and government agencies which received a copy of the notice for the permit application;

(3) Notice shall be mailed to any person or group upon request; and

(4) Notice pursuant to subparagraphs (1) and (2) of this paragraph shall be made at least 30 days in advance of the hearing.

b. The contents of public notice of any hearing held pursuant to 64.5(6) shall include at least the following:

(1) The name, address, and telephone number of the department;

(2) The name and address of each applicant whose application will be considered at the hearing;

(3) The name of the water body to which each discharge is made and a short description of the location of each discharge to the water body;

(4) A brief reference to the public notice issued for each NPDES application, including the date of issuance;

(5) Information regarding the time and location for the hearing;

(6) The purpose of the hearing;

(7) A concise statement of the issues raised by the person or persons requesting the hearing;

(8) The address and telephone number of the premises where interested persons may obtain further information, request a copy of the draft NPDES permit prepared pursuant to 64.5(1), request a copy of the permit rationale prepared pursuant to 64.5(3), and inspect and copy permit forms and related documents;

(9) A brief description of the nature of the hearing, including the rules and procedures to be followed; and

(10) The final date for submission of comments (paper or electronic) regarding the tentative determinations with respect to the permit application.

64.5(8) Response to comments. At the time a final NPDES permit is issued, the director shall issue a response to significant and pertinent comments in the form of a responsiveness summary. A copy of the responsiveness summary shall be sent to the permit applicant, and the document shall be made available to the public upon request. The responsiveness summary shall:

a. Specify which provisions, if any, of the draft permit have been changed in the final permit decision and the reasons for the changes; and

b. Briefly describe and respond to all significant and pertinent comments on the draft permit raised during the public comment period provided for in the public notice or during any hearing. Comments on a draft permit may be submitted by paper or electronic means or orally at a public hearing. [ARC 7625B, IAB 3/11/09, effective 4/15/09; ARC 0529C, IAB 12/12/12, effective 1/16/13]

567—64.6(455B) Completing a Notice of Intent for coverage under a general permit.

64.6(1) Contents of a complete Notice of Intent. An applicant proposing to conduct activities covered by a general permit shall file a complete Notice of Intent by submitting to the department materials required in paragraphs “a” to “c” of this subrule except that a Notice of Intent is not required for discharges authorized under General Permit No. 6.

a. Notice of Intent Application Form. The following Notice of Intent forms must be completed in full.

(1) General Permit No. 1 “Storm Water Discharge Associated with Industrial Activity,” Form 542-1415.

(2) General Permit No. 2 “Storm Water Discharge Associated with Industrial Activity for Construction Activities,” Form 542-1415.

(3) General Permit No. 3 “Storm Water Discharge Associated with Industrial Activity from Asphalt Plants, Concrete Batch Plants, Rock Crushing Plants and Construction Sand and Gravel Facilities,” Form 542-1415.

(4) General Permit No. 4 “Discharge from On-Site Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems,” Form 542-1541.

(5) General Permit No. 5 “Discharge from Mining and Processing Facilities,” Form 542-4006.

(6) General Permit No. 7, “Pesticide General Permit (PGP) for Point Source Discharges to Waters of the United States From the Application of Pesticides.”

b. General permit fee. The general permit fee according to the schedule in 567—64.16(455B) payable to the Department of Natural Resources.

c. Public notification. The following public notification requirements must be completed for the corresponding general permit.

(1) General Permits No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3. A demonstration that a public notice was published in at least one newspaper with the largest circulation in the area in which the facility is located or the activity will occur. The newspaper notice shall, at the minimum, contain the following information:

PUBLIC NOTICE OF STORM WATER DISCHARGE

The (applicant name) plans to submit a Notice of Intent to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to be covered under NPDES General Permit (select the appropriate general permit—No. 1 “Storm Water Discharge Associated with Industrial Activity” or General Permit No. 2 “Storm Water Discharge Associated with Industrial Activity for Construction Activities”). The storm water discharge will be from (description of industrial activity) located in (¼ section, township, range, county). Storm water will be discharged from (number) point source(s) and will be discharged to the following streams: (stream name(s)).

Comments may be submitted to the Storm Water Discharge Coordinator, IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, Environmental Protection Division, 900 E. Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50319-0034. The public may review the Notice of Intent from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the above address after it has been received by the department.

(2) General Permits No. 4, No. 5, No. 6, and No. 7. There are no public notification requirements for these permits.

64.6(2) Authorization to discharge under a general permit. Upon the submittal of a complete Notice of Intent in accordance with 64.6(1) and 64.3(4)“b,” the applicant is authorized to discharge after evaluation of the Notice of Intent by the department is complete and the determination has been made that the contents of the Notice of Intent satisfy the requirements of 567—Chapter 64. The

discharge authorization date for all storm water discharges associated with industrial activity that are in existence on or before October 1, 1992, shall be October 1, 1992. The applicant will receive notification by the department of coverage under the general permit. If any of the items required for filing a Notice of Intent specified in 64.6(1) are missing, the department will consider the application incomplete and will notify the applicant of the incomplete items.

64.6(3) *General permit suspension or revocation.* In addition to the causes for suspension or revocation which are listed in 64.3(11), the director may suspend or revoke coverage under a general permit issued to a facility or a class of facilities for the following reasons and require the applicant to apply for an individual NPDES permit in accordance with 64.3(4) “a”:

a. The discharge would not comply with Iowa’s water quality standards pursuant to 567—Chapter 61, or

b. The department finds that the activities associated with a Notice of Intent filed with the department do not meet the conditions of the general permit. The department will notify the affected discharger and establish a deadline, not longer than one year, for submitting an individual permit application, or

c. The department finds that water well construction and well service discharge are not managed in a manner consistent with the conditions specified in General Permit No. 6, or

d. The department finds that discharges from biological pesticides and chemical pesticides which leave a residue are not managed in a manner consistent with the conditions specified in General Permit No. 7.

64.6(4) *Eligibility for individual permit holders.* A person holding an individual NPDES permit for an activity covered by a general permit may apply for coverage under a general permit upon expiration of the individual permit and by filing a Notice of Intent according to procedures described in 64.3(4) “b.”

64.6(5) *Filing a Notice of Discontinuation.* A notice to discontinue the activity covered by the NPDES general permit shall be made in writing to the department 30 days prior to or after discontinuance of the discharge. For storm water discharge associated with industrial activity for construction activities, the discharge will be considered as discontinued when “final stabilization” has been reached. Final stabilization means that all soil-disturbing activities at the site have been completed and that a uniform perennial vegetative cover with a density of 70 percent for the area has been established or equivalent stabilization measures have been employed.

The notice of discontinuation shall contain the following:

a. The name of the facility to which the permit was issued,

b. The general permit number and permit authorization number,

c. The date the permitted activity was, or will be, discontinued, and

d. A signed certification in accordance with the requirements in the general permit.

64.6(6) *Transfer of ownership—construction activity part of a larger common plan of development.* For construction activity which is part of a larger common plan of development, such as a housing or commercial development project, in the event a permittee transfers ownership of all or any part of property subject to NPDES General Permit No. 2, both the permittee and transferee shall be responsible for compliance with the provisions of the general permit for that portion of the project which has been transferred, including when the transferred property is less than one acre in area, provided that:

a. The transferee is notified in writing of the existence and location of the general permit and pollution prevention plan, and of the transferee’s duty to comply, and proof of such notice is included with the notice to the department of the transfer.

b. If the transferee agrees, in writing, to become the sole responsible permittee for the property which has been transferred, then the transferee shall be solely responsible for compliance with the provisions of the general permit for the transferred property.

c. If the transferee agrees, in writing, to obtain coverage under NPDES General Permit No. 2 for the property which has been transferred, then the transferee is required to obtain coverage under NPDES General Permit No. 2 for the transferred property. After the transferee has agreed, in writing, to obtain coverage under NPDES General Permit No. 2 for the transferred property, the authorization issued under NPDES General Permit No. 2 to the transferor for the transferred property shall be considered by the

department as not providing NPDES permit coverage for the transferred property and the transferor's authorization issued under NPDES General Permit No. 2 for, and only for, the transferred property shall be deemed by the department as being discontinued without further action of the transferor.

d. All notices as described in this subrule shall contain the name of the development as submitted to the department in the original Notice of Intent and as modified by any subsequent written notices of name changes submitted to the department, the authorization number assigned to the authorization by the department, the legal description of the transferred property including lot number, if any, and any other information necessary to precisely locate the transferred property and to establish the legality of the document.

[ARC 8520B, IAB 2/10/10, effective 3/17/10; ARC 9365B, IAB 2/9/11, effective 3/30/11; ARC 1337C, IAB 2/19/14, effective 3/26/14]

567—64.7(455B) Terms and conditions of NPDES permits.

64.7(1) Prohibited discharges. No NPDES permit may authorize any of the discharges prohibited by 567—62.1(455B).

64.7(2) Application of effluent, pretreatment and water quality standards and other requirements. Each NPDES permit shall include any of the following that is applicable:

a. An effluent limitation guideline promulgated by the administrator under Sections 301 and 304 of the Act and adopted by reference by the commission in 567—62.4(455B).

b. A standard of performance for a new source promulgated by the administrator under Section 306 of the Act and adopted by reference by the commission in 567—62.4(455B).

c. An effluent standard, effluent prohibition or pretreatment standard promulgated by the administrator under Section 307 of the Act and adopted by reference by the commission in 567—62.4(455B) or 567—62.5(455B).

d. A water quality related effluent limitation established by the administrator pursuant to Section 302 of the Act.

e. Prior to promulgation by the administrator of applicable effluent and pretreatment standards under Sections 301, 302, 306, and 307 of the Act, such conditions as the director determines are necessary to carry out the provisions of the Act.

f. Any other limitation, including those:

(1) Necessary to meet water quality standards, treatment or pretreatment standards, or schedules of compliance established pursuant to any Iowa law or regulation, or to implement the antidegradation policy in 567—subrule 61.2(2); or

(2) Necessary to meet any other federal law or regulation; or

(3) Required to implement any applicable water quality standards; or

(4) Any legally applicable requirement necessary to implement total maximum daily loads established pursuant to Section 303(d) of the Act and incorporated in the continuing planning process approved under Section 303(e) of the Act and any regulations and guidelines issued pursuant thereto.

g. Limitations must control all pollutants or pollutant parameters which the director determines are or may be discharged at a level which will cause, have the reasonable potential to cause, or contribute to an excursion above any water quality standard, including narrative criteria, in 567—Chapter 61. When the permitting authority determines that a discharge causes, has the reasonable potential to cause, or contributes to an in-stream excursion of the water quality standard for an individual pollutant, the permit must contain effluent limits for that pollutant.

h. Any more stringent legally applicable requirements necessary to comply with a plan approved pursuant to Section 208(b) of the Act.

In any case where an NPDES permit applies to effluent standards and limitations described in paragraph “a,” “b,” “c,” “d,” “e,” “f,” “g,” or “h,” the director must state that the discharge authorized by the permit will not violate applicable water quality standards and must have prepared some verification of that statement. In any case where an NPDES permit applies any more stringent effluent limitation, described in 64.7(2) “f”(1) or “g,” based upon applicable water quality standards,

a waste load allocation must be prepared to ensure that the discharge authorized by the permit is consistent with applicable water quality standards.

64.7(3) *Effluent limitations in issued NPDES permits.* In the application of effluent standards, and limitations, water quality standards, and other legally applicable requirements, pursuant to 64.7(2), the director shall, for each issued NPDES permit, specify average and maximum daily quantitative limitations for the level of pollutants in the authorized discharge in terms of weight (except pH, temperature, radiation, and any other pollutants not appropriately expressed by weight). The director may, in addition to the specification of daily quantitative limitations by weight, specify other limitations such as average or maximum concentration limits, for the level of pollutants authorized in the discharge.

[COMMENT. The manner in which effluent limitations are expressed will depend upon the nature of the discharge. Continuous discharges shall be limited by daily loading figures and, where appropriate, may be limited as to concentration or discharge rate (e.g., for toxic or highly variable continuous discharges). Batch discharges should be more particularly described and limited in terms of (i) frequency (e.g., to occur not more than once every three weeks), (ii) total weight (e.g., not to exceed 300 pounds per batch discharge), (iii) maximum rate of discharge of pollutants during the batch discharge (e.g., not to exceed 2 pounds per minute), and (iv) prohibition or limitation by weight, concentration, or other appropriate measure of specified pollutants (e.g., shall not contain at any time more than 0.1 ppm zinc or more than ¼ pound of zinc in any batch discharge). Other intermittent discharges, such as recirculation blowdown, should be particularly limited to comply with any applicable water quality standards and effluent standards and limitations.]

64.7(4) *Schedules of compliance in issued NPDES permits.* The director shall follow the following procedure in setting schedules in NPDES permit conditions to achieve compliance with applicable effluent standards and limitations, water quality standards, and other legally applicable requirements.

a. With respect to any discharge which is not in compliance with applicable effluent standards and limitations, applicable water quality standards, or other legally applicable requirements listed in 64.7(2) “*f*” and 64.7(2) “*g*,” the permittee shall be required to take specific steps to achieve compliance with: applicable effluent standards and limitations; if more stringent, water quality standards; or if more stringent, legally applicable requirements listed in 64.7(2) “*f*” and 64.7(2) “*g*.” In the absence of any legally applicable schedule of compliance, such steps shall be achieved in the shortest, reasonable period of time, such period to be consistent with the guidelines and requirements of the Act.

b. In any case where the period of time for compliance specified in paragraph 64.7(4) “*a*” exceeds one year, a schedule of compliance shall be specified in the permit which shall set forth interim requirements and the dates for their achievement; in no event shall more than one year elapse between interim dates. If the time necessary for completion of the interim requirements (such as the construction of a treatment facility) is more than one year and is not readily divided into stages for completion, interim dates shall be specified for the submission of reports of progress toward completion of the interim requirement.

[COMMENT. Certain interim requirements such as the submission of preliminary or final plans often require less than one year, and thus a shorter interval should be specified. Other requirements such as the construction of treatment facilities may require several years for completion and may not readily subdivide into one-year intervals. Long-term interim requirements should nonetheless be subdivided into intervals not longer than one year at which the permittee is required to report progress to the director pursuant to 64.7(4) “*c*.”]

c. Either before or up to 14 days following each interim date and the final date of compliance the permittee shall provide the department with written notice of the permittee’s compliance or noncompliance with the interim or final requirement.

d. On the last day of the months of February, May, August, and November the director shall transmit to the regional administrator a list of all instances, as of 30 days prior to the date of such report, of failure or refusal of a permittee to comply with an interim or final requirement or to notify the department of compliance or noncompliance with each interim or final requirement (as required pursuant to paragraph “*b*” of this subrule). Such list shall be available to the public for inspection and copying and shall contain at least the following information with respect to each instance of noncompliance:

- (1) Name and address of each noncomplying permittee.
- (2) A short description of each instance of noncompliance (e.g., failure to submit preliminary plans, two-week delay in commencement of construction of treatment facility; failure to notify of compliance with interim requirement to complete construction by June 30).
- (3) A short description of any actions or proposed actions by the permittee to comply or by the director to enforce compliance with the interim or final requirement.
- (4) Any details which tend to explain or mitigate an instance of noncompliance with an interim or final requirement (e.g., construction delayed due to materials shortage, plan approval delayed by objections).

e. If a permittee fails or refuses to comply with an interim or final requirement in an NPDES permit such noncompliance shall constitute a violation of the permit for which the director may, pursuant to 567—Chapters 7 and 60, modify, suspend or revoke the permit or take direct enforcement action.

64.7(5) *Schedules of compliance in issued NPDES permits for disadvantaged communities.* If compliance with federal regulations, applicable requirements in 567—Chapters 60, 61, 62, 63, and 64, or an order of the department will result in substantial and widespread economic and social impact (SWESI) to the ratepayers and the affected community, the director may establish in an NPDES permit a schedule of compliance that will result in an improvement of water quality and reasonable progress toward complying with the applicable requirements but does not result in SWESI. Schedules of compliance established under this subrule are intended to result in compliance with the applicable federal and state regulations and requirements by the regulated entity and the affected community.

a. Disadvantaged community status. The director shall find that a regulated entity and the affected community are a disadvantaged community by evaluating all of the following:

- (1) The ability of the regulated entity and the affected community to pay for a project based on the ratio of the total annual project costs per household to median household income (MHI),
- (2) MHI in the community and the unemployment rate of the county in which the community is located, and
- (3) The outstanding debt of the system and the bond rating of the community.

b. Disadvantaged community analysis (DCA). A regulated entity or affected community must submit a disadvantaged community analysis (DCA) to the director to be considered for disadvantaged status. A DCA may only be submitted when new requirements in a proposed or reissued NPDES permit may result in SWESI.

- (1) A DCA may be submitted by any of the following:

1. A wastewater disposal system owned by a municipal corporation or other public body created by or under Iowa law and having jurisdiction over disposal of sewage, industrial wastes or other wastes, or a designated and approved management agency under Section 208 of the Act (a POTW);

2. A wastewater disposal system for the treatment or disposal of domestic sewage which is not a private sewage disposal system and which is not owned by a city, a sanitary sewer district, or a designated and approved management agency under Section 208 of the Act (33 U.S.C. 1288) (a semipublic system); or

3. Any other owner of a wastewater disposal system that is not a private sewage disposal system and does not discharge industrial wastes. “Private sewage disposal system” and “industrial waste” are defined in rule 567—60.2(455B).

- (2) A DCA may be submitted prior to the issuance of an initial NPDES permit if the facility does not discharge industrial wastes and is not a new source or new discharger. “New source” is defined in rule 567—60.2(455B). “New discharger” means any building, structure, facility, or installation from which there is or may be a discharge of pollutants; that did not commence the discharge of pollutants at a particular site prior to August 13, 1979; that is not a new source; and that has never received a finally effective NPDES permit for discharges at that site.

- (3) A DCA may be submitted by the entities noted in subparagraph 64.7(5)“b”(1) above for consideration of a disadvantaged community loan interest rate under the clean water state revolving fund.

c. Contents of a DCA.

- (1) A DCA must contain all of the following:
1. Proposed total annual project costs as defined in paragraph 64.7(5) “d”;
 2. The number of households in the affected community or, if the entity is not serving households, the number of ratepayers;
 3. A description of the bond rating of the affected community over the last year, if available;
 4. The user rates, as follows:
 - If the DCA is submitted by or for a municipality or other community, the current sewer rate ordinances, including the sewer rates of any industrial users;
 - If the DCA is submitted by or for a water treatment facility, the water rate schedules or tables;
 - or
 - If the DCA is submitted by or for an entity other than a municipality, community, or water treatment facility, the monthly ratepayer charge for wastewater treatment;
 5. An explanation of why the regulated entity or affected community believes that compliance with the proposed requirements will result in SWESI.

(2) If the DCA is submitted by or for an entity other than a municipality, community, or water treatment facility, the DCA must also contain either:

1. For entities with more than ten households or ratepayers, the median household or ratepayer income, as determined by an income survey conducted by the regulated entity based on the Iowa community development block grant income survey guidelines (the survey must be included in the DCA); or
2. For entities with ten or fewer households or ratepayers, an estimate of median household or ratepayer income.

d. Definition of total annual project costs. “Total annual project costs” means the current costs of wastewater treatment in the community (if any) plus the future costs of proposed wastewater system improvements that will meet or exceed all applicable federal regulations, requirements in 567—Chapters 60, 61, 62, 63, and 64, or requirements of an order of the department. Total annual project costs shall include any current and proposed facility operation and maintenance costs and any existing (outstanding) and proposed system debt, as expressed in current and proposed sewer rates. The costs of the proposed wastewater treatment shall assume a 30-year loan period at an interest rate equal to the current state revolving fund interest rate. Awarded grant funding must be subtracted from the total annual project costs.

The formula for the calculation of total annual project costs for a regulated entity and affected community is: total annual project costs = [(Estimated costs to design and build proposed project - Awarded grant funding) amortized over 30 years] + Current annual system budget (if any), including operation and maintenance (O&M) and existing debt service + Future annual O&M costs.

e. Disadvantaged community matrix (DCM). The department hereby incorporates by reference “Disadvantaged Community Matrix,” DNR Form 542-1246, effective January 16, 2013. This document may be obtained on the department’s NPDES Web site.

Upon receipt of a complete DCA, the director shall use the disadvantaged community matrix (DCM) to evaluate the disadvantaged status of the community. Compliance with the applicable federal regulations, requirements in 567—Chapters 60, 61, 62, 63, and 64, or an order of the department shall be considered to result in SWESI, and the regulated entity and affected community shall be considered a disadvantaged community, if the point total derived from the DCM is equal to or greater than 12. The following data sources shall be used to derive the point total in the DCM:

- (1) The total annual project costs as stated in the DCA;
- (2) The number of households or ratepayers in a community as stated in the DCA;
- (3) The bond rating of the community, if available, as stated in the DCA;
- (4) The MHI of either:
 1. The community, as found in the most recent American Community Survey or United States Census or as stated in an income survey that is conducted by the regulated entity or community and is based on the Iowa community development block grant income survey guidelines; or

2. The ratepayer group, as stated in an income survey that is conducted by the regulated entity and is based on the Iowa community development block grant income survey guidelines; and

(5) The unemployment rate of the county where the community is located and of the state as found in the most recent Iowa Workforce Information Network unemployment data.

The ratio of the total annual project costs per household or per ratepayer to MHI shall be calculated in the DCM as follows: The total annual project costs shall be divided by the number of households or ratepayers to obtain the costs per household or per ratepayer, and the costs per household or per ratepayer shall be divided by the MHI to obtain the ratio.

f. Ratio. The director shall not consider a regulated entity or affected community a disadvantaged community if the ratio of compliance costs to MHI is less than 1 percent. The director shall consider a regulated entity or affected community a disadvantaged community if the ratio of compliance costs to MHI is greater than or equal to 2 percent. If the ratio of compliance costs to MHI is greater than or equal to 1 percent and less than 2 percent, the director shall use the DCM to determine if the community is disadvantaged. The ratio of compliance costs to MHI shall be the ratio of the total annual project costs per household to MHI as calculated in the DCM.

g. Compliance schedule for a disadvantaged community. A schedule of compliance established in an NPDES permit for a disadvantaged community as a result of SWESI may contain one or two parts as necessary to comply with the applicable federal regulations and requirements in 567—Chapters 60, 61, 62, 63, and 64.

(1) The first part of a schedule of compliance for a disadvantaged community shall encompass one five-year NPDES permit cycle and shall require the permit holder to submit an alternatives report, an alternatives implementation compliance plan (AICP), and annual reports of progress that contain brief updates regarding the completion of the alternatives report and the AICP.

1. Alternatives report. The alternatives report must detail the alternative pollution control measures that will be investigated and contain an examination of all other appropriate measures that may achieve compliance with applicable federal regulations, requirements in 567—Chapters 60, 61, 62, 63, and 64, or an order of the department without creating SWESI. The alternatives report must describe which measures will be evaluated for feasibility and affordability during the next portion of the compliance schedule. Alternative pollution control measures may include, but are not limited to, facility upgrades, construction of a new facility, relocation of the discharge point(s), regionalization, or outfall consolidation. Other appropriate measures may include, but are not limited to, mixing zone studies, consideration of seasonal limitations or site-specific data, alteration of current facility operations, intermittent discharges, source reduction, effluent recycling or reuse, or renegotiation of treatment agreements. The alternatives report must also include a plan for pursuing funding options, including grants and low-interest loans. The alternatives report shall be submitted no later than two years after permit issuance.

2. Alternatives implementation compliance plan (AICP). The AICP shall include the results of the investigation detailed in the alternatives report, a description of any feasible and affordable alternative(s) that will be implemented, a schedule of the time necessary to implement the alternative(s), and an updated DCA. The AICP shall be submitted no later than 4½ years after permit issuance.

(2) If the entity or community continues to qualify as disadvantaged according to the DCM evaluation based on the DCA submitted with the AICP, the entity or community may receive a second schedule of compliance as specified in this subrule. The second schedule of compliance for a disadvantaged community may contain either the implementation schedule from the AICP or a schedule for submittal of a future compliance plan (FCP).

1. AICP implementation schedule. If the AICP proposes a schedule for implementation of one or more feasible alternatives, the proposed schedule shall be included in the reissued NPDES permit for the disadvantaged community.

2. Future compliance plan (FCP). The submittal of an FCP will be necessary only if the AICP concludes that the disadvantaged community cannot feasibly implement any alternatives and if the community is still disadvantaged according to the updated information in the DCA submitted with the AICP. The FCP shall detail how the disadvantaged community will meet the applicable federal

regulations, requirements in 567—Chapters 60, 61, 62, 63, and 64, or an order of the department and the period necessary to do so. An FCP shall review the types of technology capable of treating the pollutant of concern, as well as the costs of installing and operating each type of technology. All technically feasible alternatives shall be explored. The FCP shall be submitted no later than three years after permit issuance. A schedule of compliance requiring the submittal of an FCP shall also require the submittal of annual reports of progress that contain updated financial information, an updated DCA, and a brief update regarding the completion or implementation of the FCP. If the DCM evaluation determines that an entity or community is no longer disadvantaged based on the most recent DCA, the NPDES permit may be amended to change the schedule of compliance.

3. Schedule extension. The second part of a schedule of compliance for a disadvantaged community may be extended at the discretion of the director.

(3) Schedules of compliance issued in accordance with this subrule shall comply with paragraphs 64.7(4)“b” through “e.”

64.7(6) *Disadvantaged unsewered communities.* If compliance with applicable federal regulations, requirements in 567—Chapters 60, 61, 62, 63, and 64, or an order of the department will result in substantial and widespread economic and social impact (SWESI) to the ratepayers of an unsewered community, the director may negotiate a compliance agreement that will result in an improvement of water quality and reasonable progress toward complying with the applicable requirements but does not result in SWESI.

a. Disadvantaged unsewered community status. The director shall find that an unsewered community is a disadvantaged unsewered community by evaluating all of the following:

- (1) The ability of the unsewered community to pay for a project based on the ratio of the total annual project costs per household to MHI,
- (2) The unemployment rate in the county where the unsewered community is located, and
- (3) The MHI of the unsewered community.

b. Disadvantaged unsewered community analysis (DUCA). To be considered for disadvantaged unsewered community status, an unsewered community may submit a disadvantaged unsewered community analysis (DUCA) to the director prior to the issuance of or amendment to an administrative order with requirements that could result in SWESI and that are based on applicable federal regulations, requirements in 567—Chapters 60, 61, 62, 63, and 64, or an order of the department. Only unsewered communities may submit a DUCA under this subrule. For the purposes of this subrule, an unsewered community is defined as a grouping of ten or more residential houses with a density of one house or more per acre and with either no wastewater treatment or inadequate wastewater treatment. An entity defined in rule 567—60.2(455B) as a private sewage disposal system may not submit a DUCA or qualify for a disadvantaged unsewered community compliance agreement under paragraph 64.7(6)“g.” A DUCA may also be submitted for consideration of a disadvantaged community loan interest rate under the clean water state revolving fund.

c. Contents of a DUCA. A DUCA must contain:

- (1) Proposed total annual project costs as defined in paragraph 64.7(6)“d”;
- (2) The number of households in the unsewered community and source of household information;
- (3) Total amount of any awarded grant funding;
- (4) An explanation of why the unsewered community believes that compliance with the proposed requirements will result in SWESI.

If no MHI information is available for the unsewered community, the community should conduct a rate survey to determine the MHI. The survey must be conducted in accordance with the Iowa community development block grant income survey guidelines. In addition, the survey must be attached to the DCA.

d. Definition of total annual project costs. “Total annual project costs” means the future costs of proposed wastewater system installation or improvements that will meet or exceed all applicable federal regulations, requirements in 567—Chapters 60, 61, 62, 63, and 64, or requirements of an order of the department. Total annual project costs shall include the proposed facility operation and maintenance (O&M) costs and the proposed debt of the system as expressed in the proposed sewer rates. The costs of the proposed wastewater treatment shall assume a 30-year loan period at an interest rate equal to the

current state revolving fund interest rate. Awarded grant funding must be subtracted from the total annual project costs.

The formula for the calculation of total annual project costs for an unsewered community is: total annual project costs = [(Estimated costs to design and build proposed project - Awarded grant funding) amortized over 30 years] + Future annual O&M costs.

e. Disadvantaged unsewered community matrix (DUCM). The department hereby incorporates by reference “Disadvantaged Unsewered Community Matrix,” DNR Form 542-1247, effective January 16, 2013. This document may be obtained on the department’s NPDES Web site.

Upon receipt of a complete DUCA, the director shall use the disadvantaged unsewered community matrix (DUCM) to evaluate the disadvantaged status of the unsewered community. Compliance with applicable federal regulations, requirements in 567—Chapters 60, 61, 62, 63, and 64, or an order of the department shall be considered to result in SWESI, and the unsewered community shall be considered a disadvantaged unsewered community, if the point total derived from the DUCM is equal to or greater than 10. The following data sources shall be used to derive the point total in the DUCM:

- (1) The total annual project costs as stated in the DUCA;
- (2) The number of households in the unsewered community as stated in the DUCA;
- (3) The MHI of the unsewered community as found in the most recent American Community Survey or United States Census or as stated in an income survey that is conducted by the regulated entity or community and is based on the Iowa community development block grant income survey guidelines; and
- (4) The unemployment rate of the county where the unsewered community is located and of the state as found in the most recent Iowa Workforce Information Network unemployment data.

The ratio of the total annual project costs per household to MHI shall be calculated in the DUCM as follows: the total annual project costs shall be divided by the number of households in the unsewered community to obtain the costs per household, and the costs per household shall be divided by MHI to obtain the ratio.

f. Ratio and other considerations. The director shall not consider an unsewered community a disadvantaged unsewered community if the ratio of compliance costs to MHI is below 1 percent. The director shall consider an unsewered community a disadvantaged unsewered community if the ratio of compliance costs to MHI is greater than or equal to 2 percent. If the ratio of compliance costs to MHI is greater than or equal to 1 percent, and less than 2 percent, the director shall use the DUCM to determine if the unsewered community is disadvantaged. The ratio of compliance costs to MHI shall be the ratio of the total annual project costs per household to MHI as calculated in the DUCM. The director shall not require installation of a wastewater treatment system by an unsewered community if the director determines that such installation would create SWESI.

g. Compliance agreement for a disadvantaged unsewered community. A compliance agreement negotiated with a disadvantaged unsewered community as a result of SWESI shall require the unsewered community to submit an alternatives report and an alternatives implementation compliance plan (AICP).

(1) Alternatives report. The alternatives report must detail the alternative pollution control measures that will be investigated and contain an examination of all other appropriate measures that may achieve compliance with the water quality standards without creating SWESI. The alternatives report must describe which measures will be evaluated for feasibility and affordability after the report submittal. Alternative pollution control measures may include, but are not limited to, upgrades of existing infrastructure, construction of a new facility, relocation of the discharge point(s), regionalization, or outfall consolidation. Other appropriate measures may include, but are not limited to, mixing zone studies, consideration of seasonal limitations or site-specific data, alteration of current facility operations, intermittent discharges, source reduction, effluent recycling or reuse, or renegotiation of treatment agreements. The alternatives report shall also include a plan for pursuing funding options, including grants and low-interest loans. The alternatives report shall be submitted no later than two years after an unsewered community has been determined to be a disadvantaged unsewered community.

(2) Alternatives implementation compliance plan (AICP). The AICP shall include the results of the investigation detailed in the alternatives report, a description of any feasible and affordable alternative(s)

that will be implemented, a schedule of the time necessary to implement the alternative(s), and an updated DUCA. The AICP shall be submitted no later than 4½ years after an unsewered community has been determined to be a disadvantaged unsewered community.

(3) AICP implementation schedule. If the AICP proposes a schedule for implementation of one or more feasible alternatives, the proposed schedule shall be included in an administrative order between the department and the unsewered community. If the feasible alternative that will be implemented requires a construction permit, an operation permit, or an NPDES permit, the unsewered community shall comply with the rules regarding those permits in this chapter.

(4) Future compliance plan (FCP). The submittal of an FCP will be necessary only if the AICP concludes that the unsewered community cannot feasibly implement any alternatives and if the community is still disadvantaged according to the updated information in the DUCA submitted with the AICP. The FCP shall detail how the unsewered community will meet the water quality standards and the period necessary to do so. An FCP shall review the types of technology capable of treating the pollutant of concern, as well as the costs of installing and operating each type of technology. All technically feasible alternatives shall be explored. The FCP shall be submitted no later than seven years after an unsewered community has been determined to be a disadvantaged unsewered community. An administrative order requiring the submittal of an FCP shall also require the submittal of biennial progress reports that contain an updated DUCA. If the DUCM evaluation determines that an unsewered community is no longer disadvantaged based on the most recent DUCA, the order may be amended at the discretion of the director.

64.7(7) *Other terms and conditions of issued NPDES permits.* Each issued NPDES permit shall provide for and ensure the following:

a. That all discharges authorized by the NPDES permit shall be consistent with the terms and conditions of the permit; that facility expansions, production increases, or process modifications which result in new or increased discharges of pollutants must be reported by submission of a new NPDES application or, if such discharge does not violate effluent limitations specified in the NPDES permit, by submission to the director of notice of such new or increased discharges of pollutants; that the discharge of any pollutant more frequently than or at a level in excess of that identified and authorized by the permit shall constitute a violation of the terms and conditions of the permit; that if the terms and conditions of a general permit are no longer applicable to a discharge, the applicant shall apply for an individual NPDES permit;

b. That the permit may be amended, revoked and reissued, or terminated in whole or in part for the causes provided in 64.3(11) “*b.*”

c. That the permittee shall permit the director or the director’s authorized representative upon the presentation of credentials:

(1) To enter upon permittee’s premises in which an effluent source is located or in which any records are required to be kept under terms and conditions of the permit;

(2) To have access to and copy any records required to be kept under terms and conditions of the permit;

(3) To inspect any monitoring equipment or method required in the permit; or

(4) To sample any discharge of pollutants.

d. That, if the permit is for a discharge from a publicly owned treatment works, the permittee shall provide notice to the director of the following:

(1) One hundred eighty days in advance of any new introduction of pollutants into such treatment works from a new source as defined in 567—Chapter 60 if such source were discharging pollutants;

(2) Except as specified below, 180 days in advance of any new introduction of pollutants into such treatment works from a source which would be subject to Section 301 of the Act if such source were discharging pollutants. However, the connection of such a source need not be reported if the source contributes less than 25,000 gallons of process wastewater per day at the average discharge, or contributes less than 5 percent of the organic or hydraulic loading of the treatment facility, or is not subject to a federal pretreatment standard adopted by reference in 567—Chapter 62, or does not contribute pollutants that may cause interference or pass through; and

(3) Sixty days in advance of any substantial change in volume or character of pollutants being introduced into such treatment works by a source introducing pollutants into such works at the time of issuance of the permit.

Such notice shall include information on the quality and quantity of effluent to be introduced into such treatment works and any anticipated impact of such change in the quantity or quality of effluent to be discharged from such publicly owned treatment works.

e. That, if the permit is for a discharge from a publicly owned treatment works, the permittee shall require any industrial user of such treatment works to comply with the requirements of Sections 204(b), 307, and 308 of the Act. As a means of ensuring such compliance, the permittee shall require that each industrial user subject to the requirements of Section 307 of the Act give to the permittee periodic notice (over intervals not to exceed six months) of progress toward full compliance with Section 307 requirements. The permittee shall forward a copy of the notice to the director.

f. That the permittee at all times shall maintain in good working order and operate as efficiently as possible any facilities or systems of treatment and control which have been installed or are used by the permittee to achieve compliance with the terms and conditions of the permit. Proper operation and maintenance also include adequate laboratory control and appropriate quality assurance procedures. This provision requires the operation of backup or auxiliary facilities or similar systems which have been installed by the permittee only when such operation is necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of the permit.

g. That if a toxic effluent standard or prohibition (including any schedule of compliance specified in such effluent standard or prohibition) is established under Section 307(a) of the Act for a toxic pollutant which is present in the permittee's discharge and such standard or prohibition is more stringent than any limitation upon such pollutant in the NPDES permit, the director shall revise or modify the permit in accordance with the toxic effluent standard or prohibition and so notify the permittee.

h. If an applicant for an NPDES permit proposes to dispose of pollutants into wells as part of a program to meet the proposed terms and conditions of an NPDES permit, the director shall specify additional terms and conditions of the issued NPDES permit which shall prohibit the proposed disposal or control the proposed disposal in order to prevent pollution of ground and surface water resources and to protect the public health and welfare. (See rule 567—62.9(455B) which prohibits the disposal of pollutants, other than heat, into wells within Iowa.)

i. That the permittee shall take all reasonable steps to minimize or prevent any discharge in violation of the permit which has a reasonable likelihood of adversely affecting human health or the environment.

j. It shall not be a defense for a permittee in an enforcement action that it would have been necessary to halt or reduce the permitted activity in order to maintain compliance with the terms of this permit.

64.7(8) *POTW compliance—plan of action required.* The owner of a publicly owned treatment works (POTW) must prepare and implement a plan of action to achieve and maintain compliance with final effluent limitations in its NPDES permit, as specified below:

a. The director shall notify the owner of a POTW of the plan of action requirement, and of an opportunity to meet with department staff to discuss the plan of action requirements. The POTW owner shall submit a plan of action to the appropriate regional field office of the department within six months of such notice, unless a longer time is needed and is authorized in writing by the director.

b. The plan of action will vary in length and complexity depending on the compliance history and physical status of the particular POTW. It must identify the deficiencies and needs of the system, describe the causes of such deficiencies or needs, propose specific measures (including an implementation schedule) that will be taken to correct the deficiencies or meet the needs, and discuss the method of financing the improvements proposed in the plan of action. A plan may include the submittal of a disadvantaged community analysis in accordance with subrule 64.7(5), at the discretion of the POTW.

The plan may provide for a phased construction approach to meet interim and final limitations, where financing is such that a long-term project is necessary to meet final limitations, and shorter term projects may provide incremental benefits to water quality in the interim.

Information on the purpose and preparation of the plan can be found in the departmental document entitled "Guidance on Preparing a Plan of Action," available from the department's regional field offices.

c. Upon submission of a complete plan of action to the department, the plan should be reviewed and approved or disapproved within 60 days unless a longer time is required and the POTW owner is so notified.

d. The NPDES permit for the facility shall be amended to include the implementation schedule or other actions developed through the plan to achieve and maintain compliance.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 455B, division III, part 1 (455B.171 to 455B.187).

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567—64.8(455B) Reissuance of operation and NPDES permits.

64.8(1) *Individual operation and NPDES permits.* Individual operation and NPDES permits will be reissued according to the procedures identified in 64.8(1) "a" to "c."

a. Any operation or NPDES permittee who wishes to continue to discharge after the expiration date of the permit shall file an application for reissuance of the permit at least 180 days prior to the expiration of the permit pursuant to 567—60.4(455B). For a POTW, permission to submit an application at a later date may be granted by the director. In addition, the applicant must submit or have submitted information to show:

(1) That the permittee is in compliance or has substantially complied with all the terms, conditions, requirements and schedules of compliance of the expiring operation or NPDES permit.

(2) Up-to-date information on the permittee's production levels, permittee's waste treatment practices, nature, contents, and frequency of permittee's discharge.

(3) That the discharge is consistent with applicable effluent standards and limitations, water quality standards and other legally applicable requirements listed in 64.7(2), including any additions to, or revision or modifications of, such effluent standards and limitations, water quality standards, or other legally applicable requirements during the term of the permit.

b. The director shall follow the notice and public participation procedures specified in 567—64.5(455B) in connection with each request for reissuance of an NPDES permit.

c. Notwithstanding any other provision in these rules, any new point source the construction of which is commenced after the date of enactment of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 (October 18, 1972) and which is so constructed as to meet all applicable standards of performance for new sources shall not be subject to any more stringent standard of performance during a ten-year period beginning on the date of completion of such construction or during the period of depreciation or amortization of such facility for the purposes of Section 167 or 169 (or both) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended through December 31, 1976, whichever period ends first.

64.8(2) *Renewal of coverage under a general permit.* Coverage under a general permit will be renewed subject to the terms and conditions in paragraphs "a" to "d."

a. If a permittee intends to continue an activity covered by a general permit beyond the expiration date of the general permit, the permittee must reapply and submit a complete Notice of Intent in accordance with 64.6(1).

b. A complete Notice of Intent for coverage under a reissued or renewed general permit must be submitted to the department within 180 days after the expiration date of a general permit.

c. A person holding a general permit is subject to the terms of the permit until it expires or a Notice of Discontinuation is submitted in accordance with 64.6(5). If the person holding a general permit continues the activity beyond the expiration date, the conditions of the expired general permit will remain in effect provided the permittee submits a complete Notice of Intent for coverage under a renewed or reissued general permit within 180 days after the expiration date of the expired general permit. If the person continues an activity for which the general permit has expired and the general permit has not been reissued or renewed, the discharge must be permitted with an individual NPDES permit according to the procedures in 64.3(4) "a."

d. The Notice of Intent requirements shall not include a public notification when a general permit has been reissued or renewed provided the permittee has already submitted a complete Notice of Intent including the public notification requirements of 64.6(1). Another public notice is required when any information, including facility location, in the original public notice is changed.

64.8(3) Continuation of expiring operation and NPDES permits.

a. The conditions of an expired operation or NPDES permit will continue in force until the effective date of a new permit if:

- (1) The permittee has submitted a complete application under 60.4(2); and
- (2) The department, through no fault of the permittee, does not issue a new permit with an effective date on or before the expiration date of the previous permit.

b. Operation and NPDES permits continued under this subrule remain fully effective and enforceable.

c. If a permittee is not in compliance with the conditions of the expiring or expired permit, the department may choose to do any of the following:

- (1) Initiate enforcement action on the permit which has been continued;
- (2) Issue a notice of intent to deny a permit under 64.5(1);
- (3) Reissue a permit with appropriate conditions in accordance with this subrule; or
- (4) Take other actions authorized by this rule.

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567—64.9(455B) Monitoring, record keeping and reporting by operation permit holders. Operation permit holders are subject to any applicable requirements and provisions specified in the operation permit issued by the department.

[ARC 7625B, IAB 3/11/09, effective 4/15/09]

567—64.10(455B) Silvicultural activities. The following is adopted by reference: 40 CFR 122.27.

[ARC 7625B, IAB 3/11/09, effective 4/15/09]

567—64.11 and 64.12 Reserved.

567—64.13(455B) Storm water discharges.

64.13(1) The following is adopted by reference: 40 CFR 122.26.

64.13(2) Small municipal separate storm sewer systems.

a. For any discharge from a regulated small municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4), the permit application must be submitted no later than March 10, 2003, if designated under this subrule.

b. All MS4s located in urbanized areas as defined by the latest decennial census and all MS4s which serve 10,000 people or more located outside urbanized areas and where the average population density is 1,000 people/square mile or more are regulated small MS4s unless waiver criteria established by the department are met and a waiver has been granted by the department.

c. Permit coverage requirements for MS4s located in urbanized areas and serving 1,000 or more people and fewer than 10,000 people may be waived if the following requirements are met:

(1) The department has evaluated all waters of the United States that receive a discharge from the MS4, and for all such waters, the department has determined that storm water controls are not needed based on wasteload allocations that are part of an EPA approved or established total maximum daily load (TMDL) that addresses the pollutants of concern or, if a TMDL has not been developed or approved, an equivalent analysis that determines sources and allocations for the pollutants of concern. The pollutants of concern include biochemical oxygen demand, sediment or a parameter that addresses sediment (total suspended solids, turbidity or siltation), pathogens, oil and grease, and any pollutant that has been identified as a cause of impairment of any water body that will receive a discharge from the MS4.

(2) The department has determined that future discharges from the MS4 do not have the potential to result in exceedances of water quality standards, including impairment of designated uses or other significant water quality impacts including habitat and biological impacts.

d. Permit coverage requirements for MS4s located in urbanized areas and serving fewer than 1,000 people may be waived if the following requirements are met:

(1) The system is not contributing substantially to the pollutant loadings of a physically interconnected MS4 that is regulated by the NPDES storm water program.

(2) The MS4 discharges any pollutants that have been identified as a cause of impairment of any water body to which the MS4 discharges and the department has determined that storm water controls are not needed based upon wasteload allocations that are a part of an EPA approved or established TMDL that addresses the pollutants of concern.

e. Permit coverage requirements for MS4s located outside of urbanized areas and serving 10,000 or more people may be waived if the following criterion is met:

The MS4 is not discharging pollutants which are the cause of the impairment to a water body designated by the department as impaired.

f. Should conditions under which the initial waiver was granted change, the waiver may be rescinded by the department and permit coverage may be required.

g. MS4 applications shall, at a minimum, demonstrate in what manner the applicant will develop, implement and enforce a storm water management program designed to reduce the discharge of pollutants from the MS4 to the maximum extent practicable, to protect water quality and to satisfy the appropriate water quality requirements of the Clean Water Act. The manner in which the permittee will address the following items must be addressed in the application: public education and outreach on storm water impacts, public involvement and participation, illicit discharge detection and elimination, construction site storm water runoff control, postconstruction storm water management in new development and redevelopment, and pollution prevention for municipal operations. Measurable goals which the applicant intends to meet and dates by which the goals will be accomplished shall be included with the application.

64.13(3) Waivers for storm water discharge associated with small construction activity. The director may waive the otherwise applicable requirements in a general permit for storm water discharge from small construction activities as defined in 567—Chapter 60 when:

a. The value of the rainfall erosivity factor (“R” in the Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation) is less than 5 during the period of construction activity. The rainfall erosivity factor is determined in accordance with Chapter 2 of Agriculture Handbook Number 703, Predicting Soil Erosion by Water: A Guide to Conservation Planning With the Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation (RUSLE), pages 21-64, dated January 1997; or

b. Storm water controls are not needed based on a TMDL approved or established by the EPA that addresses the pollutant(s) of concern or, for nonimpaired waters that do not require TMDLs, an equivalent analysis that determines allocations for small construction sites for the pollutant(s) of concern or that determines that such allocations are not needed to protect water quality based on consideration of existing in-stream concentrations, expected growth in pollutant contributions from all sources, and a margin of safety. The pollutant(s) of concern includes sediment or a parameter that addresses sediment (such as total suspended solids, turbidity or siltation) and any other pollutant that has been identified as a cause of impairment of any water body that will receive a discharge from the construction activity.

[ARC 7625B, IAB 3/11/09, effective 4/15/09]

567—64.14(455B) Transfer of title and owner or operator address change. If title to any disposal system or part thereof for which a permit has been issued under 567—64.2(455B), 567—64.3(455B) or 567—64.6(455B) is transferred, the new owners shall be subject to all terms and conditions of said permit. Whenever title to a disposal system or part thereof is changed, the department shall be notified in writing of such change within 30 days of the occurrence. No transfer of the authorization to discharge from the facility represented by the permit shall take place prior to notifying the department of the transfer of title. Whenever the address of the owner is changed, the department shall be notified in writing within 30 days of the address change. Electronic notification is not sufficient; all title transfers or address changes must be reported to the department by mail.

64.14(1) *Permits issued under rule 567—64.2(455B), 567—64.3(455B), or 567—64.6(455B), except 64.6(1)“a”(5).* If title to any disposal system or part thereof for which a permit has been issued is transferred, the new owners shall be subject to all terms and conditions of the permit. Whenever title to a disposal system or part thereof is changed, the department shall be notified in writing of such change within 30 days of the occurrence. No transfer of the authorization to discharge from the facility represented by the permit shall take place prior to notification of the department of the transfer of title. Whenever the address of the owner is changed, the department shall be notified in writing within 30 days of the address change. Electronic notification is not sufficient; all title transfers and address changes must be reported to the department by mail.

64.14(2) *Permits issued under 64.6(1)“a”(5).* When the operator of a facility changes, the department must be notified of the transfer within 30 days. When a discharge is covered by the general permit, the operator of record shall be subject to all terms and conditions of the permit. No transfer of the authorization to discharge from the facility represented by the permit shall take place prior to notification of the department of the transfer. Whenever the address of the operator is changed, the department shall be notified in writing within 30 days of the address change. Electronic notification is not sufficient; all transfers and address changes must be reported to the department by mail.

[ARC 7625B, IAB 3/11/09, effective 4/15/09; ARC 9553B, IAB 6/15/11, effective 7/20/11]

Rules 567—64.3(455B) to 567—64.14(455B) are intended to implement Iowa Code section 455B.173.

567—64.15(455B) General permits issued by the department. The following is a list of general permits adopted by the department through the Administrative Procedure Act, Iowa Code chapter 17A, and the term of each permit.

64.15(1) Storm Water Discharge Associated with Industrial Activity, NPDES General Permit No. 1, effective October 1, 2012, to October 1, 2017, as amended on March 26, 2014. Facilities assigned Standard Industrial Classification 1442, 2951, or 3273, and those facilities assigned Standard Industrial Classification 1422 or 1423 which are engaged primarily in rock crushing are not eligible for coverage under General Permit No. 1.

64.15(2) Storm Water Discharge Associated with Industrial Activity for Construction Activities, NPDES General Permit No. 2, effective October 1, 2012, to October 1, 2017, as amended on March 26, 2014.

64.15(3) Storm Water Discharge Associated with Industrial Activity from Asphalt Plants, Concrete Batch Plants, Rock Crushing Plants, and Construction Sand and Gravel Facilities, NPDES General Permit No. 3, effective October 1, 2012, to October 1, 2017, as amended on March 26, 2014. General Permit No. 3 authorizes storm water discharges from facilities primarily engaged in manufacturing asphalt paving mixtures and which are classified under Standard Industrial Classification 2951, primarily engaged in manufacturing Portland cement concrete and which are classified under Standard Industrial Classification 3273, those facilities assigned Standard Industrial Classification 1422 or 1423 which are primarily engaged in the crushing, grinding or pulverizing of limestone or granite, and construction sand and gravel facilities which are classified under Standard Industrial Classification 1442. General Permit No. 3 does not authorize the discharge of water resulting from dewatering activities at rock quarries.

64.15(4) “Discharge from Private Sewage Disposal Systems,” NPDES General Permit No. 4, effective March 18, 2009, to March 17, 2011.

64.15(5) “Discharge from Mining and Processing Facilities,” NPDES General Permit No. 5, effective July 20, 2011.

64.15(6) “Discharge Associated with Well Construction Activities,” NPDES General Permit No. 6, effective March 17, 2010, to February 28, 2015.

64.15(7) “Pesticide General Permit (PGP) for Point Source Discharges to Waters of the United States From the Application of Pesticides,” NPDES General Permit No. 7, effective March 30, 2011, to March 29, 2016.

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567—64.16(455B) Fees.

64.16(1) A person who applies for an individual permit or coverage under a general permit to construct, install, modify or operate a disposal system shall submit along with the application an application fee or a permit fee or both as specified in 64.16(3). Certain individual facilities shall also be required to submit annual fees as specified in 64.16(3) “b.” Fees shall be assessed based on the type of permit coverage the applicant requests, either as general permit coverage or as an individual permit. For a construction permit, an application fee must be submitted with the application. For General Permits Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 5, the applicant has the option of paying an annual permit fee or a multiyear permit fee at the time the Notice of Intent for coverage is submitted.

For individual storm water only permits, a one-time, multiyear permit fee must be submitted at the time of application. A storm water only permit is defined as an NPDES permit that authorizes the discharge of only storm water and any allowable non-storm water as defined in the permit. For all other non-storm water NPDES permits and operation permits, the applicant must submit an application fee at the time of application and the appropriate annual fee on a yearly basis. A non-storm water NPDES permit is defined as any individual NPDES permit or operation permit issued to a municipality, industry, semipublic entity, or animal feeding operation that is not an individual storm water only permit. If a facility needs coverage under more than one NPDES permit, fees for each permit must be submitted appropriately.

Fees are nontransferable. If the application is returned to the applicant by the department, the permit fee will be returned. No fees will be returned if the permit or permit coverage is suspended, revoked, or modified, or if the activity is discontinued. Failure to submit the appropriate fee at the time of application renders the application incomplete, and the department shall suspend processing of the application until the fee is received. Failure to submit the appropriate annual fee may result in revocation or suspension of the permit as noted in 64.3(11) “f.”

64.16(2) Payment of fees. Fees shall be paid by check or money order made payable to the “Iowa Department of Natural Resources.”

For facilities needing coverage under both a storm water only permit and a non-storm water NPDES permit, separate payments shall be made according to the fee schedule in 64.16(3).

64.16(3) Fee schedule. The following fees have been adopted:

a. For coverage under the NPDES general permits, the following fees apply:

(1) Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activity, NPDES General Permit No. 1.

Annual Permit Fee \$175(per year)

or

Five-year Permit Fee \$700

Four-year Permit Fee \$525

Three-year Permit Fee \$350

All fees are to be submitted with the Notice of Intent for coverage under the general permit.

(2) Storm Water Discharge Associated with Industrial Activity for Construction Activities, NPDES General Permit No. 2. The fees are the same as those specified for General Permit No. 1 in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph.

(3) Storm Water Discharge Associated with Industrial Activity from Asphalt Plants, Concrete Batch Plants, and Rock Crushing Plants, NPDES General Permit No. 3. The fees are the same as those specified for General Permit No. 1 in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph.

(4) Discharge from Private Sewage Disposal Systems, NPDES Permit No. 4. No fees shall be assessed.

(5) Discharge from Mining and Processing Facilities, NPDES General Permit No. 5.

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| Annual Permit Fee | \$125 (per year) |
| or | |
| Five-year Permit Fee | \$500 |
| Four-year Permit Fee | \$400 |
| Three-year Permit Fee | \$300 |

New facilities seeking General Permit No. 5 coverage shall submit fees with the Notice of Intent for coverage. Maximum coverage is for five years. Coverage may also be obtained for four years, three years, or one year, as shown in the fee schedule above. Existing facilities shall submit annual fees by August 30 of every year, unless a multiyear fee payment was received in an earlier year. In the event a facility is no longer eligible to be covered under General Permit No. 5, the remainder of the fees previously paid by the facility shall be applied toward its individual permit fees.

b. Individual NPDES and operation permit fees. The following fees are applicable for the described individual NPDES permit:

(1) For permits that authorize the discharge of only storm water associated with industrial activity and any allowable non-storm water, a five-year permit fee of \$1,250 must accompany the application.

(2) For permits that authorize the discharge of only storm water from municipal separate storm sewer systems and any allowable non-storm water, a five-year permit fee of \$1,250 must accompany the application.

(3) For operation and non-storm water NPDES permits not subject to subparagraphs (1) and (2), a single application fee of \$85 as established in Iowa Code section 455B.197 is due at the time of application. The application fee is to be submitted with the application forms (as required by 567—Chapter 60) at the time of a new application, renewal application, or amendment application. Before an approved amendment request submitted by a facility holding a non-storm water NPDES permit can be processed by the department, the application fee must be submitted. Application fees will not be charged to facilities holding non-storm water NPDES permits when an amendment request is initiated by the director, when the requested amendment will correct an error in the permit, or when there is a transfer of title or change in the address of the owner as noted in 567—64.14(455B).

(4) For every major and minor municipal facility, every semipublic facility, every major and minor industrial facility, every facility that holds an operation permit (no wastewater discharge into surface waters), and every open feedlot animal feeding operation required to hold a non-storm water NPDES permit, an annual fee as established in Iowa Code section 455B.197 is due by August 30 of each year.

(5) For every municipal water treatment facility with a non-storm water NPDES permit, no fee is charged (as established in Iowa Code section 455B.197).

(6) For a new facility, an annual fee as established in Iowa Code section 455B.197 is due 30 days after the new permit is issued.

c. Wastewater construction permit fees. A single construction permit fee as established in Iowa Code section 455B.197 is due at the time of construction permit application submission.

64.16(4) Fee refunds for storm water general permit coverage—pilot project. Rescinded IAB 10/16/02, effective 11/20/02.

64.16(5) “Discharge Associated with Well Construction Activities,” NPDES General Permit No. 6. No fees shall be assessed.

64.16(6) “Pesticide General Permit (PGP) for Point Source Discharges to Waters of the United States From the Application of Pesticides,” NPDES General Permit No. 7. No fees shall be assessed.

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567—64.17(455B) Validity of rules. If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or word of these rules, or any part thereof, be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remainder of said rules shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect.

567—64.18(455B) Applicability. This chapter shall apply to all waste disposal systems treating or intending to treat sewage, industrial waste, or other waste except waste resulting from livestock or poultry operations. All livestock and poultry operations constituting animal feeding operations as defined in 567—Chapter 65 shall be governed by the requirements contained in Chapter 65. However, if an animal feeding operation is required to apply for and obtain an NPDES permit, the provisions of this chapter relating to notice and public participation, to the terms and conditions of the permit, to the reissuance of the permit and to monitoring, reporting and record-keeping activities shall apply.

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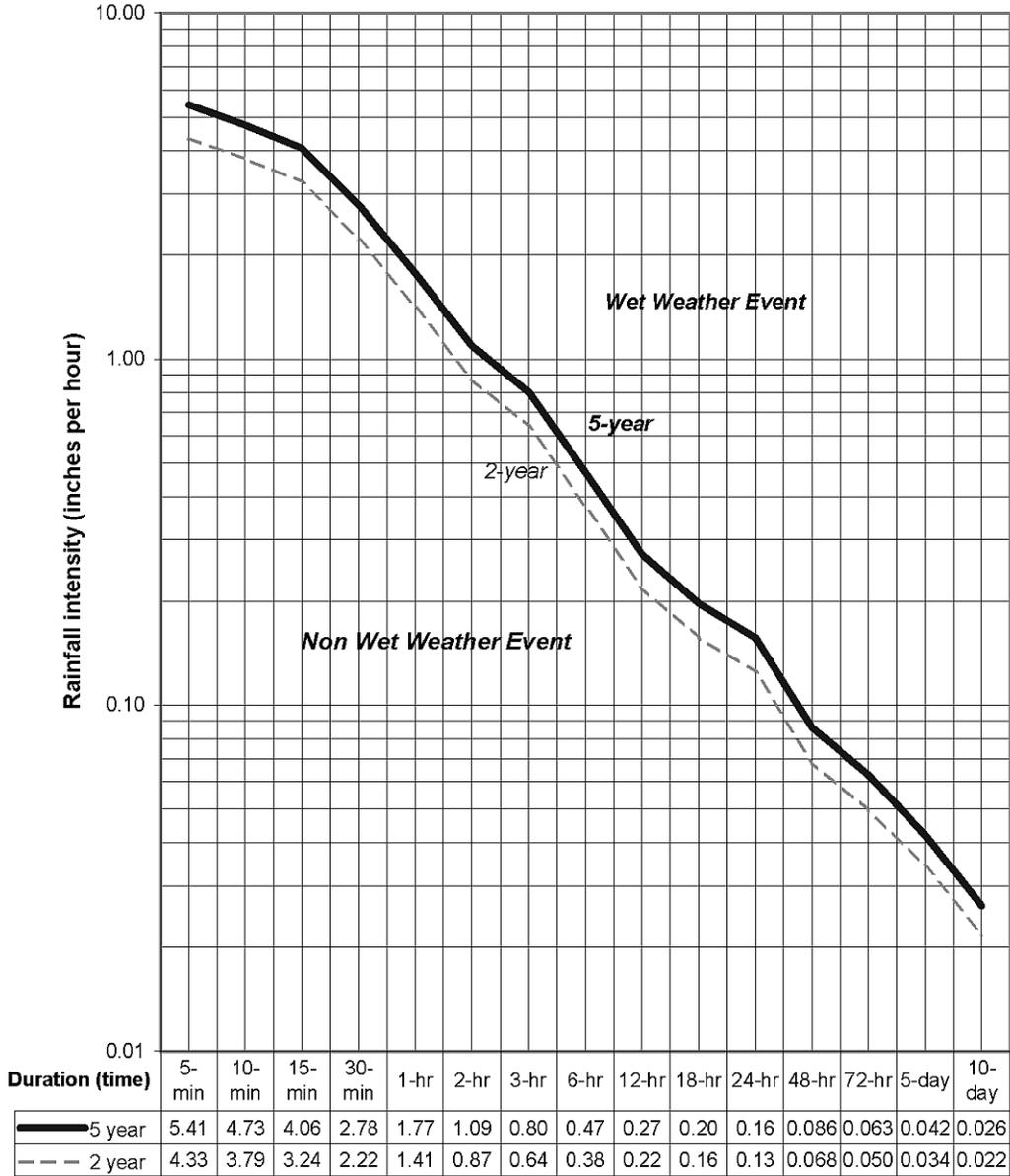
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APPENDIX A Rainfall Intensity - Duration - Frequency Curve (5 and 2 year Return Intervals)

Data Source: Rainfall Frequency Atlas of the Midwest, Illinois State Water Survey, 1992.



Rainfall intensity data points (inches per hour)

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CHAPTER 93
NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION CONTROL SET-ASIDE PROGRAMS

567—93.1(455B,466) Statutory authority. The authority for the Iowa department of natural resources to administer the clean water state revolving fund (CWSRF) to assist in the construction of wastewater treatment facilities and water pollution control projects is provided by Iowa Code sections 455B.291 to 455B.299.

567—93.2(455B,466) Scope of title. The department has jurisdiction over the surface water and groundwater of the state to prevent, abate and control pollution. As part of that general responsibility, the department and the Iowa finance authority are jointly delegated the administration of the CWSRF. Definitions provided in 567—Chapter 90 apply to this chapter.

567—93.3(455B,466) Purpose. Iowa's nonpoint source management plan identifies several sources of nonpoint source pollutants. In addition to assisting publicly owned treatment works, it is the intent of the commission to set aside a portion of the CWSRF for the purpose of making low-interest loans for nonpoint source water pollution control projects. Four separate set-asides are identified as follows:

93.3(1) Onsite wastewater treatment and disposal systems set-aside. The purpose of this set-aside is to assist homeowners to rehabilitate or improve existing onsite wastewater treatment and disposal systems.

93.3(2) Livestock water quality facilities set-aside. The purpose of the set-aside is to assist owners of existing animal feeding operations to meet state and federal requirements or to prevent, minimize or eliminate water pollution. Projects may be selected using the rating and ranking process in 567—Chapter 91.

93.3(3) Local water protection projects set-aside. The purpose of the set-aside is to assist local water protection projects that will provide water quality improvement or protection. Projects may be selected using the rating and ranking process in 567—Chapter 91.

93.3(4) General nonpoint source project assistance set-aside. The purpose of the set-aside is to assist general nonpoint source projects that will provide water quality improvements or water quality protection. This set-aside allows for funding of the water quality protection portion of nontraditional projects. Projects may be selected using the rating and ranking process in 567—Chapter 91.
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567—93.4(455B,466) Onsite wastewater system assistance program.

93.4(1) Onsite wastewater system assistance program. Assistance under the onsite wastewater treatment system assistance program shall be in the form of low-interest loans made by participating lending institutions through a linked deposit arrangement with the CWSRF. The following eligibility conditions and restrictions apply to such assistance.

a. Location restrictions. Assistance is available for the improvement or rehabilitation of onsite wastewater treatment systems serving homes that do not have a connection to a publicly owned treatment works.

b. County eligibility. Assistance shall be provided only for systems located in counties that have an environmental health program meeting minimum standards for onsite sewage systems. The department shall maintain for public record a list of all counties meeting such standards. At a minimum, counties must carry out statutory responsibilities as provided in Iowa Code section 455B.172 as well as provide for the following measures. The department will adopt guidance in cooperation with county boards of health to evaluate the adequacy of county programs.

(1) Proper site evaluations to determine the appropriate design and size of onsite wastewater treatment systems prior to permitting and installation.

(2) Inspection of onsite systems by a qualified inspector at the time of renovation or construction.

(3) Enforcement of existing monitoring requirements, in accordance with rule 567—69.2(455B), for existing, permitted onsite systems with secondary treatment which discharge aboveground, such as those authorized by NPDES General Permit No. 4 in rule 567—64.6(455B).

(4) Assurance of regular system maintenance and monitoring for the life of the loan for those systems receiving assistance under the onsite wastewater systems assistance program.

c. Eligible project costs. The amount of assistance available shall be limited to the total costs deemed necessary, reasonable, and directly related to the repair, rehabilitation, or replacement of an onsite treatment system needed to meet state or local standards for onsite systems. Eligible costs include all costs directly related to the design, permitting and construction of an onsite wastewater treatment system.

d. Applicant eligibility. Assistance is limited to applicants who meet the applicable provisions of 567—Chapter 69 and all other local provisions for the siting and construction of onsite wastewater treatment and disposal systems.

e. Project eligibility. Assistance can be provided only for the repair, rehabilitation, or replacement of existing onsite wastewater treatment and distribution systems. Assistance is not available for new housing. A system serving an equivalent of 16 individuals or more (with an average daily flow of 1500 gallons or more) is considered a public system (requiring permitting by the DNR) and is not eligible under this program.

93.4(2) Applying for assistance. Prior to applying for a loan from a participating lending institution, an eligible individual or entity must receive approval of the proposed improvements from the county in which the onsite wastewater treatment system is located. Application for project approval shall be made on forms provided by the department or its agent. Forms may also be downloaded from www.iowasrf.com.

a. County requirements for individual applicants. County approval forms shall include:

- (1) A description of the type and general specifications of the proposed work.
- (2) Project cost estimate(s).
- (3) A proposed construction schedule.

b. County requirements for cluster system applicants. County applications for cluster systems using onsite technology must include:

(1) A description, if available, of each participating property owner's current onsite wastewater treatment system, including a discussion of existing and potential problems or failures in the current treatment scheme.

- (2) An estimate of the population and number of households to be served.
- (3) A rationale for the proposed design of the new treatment system.
- (4) Descriptions of the management entity and program.

93.4(3) County review and approval. The county shall review applications to determine if the proposed work meets the applicable provisions of 567—Chapter 69 and all other relevant local provisions for the siting and construction of onsite wastewater treatment and distribution systems. For proposed projects that meet relevant criteria, the county shall issue a permit or certificate. The county permit or certificate shall be accompanied by a cost estimate and proposed construction schedule. A county may deny an application for reasons of noncompliance with applicable state and local criteria. Written notification of the denial shall be provided to the applicant and shall state the reason(s) that the application was denied.

93.4(4) Eligible costs. All costs directly related to the design, permitting, construction, and financing of the onsite wastewater treatment system are eligible for loans. Eligible costs include the removal of existing structures, such as abandoned septic tanks, earth moving or any land purchases directly related to proper wastewater treatment.

93.4(5) Ineligible costs. Costs for additional earthwork, reseeding, replanting, or any other aesthetic improvements are not eligible. Maintenance or monitoring costs will not be allowed as part of the loan.

93.4(6) Recipient record keeping. The loan recipient shall maintain adequate records that document all costs associated with the project. The loan recipient shall agree to provide access to these records to the department, the state auditor, the EPA SRF project manager, and the Office of the Inspector General at the Environmental Protection Agency. The loan recipient shall retain all project records and documents for inspection and audit purposes for a period of three years from the date of the final loan payment.

93.4(7) *Site access.* The loan recipient shall agree to provide the department and the administrative authority access to the construction site to verify that the loan was used for the purpose intended and that the constructed works meet applicable state and local environmental requirements and ordinances for onsite wastewater treatment systems. The loan recipient also shall agree to provide access to the onsite system for periodic monitoring by the department and administrative authority, at times mutually agreed upon with the system owner, for the duration of the loan.

93.4(8) *Priority allocation of funds and intended use plan.* The department shall, on an annual basis, prepare a plan describing the amount of funding available for loans under the program for the coming state fiscal year. The plan shall also identify those counties qualified to participate in the program and provide an estimate of the loan funds needed in those counties within the coming year. To the extent that the pool of funds available for lending involves funds controlled by Title VI of the federal Clean Water Act, this plan shall be incorporated into the annual intended use plan authorized in 567—Chapter 92.

93.4(9) *Targeted assistance.* The department may set aside a portion of the annual available funds identified in the IUP for financing onsite wastewater treatment systems in targeted areas. Such targeted areas may include impaired watersheds, high-density housing areas, agricultural drainage areas, or other environmentally sensitive or degraded areas where the repair and rehabilitation of onsite wastewater treatment systems are needed to preserve and protect water quality. The annual intended use plan shall specify the need for targeted assistance, the areas covered, and the estimate of funds needed to address the water quality problems.

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567—93.5(455B) Livestock water quality facilities requirements.

93.5(1) *Livestock water quality facilities assistance.* Assistance shall be in the form of low-interest loans made by participating lending institutions through a linked deposit arrangement with the CWSRF. The following eligibility conditions and restrictions for participation apply to such assistance.

a. Eligible project costs. All costs directly related to the design, permitting, construction, and financing of the water pollution control facilities are eligible. The amount of assistance available shall be limited to the total costs deemed necessary, reasonable and directly related to the facilities required to provide water pollution control as required by the department or to prevent, minimize or eliminate water pollution.

b. Applicant eligibility. Assistance is limited to livestock producers operating animal feeding operations according to federal law. Concentrated animal feeding operations as defined in 40 CRF Section 122.23 are not eligible.

Loans will be made only to livestock producers that are operators of record or have legal control of the property containing the animal feeding operation for the duration of the loan. The department has the discretion to deny applications for producers if the department has issued an administrative order to the producer pursuant to Iowa Code section 455B.175, if the department notifies the producer in writing of intent to recommend referral or the commission refers the action to the attorney general pursuant to Iowa Code section 455B.175, or if the attorney general has commenced legal proceedings against the producer pursuant to Iowa Code section 455B.112.

c. Eligible projects. The water pollution control facilities considered eligible for assistance include: manure storage structures, solids settling basins, composting facilities and equipment, lagoons (including fencing), portions of feeding floors or loafing areas used for waste collection, water and sediment control basins, vegetative filters or buffers, surface water diversion structures, agitation or transfer pumps, dry bedded confinement feeding operation buildings or structures pursuant to 2009 Iowa Code Supplement chapter 459B when all or part of an open feedlot is replaced, and other practices shown to improve or protect water quality. Replacement animal feeding operations may be eligible where an existing animal feeding operation is eliminated to prevent a water quality impairment or mitigate a documented impairment. Engineering or technical service fees associated with the aforementioned practices are also eligible. A one-time purchase of attachments integral to the manure management system, such as blades, buckets, choppers, or spreaders, may be eligible at the time that an open feedlot is replaced with a dry bedded confinement building.

d. Funding formula. Loans for water quality projects for facilities being expanded by an increase in the animal unit capacity shall be funded according to the following formula:

Existing animal unit capacity/new animal unit capacity \times total eligible project cost \times 1.5 = maximum linked deposit amount

Example: 450 AUC / 900 AUC \times \$500,000 \times 1.5 = \$375,000

Example: 300 AUC / 600 AUC \times \$300,000 \times 1.5 = \$225,000

Example: 50 AUC / 900 AUC \times \$500,000 \times 1.5 = \$41,666

If existing areas in open feedlots are kept open where some pens are replaced and the operation is expanded through the addition of a dry bedded confinement feeding operation building, the remaining open lot areas must comply with 567—65.101(459A).

93.5(2) *Applying for assistance.* Application for project approval shall be made on forms provided by the department or its agent. Forms may also be downloaded from www.iowasrf.com.

93.5(3) *Project review and approval.* Prior to receiving assistance, the applicant shall submit an application to the local soil and water conservation district. The district will evaluate the application, provide an estimated cost, and certify that the practice is eligible and compatible with state water quality goals. All practices must comply with 567—Chapter 65 and shall be constructed to applicable USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) standards. NRCS staff or another technical service provider shall attest that the practice will be constructed to these specifications and standards.

93.5(4) *Duration of the project.* The project is to be maintained, kept in place or operated as proposed for the life of the loan. If an open lot is closed and replaced with an eligible replacement facility, the department or department's agent shall place a restrictive covenant that prohibits the operation of an open feedlot at the site being replaced for the life of the loan. The site or portion of the site that may not house animals shall be defined by the local soil and water conservation district.

93.5(5) *Manure management plan required.* The livestock producer shall have a manure management plan that fits the requirements of 567—65.17(459), a nutrient management plan as defined in 567—65.112(459A), or a comprehensive nutrient management plan as defined by the NRCS, to be eligible for the loan or, as part of the loan, develop a manure management plan, nutrient management plan, or comprehensive nutrient management plan.

a. Costs for development of a manure management plan, nutrient management plan, or comprehensive nutrient management plan are eligible costs.

b. Costs for updating a manure management plan, nutrient management plan, or comprehensive nutrient management plan are eligible costs if required for the implementation of a water quality project financed through the livestock water quality facilities program.

93.5(6) *Ineligible costs.* Costs for development of a new AFO as defined in 567—90.2(455B) are ineligible. Other ineligible costs include but are not limited to: costs for water pollution control facilities, including design, permitting, construction or financing, that allow for the animal feeding operation to expand and become a concentrated animal feeding operation; costs for the purchase of land to be used for application of wastewater or manure; costs for operation and maintenance; and costs for refinancing of water pollution control facilities constructed prior to approval by the department or the department's agent.

93.5(7) *Recipient record keeping.* The loan recipient shall maintain adequate records that document all costs associated with the project. The loan recipient shall agree to provide access to these records to the department, the state auditor, the EPA SRF project manager, and the Office of the Inspector General at the Environmental Protection Agency. The loan recipient shall retain all project records and documents for inspection and audit purposes for a period of three years from the date of the final loan payment.

93.5(8) *Site access.* The livestock producer shall agree to provide the department and the department's agent access to the construction site to verify that the loan was used for the purpose intended and that the construction work meets the applicable state and federal requirements for animal feeding operations. The livestock producer also shall agree to provide the department and the department's agent periodic access to the animal feeding operation, pursuant to biosecurity requirements

in 567—paragraph 65.113(9)“b,” for the duration of the loan to ensure that the constructed facility is being operated and maintained as designed.

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567—93.6(455B) Local water protection project requirements.

93.6(1) Local water protection project assistance. Assistance under the CWSRF shall be in the form of low-interest loans made by participating lending institutions through a linked deposit arrangement with the CWSRF. The following eligibility conditions and restrictions for participation apply to such assistance.

a. Eligible project costs. The amount of assistance available shall be limited to the total costs deemed necessary, reasonable and directly related to the practices required to provide water quality improvements.

b. Applicant eligibility. Assistance is available to any person who owns or has legal control over land that needs local water protection projects installed to control runoff of sediments, nutrients, pesticides or other nonpoint source pollutants into waters of the state. Loans will be made only to persons who are owners of record or persons who have legal control of the property where the local water protection projects are to be installed.

c. Eligible practices. The local water protection practices that are considered eligible include, but are not limited to, contour buffer strips, diversion, fence, field border, field windbreak, filter strips, grade stabilization structure, grassed waterway, pasture and hayland planting, planned grazing system, pond, riparian forest and vegetative buffers, sediment basin, terrace, underground outlet with secondary water quality treatment, waste management system, water and sediment control basin, stream bank stabilization and restoration, and other practices that are shown to improve or protect water quality.

93.6(2) Applying for assistance. Application for project approval shall be made on forms provided by the department or its agent. Forms may also be downloaded from www.iowasrf.com.

93.6(3) Project review and approval. Prior to receiving assistance, the applicant shall submit an application to the local soil and water conservation district. The local soil and water conservation district will evaluate the application, provide an estimated cost, and certify that the practice is compatible with state water quality goals. All practices shall be constructed to meet NRCS standards and specifications. NRCS or another technical service provider shall attest that the practice will be constructed to these specifications and standards.

93.6(4) Duration of the project. The project is to be maintained, kept in place or operated as proposed for the life span of the practice, but in no case for less than the life of the loan.

93.6(5) Eligible costs. All costs directly related to the implementation of local water protection projects approved in the memorandum of project approval are eligible costs.

93.6(6) Ineligible costs. Ineligible costs include costs for overbuilding a practice beyond what is required to maintain or improve water quality and costs for the purchase of land.

93.6(7) Site access. The applicant shall agree to provide the department or the department's agent access to the project site to verify that the loan was used for the purpose intended.

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567—93.7(455B) General nonpoint source project requirements.

93.7(1) General nonpoint source assistance. Assistance under the CWSRF general nonpoint source (GNS) set-aside shall be in the form of low-interest loans made directly or by participating lending institutions through a linked deposit or participation arrangement with the CWSRF. The following eligibility conditions and restrictions for participation apply to such assistance.

a. Eligible project costs. The amount of assistance available shall be limited to the total costs deemed necessary, reasonable and directly related to the facilities or practices required to provide water quality improvements, restoration or protection. Participation in nontraditional projects where the primary purpose is not water quality protection or improvement will be limited to the portion of the project that is directly related to water quality improvement, restoration or protection.

b. Applicant eligibility. Assistance is available to projects for which facilities are needed to protect, restore or improve water quality from nonpoint source pollution. Only applicants that are

owners of record of the property or have long-term control of the property where the project is to be implemented are eligible. In applications where the water pollution control project is a plan or document that will direct water quality protection or improvement efforts, loans will be made to applicants that have the capacity and capability of implementing the plan and repaying the loan.

c. Project eligibility. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, practices to address nonpoint source pollution control needs associated with storm water treatment and green infrastructure, silviculture, groundwater protection, marinas, resource extraction, brownfield remediation, aboveground and underground storage tanks, sanitary landfills, hydromodification, and watershed planning. Nontraditional nonpoint source projects that may have a water quality protection or improvement component include, but are not limited to, bird sanctuaries and wildlife enhancement projects, vegetative plants, sediment removal and other lake restoration practices, wetland mitigation bank and education programs.

93.7(2) Applying for assistance. Applications for storm water and green infrastructure projects shall be submitted to local soil and water conservation districts. Applications for other GNS projects shall be submitted to the department at State Revolving Fund, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, 401 SW 7th Street, Suite M, Des Moines, Iowa 50309. Forms may also be downloaded from www.iowasrf.com. Application forms will be provided by the department. Applications shall include an explanation of how the water quality will be protected, improved or restored by the proposed project. Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis.

93.7(3) Project approval. The department will evaluate eligibility and project design and provide the applicant a memorandum of approval for the proposed water pollution control project. The department will earmark the set-aside funds for the water pollution control projects to be funded.

93.7(4) Eligible costs. All costs directly related to the implementation of the project approved in the memorandum of approval are eligible costs.

93.7(5) Ineligible costs. Costs for livestock water quality facilities are not eligible under this set-aside and are provided for in rule 567—93.5(455B). Costs for the purchase of land are not eligible costs unless specifically approved by the commission.

93.7(6) Site access. The recipient shall agree to provide the department and the department's agent access to the project site to verify that the loan was used for the purpose intended.

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701—80.1(425) Homestead tax credit.

80.1(1) Application for credit.

a. No homestead tax credit shall be allowed unless the first application for homestead tax credit is signed by the owner of the property or the owner's qualified designee and filed with the city or county assessor on or before July 1 of the current assessment year. (1946 O.A.G. 37) Once filed, the claim for credit is applicable to subsequent years and no further filing shall be required provided the homestead is owned and occupied by the claimant or the claimant's spouse on July 1 of each year and, in addition, the claimant or the claimant's spouse occupies the homestead for at least six months during each calendar year in which the fiscal year for which the credit is claimed begins. It is not a requirement that the six-month period of time be consecutive. If the credit is disallowed and the claimant failed to give written notice to the assessor that the claimant ceased to use the property as a homestead, a civil penalty equal to 5 percent of the amount of the disallowed credit shall be assessed against the claimant in addition to the amount of credit allowed. The assessor, county auditor, and county board of supervisors shall act on the claim in accordance with Iowa Code section 425.3. A claim filed after July 1 of any calendar year applies to the following assessment year.

b. In the event July 1 falls on either a Saturday or Sunday, applications for the homestead tax credit may be filed the following Monday.

c. In the event July 1 falls on either a Saturday or Sunday, applications submitted by mail shall be accepted if postmarked on the following Monday.

d. An assessor may not refuse to accept an application for homestead tax credit. If it is the opinion of the assessor that a homestead tax credit should not be allowed, the assessor shall accept the application for credit and recommend disallowance.

e. If the owner of the homestead is on active duty in the armed forces of this state or of the United States, or is 65 years of age or older or is disabled, the application for homestead tax credit may be signed and delivered by a member of the owner's family or the owner's guardian, conservator or designated attorney-in-fact. For purposes of this rule, any person related to the owner by blood, marriage or adoption shall be considered a member of the owner's family.

f. If a person makes a false application for credit with fraudulent intent to obtain the credit, the person is guilty of a fraudulent practice and the claim shall be disallowed. If the credit has been paid, the amount of the credit plus a penalty equal to 25 percent of the amount of the disallowed credit and interest shall be collected by the county treasurer.

g. For purposes of the homestead tax credit statute, the occupancy of the homestead may constitute actual occupancy or constructive occupancy. However, more than one homestead cannot be simultaneously occupied by the claimant and multiple simultaneous homestead tax credits are not allowable. (Op. St. Bd. Tax Rev. No. 212, February 29, 1980.) Generally, a homestead is occupied by the claimant if the premises constitute the claimant's usual place of abode. Once the claimant's occupancy of the homestead is established, such occupancy is not lost merely because the claimant, for some valid reason, is temporarily absent from the homestead premises with an intention of returning thereto (1952 O.A.G. 78).

80.1(2) Eligibility for credit.

a. If homestead property is owned jointly by persons who are not related or formerly related by blood, marriage or adoption, no homestead tax credit shall be allowed unless all the owners actually occupy the homestead property on July 1 of each year. (1944 O.A.G. 26; Letter O.A.G. October 18, 1941)

b. No homestead tax credit shall be allowed if the homestead property is owned or listed and assessed to a corporation, other than a family farm corporation, partnership, company or any other business or nonbusiness organization. (1938 O.A.G. 441; *Verne Deskin v. Briggs*, State Board of Tax Review, No. 24, February 1, 1972)

c. A person acquiring homestead property under a contract of purchase remains eligible for a homestead tax credit even though such person has assigned his or her equity in the homestead property as security for a loan. (1960 O.A.G. 263)

d. A person occupying homestead property pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 499A or 499B is eligible for a homestead tax credit. (1978 O.A.G. 78-2-5; 1979 O.A.G. 79-12-2)

e. A person who has a life estate interest in homestead property shall be eligible for a homestead tax credit, provided the remainderman is related or formerly related to the life estate holder by blood, marriage or adoption or the reversionary interest is held by a nonprofit corporation organized under Iowa Code chapter 504A. (1938 O.A.G. 193)

f. A homestead tax credit may not be allowed upon a mobile home which is not assessed as real estate. (1962 O.A.G. 450)

g. A person occupying homestead property under a trust agreement is considered the owner of the property for purposes of the homestead tax credit. (1962 O.A.G. 434)

h. A remainder is not eligible to receive a homestead tax credit until expiration of the life estate to which such person has the remainder interest. (1938 O.A.G. 305)

i. In order for a person occupying homestead property under a contract of purchase to be eligible for a homestead tax credit, the contract of purchase must be recorded in the office of the county recorder where the property is located. A recorded memorandum or summary of the actual contract of purchase is not sufficient evidence of ownership to qualify a person for a homestead tax credit.

j. An owner of homestead property who is in the military service or confined in a nursing home, extended-care facility or hospital shall be considered as occupying the property during the period of service or confinement. The fact that the owner rents the property during the period of military service is immaterial to the granting of the homestead tax credit. (1942 O.A.G. 45) However, no homestead tax credit shall be allowed if the owner received a profit for the use of the property from another person while such owner is confined in a nursing home, extended-care facility or hospital.

k. A person owning a homestead dwelling located upon land owned by another person or entity is not eligible for a homestead tax credit. (1942 O.A.G. 160, O.A.G. 82-4-9) This rule is not applicable to a person owning a homestead dwelling pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 499B or a person owning a homestead dwelling on land owned by a community land trust pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 12773.

l. An heir occupying homestead property that is part of an estate in the process of administration is considered an owner of the property and is eligible for the homestead credit. (1938 O.A.G. 272)

80.1(3) Disabled veteran's homestead tax credit. The disabled veteran's homestead tax credit may be claimed by any person who acquired homestead property under 38 U.S.C. Sections 21.801 and 21.802 or Sections 2101 and 2102 provided the veteran's annual income and that of the veteran's spouse do not exceed \$35,000. The amount of the credit is equal to the entire amount of tax payable on the homestead. Even though this financial assistance is available to disabled veterans on only one homestead during their lifetime, the credit may be claimed upon the acquisition of other homesteads for which no financial assistance is available providing all qualifications have been met.

80.1(4) Application of credit.

a. Except as provided in 80.1(1) "a," if the homestead property is conveyed to another person prior to July 1 of any year, the new owner must file a claim for credit on or before July 1 to obtain the credit for that year. If the property is conveyed on or after July 1, the credit shall remain with the property for that year provided the previous owner was entitled to the credit. However, when the property is transferred as part of a distribution made pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 598 (Dissolution of Marriage) the transferee spouse retaining ownership and occupancy of the homestead is not required to refile for the credit.

b. A homestead tax credit may be allowed even though the property taxes levied against the homestead property have been suspended by the board of supervisors. (1938 O.A.G. 288)

c. A homestead tax credit shall not be allowed if the property taxes levied against the homestead property have been canceled or remitted by the board of supervisors. (1956 O.A.G. 78)

d. Only one homestead tax credit can be allowed per legally described tract of land. For purposes of this rule, a legally described tract of land shall mean all land contained in a single legal description. (1962 O.A.G. 435)

e. If the owner of homestead property is also eligible for a military service tax exemption and claims the exemption on the homestead property, the military service tax exemption shall be applied prior to the homestead tax credit when computing net property tax. (*Ryan v. State Tax Commission*, 235 Iowa 222, 16 N.W.2d 215)

f. If the homestead property contains two dwelling houses and one of the dwelling houses and a portion of the land is sold after a valid application for homestead tax credit has been filed, the assessor shall prorate the assessment so as to allow the seller a homestead tax credit on that portion of the property which is retained and also allow the purchaser a homestead tax credit on that portion of the property which is purchased, provided the purchaser files a valid application for homestead tax credit by July 1 of the claim year.

g. A homestead tax credit shall be allowed against the assessed value of the land on which a dwelling house did not exist as of January 1 of the year in which the credit is claimed provided a dwelling house is owned and occupied by the claimant on July 1 of that year.

h. The county treasurer shall, pursuant to Iowa Code section 25B.7, be required to extend to the claimant only that portion of the credit estimated by the department to be funded by the state appropriation.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 425 as amended by 2006 Iowa Acts, House File 2794.

701—80.2(22,35,426A) Military service tax exemption.

80.2(1) Application for exemption.

a. No military service tax exemption shall be allowed unless the first application for the military service tax exemption is signed by the owner of the property or the owner's qualified designee and filed with the city or county assessor on or before July 1 of the current assessment year (1970 O.A.G. 437). Once filed, the claim for exemption is applicable to subsequent years and no further filing shall be required provided the claimant or the claimant's spouse owns the property on July 1 of each year. The assessor, county auditor, and county board of supervisors shall act on the claim in accordance with Iowa Code section 426A.14. A claim filed after July 1 of any calendar year applies to the following assessment year.

b. In the event July 1 falls on either a Saturday or Sunday, applications for the military service tax exemption may be filed the following Monday.

c. In the event July 1 falls on either a Saturday or Sunday, applications submitted by mail shall be accepted if postmarked on the following Monday.

d. An assessor may not refuse to accept an application for a military service tax exemption. If it is the opinion of the assessor that a military service tax exemption should not be allowed, the assessor shall accept the application for exemption and recommend disallowance.

e. If the owner of the property is on active duty in the armed forces of this state or of the United States, or is 65 years of age or older or is disabled, the application for military service tax exemption may be signed and delivered by a member of the owner's family or the owner's guardian, conservator or designated attorney-in-fact. For purposes of this rule, any person related to the owner by blood, marriage or adoption shall be considered a member of the owner's family.

80.2(2) Eligibility for exemption.

a. A person who was discharged from the draft is not considered a veteran of the military service and is not entitled to a military service tax exemption. (1942 O.A.G. 79)

b. A military service tax exemption shall not be allowed to a person whose only service in the military was with a foreign government. (1932 O.A.G. 242; 1942 O.A.G. 79)

c. Former members of the United States armed forces, including members of the Coast Guard, who were on active duty for less than 18 months must have served on active duty during one of the war or conflict time periods enumerated in Iowa Code Supplement section 35.1. If former members were on active duty for at least 18 months, it is not necessary that their service be performed during one of the war or conflict time periods. Former members who opted to serve five years in the reserve forces of the United States qualify if any portion of their enlistment would have occurred during the Korean

Conflict (June 25, 1950, to January 31, 1955). There is no minimum number of days a former member of the armed forces of the United States must have served on active duty if the service was performed during one of the war or conflict time periods, nor is there a minimum number of days a former member of the armed forces of the United States must have served on active duty if the person was honorably discharged because of a service-related injury sustained while on active duty.

Former and current members of the Iowa national guard and reserve forces of the United States need not have performed any active duty if they served at least 20 years. Otherwise, they must have been activated for federal duty, for purposes other than training, for a minimum of 90 days. Also, it is not a requirement for a member of the Iowa national guard or a reservist to have performed service within a designated war or conflict time period.

d. With the exception of members of the Iowa national guard and members of the reserve forces of the United States who have served at least 20 years and continue to serve, a military service tax exemption shall not be allowed unless the veteran has received a complete and final separation from active duty service. (*Jones v. Iowa State Tax Commission*, 247 Iowa 530, 74 N.W.2d 563, 567-1956; *In re Douglas A. Coyle*, State Board of Tax Review, No. 197, August 14, 1979; 1976 O.A.G. 44)

e. As used in Iowa Code subsection 426A.12(3), the term minor child means a person less than 18 years of age or less than 21 years of age and enrolled as a full-time student at an educational institution.

f. A veteran of more than one qualifying war period is entitled to only one military service tax exemption, which shall be the greater of the two exemptions. (1946 O.A.G. 71)

g. The person claiming a military service tax exemption must be an Iowa resident. However, the veteran need not be an Iowa resident if such person's exemption is claimed by a qualified individual enumerated in Iowa Code section 426A.12. (1942 O.A.G. 140)

h. A person who has a life estate interest in property may claim a military service tax exemption on such property. (1946 O.A.G. 155; 1976 O.A.G. 125)

i. A remainder is not eligible to receive a military service tax exemption on property to which a remainder interest is held until expiration of the life estate. (1946 O.A.G. 155)

j. A military service tax exemption shall not be allowed on a mobile home which is not assessed as real estate. (1962 O.A.G. 450)

k. A divorced person may not claim the military service tax exemption of a former spouse who qualifies for the exemption. (Letter O.A.G. August 8, 1961)

l. A surviving spouse of a qualified veteran, upon remarriage, loses the right to claim the deceased veteran's military exemption as the surviving spouse is no longer an unremarried surviving spouse of the qualified veteran. (1950 O.A.G. 44)

m. An annulled marriage is considered to have never taken place and the parties to such a marriage are restored to their former status. Neither party to an annulled marriage can thereafter be considered a spouse or surviving spouse of the other party for purposes of receiving the military service tax exemption. (Op. Att'y. Gen. 61-8-10(L))

n. No military service tax exemption shall be allowed on property that is owned by a corporation, except for a family farm corporation where a shareholder occupies a homestead as defined in Iowa Code section 425.11(1), partnership, company or any other business or nonbusiness organization. (1938 O.A.G. 441)

o. In the event both a husband and wife are qualified veterans, they may each claim their military service tax exemption on their jointly owned property. (1946 O.A.G. 154) If property is solely owned by one spouse, the owner spouse may claim both exemptions on the property providing the nonowner spouse's exemption is not claimed on other property.

p. No military service tax exemption shall be allowed if on July 1 of the claim year, the claimant or the claimant's unremarried surviving spouse is no longer the owner of the property upon which the exemption was claimed.

q. A person shall not be denied a military service tax exemption even though the property upon which the exemption is claimed has been pledged to another person as security for a loan. (1960 O.A.G. 263)

r. A qualified veteran who has conveyed property to a trustee shall be eligible to receive a military service tax exemption on such property providing the trust agreement gives the claimant a beneficial interest in the property. (1962 O.A.G. 434)

s. A person owning property pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 499A or 499B is eligible for a military service tax exemption. (1978 O.A.G. 78-2-5; 1979 O.A.G. 79-12-2)

t. The person claiming the exemption shall have recorded in the office of the county recorder evidence of property ownership and either the military certificate of satisfactory service or, for a current member of the Iowa national guard or a member of the reserve forces of the United States, the veteran's retirement points accounting statement issued by the armed forces of the United States or the state adjutant general. The military certificate of satisfactory service shall be considered a confidential record pursuant to Iowa Code section 22.7.

u. An heir of property that is part of an estate in the process of administration is considered an owner of the property and is eligible for the military exemption.

80.2(3) Application of exemption.

a. When the owner of homestead property is also eligible for a military service tax exemption and claims the exemption on the homestead property, the military service tax exemption shall be applied prior to the homestead tax credit when computing net property tax. (*Ryan v. State Tax Commission*, 235 Iowa 222, 16 N.W.2d 215)

b. If a portion of the property upon which a valid military service tax exemption was claimed is sold on or before July 1 of the year in which the exemption is claimed, the seller shall be allowed a military service tax exemption on that portion of the property which is retained by the seller on July 1. The purchaser is also eligible to receive a military service tax exemption on that portion of the property which was purchased, provided the purchaser is qualified for the exemptions and files a valid application for the exemption on or before July 1 of the claim year.

c. A military service tax exemption may be allowed even though the taxes levied on the property upon which the exemption is claimed have been suspended by the board of supervisors. (1938 O.A.G. 288)

d. A military service tax exemption shall not be allowed if the taxes levied on the property upon which the exemption is claimed have been canceled or remitted by the board of supervisors. (1956 O.A.G. 78)

e. The county treasurer shall, pursuant to Iowa Code section 25B.7, be required to extend to the claimant only that portion of the exemption estimated by the department to be funded by the state appropriation.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 22.7, 35.1, and 35.2 and chapter 426A.
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701—80.3(427) Pollution control and recycling property tax exemption.

80.3(1) To secure an exemption for pollution control or recycling property, an application must be filed with the assessing authority on or before February 1 of the assessment year for which the exemption is first claimed. It is the responsibility of the taxpayer to secure the necessary certification from the department of natural resources in sufficient time to file the application for exemption with the assessing authority on or before February 1. An exemption for new pollution control or recycling property can be secured by filing an application with the assessing authority by February 1 of the assessment year following the year in which the property is installed or constructed. If no application is timely filed in that year, the property will first qualify for exemption in any subsequent year in which an application is filed with the assessing authority on or before February 1.

80.3(2) In the event February 1 falls on either a Saturday or Sunday, applications for the exemption may be filed the following Monday.

80.3(3) In the event February 1 falls on either a Saturday or Sunday, applications submitted by mail shall be accepted if postmarked on the following Monday.

80.3(4) No exemption shall be allowed unless the application is signed by the owner of the property or the owner's qualified designee.

80.3(5) An assessor may not refuse to accept an application for a pollution control exemption if timely filed and if the necessary certification has been obtained from the department of natural resources.

80.3(6) The sale, transfer, or lease of property does not affect its eligibility for exemption as long as the requirements of Iowa Code subsection 427.1(19) and rule 701—80.3(427), Iowa Administrative Code, are satisfied.

80.3(7) No exemption shall be allowed unless the department of natural resources has certified that the primary use of the property for which the taxpayer is seeking an exemption is to control or abate air or water pollution or to enhance the quality of any air or water in this state or that the primary use of the property is for recycling. Recycling property is property used primarily in the manufacturing process and resulting directly in the conversion of waste glass, waste plastic, wastepaper products, waste paperboard, or waste wood products into new raw materials or products composed primarily of recycled material.

80.3(8) In the event that qualified property is assessed as a unit with other property not having a pollution control or recycling function, the exemption shall be limited to the increase in the assessed valuation of the unit which is attributable to the pollution control or recycling property.

EXAMPLE

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| Valuation of unit with pollution control or recycling property | \$100,000 |
| Valuation of unit without pollution control or recycling property | <u>50,000</u> |
| Allowable amount of exemption | \$ 50,000 |

80.3(9) The value of property to be exempt from taxation shall be the fair and reasonable market value of such property as of January 1 of each year for which the exemption is claimed, rather than the original cost of such property.

80.3(10) An assessor shall not exempt property from taxation without first assessing the property for taxation and subsequently receiving an application for tax exemption from the taxpayer.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code Supplement section 427.1(19) as amended by 2006 Iowa Acts, House File 2633, and Iowa Code sections 427.1(18) and 441.21(1)(i).
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701—80.4(427) Low-rent housing for the elderly and persons with disabilities.

80.4(1) As used in Iowa Code subsection 427.1(21), the term “nonprofit organization” means an organization, no part of the net income of which is distributable to its members, directors or officers.

80.4(2) As used in Iowa Code subsection 427.1(21), the term “low-rent housing” means housing the rent for which is less than that being received or which could be received for similar properties on the open market in the same assessing jurisdiction. Federal rent subsidies received by the occupant shall be excluded in determining whether the rental fee charged meets this definition.

80.4(3) As used in Iowa Code subsection 427.1(21), the term “elderly” means any person at least 62 years of age.

80.4(4) As used in Iowa Code subsection 427.1(21), the term “persons with physical or mental disabilities” means a person whose physical or mental condition is such that the person is unable to engage in substantial gainful employment.

80.4(5) The exemption granted in Iowa Code subsection 427.1(21) extends only to property which is owned and operated, or controlled, by a nonprofit organization recognized as such by the Internal Revenue Service. Property owned and operated, or controlled, by a private person is not eligible for exemption under Iowa Code subsection 427.1(21).

80.4(6) The income of persons living in housing eligible for exemption under Iowa Code subsection 427.1(21) shall not be considered in determining the property’s taxable status.

80.4(7) An organization seeking an exemption under Iowa Code subsection 427.1(21) shall file a statement with the local assessor pursuant to Iowa Code subsection 427.1(14).

80.4(8) The exemption authorized by Iowa Code subsection 427.1(21) extends only until the final payment due date of the borrower’s original low-rent housing development mortgage on the property or

until the borrower's original low-rent housing development mortgage is paid in full or expires, whichever is sooner. If the original mortgage is refinanced, the exemption shall apply only until what would have been the final payment due date under the original mortgage or until the refinanced mortgage is paid in full or expires, whichever is sooner. This exemption for refinanced projects applies to those projects refinanced on or after January 1, 2005.

80.4(9) In complying with the requirements of Iowa Code subsection 427.1(14), the provisions of rule 701—78.4(427) shall apply.

80.4(10) In determining the taxable status of property for which an exemption is claimed under Iowa Code subsection 427.1(21), the appropriate assessor shall follow rules 701—78.1(427,441) to 701—78.5(427).

80.4(11) If a portion of a structure is used to provide low-rent housing units to elderly persons and persons with disabilities and the other portion is used to provide housing to persons who are not elderly or disabled, the exemption for the property on which the structure is located shall be limited to that portion of the structure used to provide housing to the elderly and disabled. Vacant units and projects under construction that are designated for use to provide housing to elderly and disabled persons shall be considered as being used to provide housing to elderly and disabled persons. The valuation exempted shall bear the same relationship to the total value of the property as the area of the structure used to provide low-rent housing for the elderly and persons with disabilities bears to the total area of the structure unless a better method for determining the exempt valuation is available. The valuation of the land shall be exempted in the same proportion.

80.4(12) The property tax exemption provided in Iowa Code subsection 427.1(21) shall be based upon occupancy by elderly or persons with disabilities as of July 1 of the assessment year. However, nothing in this subrule shall prevent the taxation of such property in accordance with the provisions of Iowa Code section 427.19.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 427.1(14) and Supplement section 427.1(21).
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701—80.5(427) Speculative shell buildings.

80.5(1) *Authority of city council and board of supervisors.* A city council or county board of supervisors may enact an ordinance granting property tax exemptions for value added as a result of new construction of speculative shell buildings or additions to existing buildings or structures, or may exempt the value of an existing building or structure being reconstructed or renovated and the value of the land on which the building or structure is located, if the reconstruction or renovation constitutes complete replacement or refitting of an existing building or structure owned by community development organizations, not-for-profit cooperative associations under Iowa Code chapter 499A, or for-profit entities. See Iowa Code Supplement section 427.1(27) as amended by 2008 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2419, for definitions. The value added exemption for new construction includes reconstruction and renovation constituting complete replacement or refitting of existing buildings and structures if the reconstruction or renovation is required due to economic obsolescence, or to implement industry standards in order to competitively manufacture or process products, or to market a building or structure as a speculative shell building. The exemption for reconstruction or renovation not constituting new construction does not have to meet these requirements but has to meet only the requirements set forth in the definition of a speculative shell building. The council or board in the ordinance authorizing the exemption shall specify if the exemption will be allowed to community development organizations, not-for-profit cooperative associations under Iowa Code chapter 499B, or for-profit entities, and the length of time the exemption is to be allowed.

80.5(2) *Eligibility for exemption.* The value added by new construction, reconstruction, or renovation and first assessed prior to January 1 of the calendar year in which an ordinance authorizing a tax exemption becomes effective is not eligible for exemption. However, the value added as of January 1 of the calendar year in which the ordinance becomes effective is eligible for exemption if the ordinance is in effect on February 1 of that calendar year. This subrule does not apply to new construction projects having received prior approval. For reconstruction and renovation projects not

constituting new construction, the ordinance authorizing the exemption must be in effect by February 1 of the year the project commences for the exemption to be allowable in the subsequent assessment year.

80.5(3) Application for exemption.

a. A community development organization, not-for-profit cooperative association, or for-profit entity must file an application for exemption with the assessor between January 1 and February 1, inclusive, of the year in which the value added for new construction is first assessed for the exemption to be allowable for that assessment year. For reconstruction and renovation projects not constituting new construction, an application for exemption must be filed by February 1 of the assessment year in which the project commences for the exemption to be allowable the following assessment year. If approved, no application for exemption is required to be filed in subsequent years for the value added exemption or the reconstruction or renovation exemption not constituting new construction. An application cannot be filed if a valid ordinance has not been enacted. If an application is not filed by February 1 of the year in which the value added for new construction is first assessed, the organization, association, or entity cannot receive, in subsequent years, the exemption for that value added. However, if the organization, association, or entity has received prior approval, the application must be filed by February 1 of the year in which the total value added for the new construction is first assessed.

b. If February 1 falls on either a Saturday or Sunday, applications for exemption may be filed the following Monday.

c. Applications submitted by mail must be accepted if postmarked on or before February 1 or, if February 1 falls on either a Saturday or Sunday, a postmark date of the following Monday is acceptable.

80.5(4) Prior approval. To obtain prior approval for a project, the proposal of the organization, association, or entity must be approved by a specific ordinance addressing the proposal and passed by the city council or board of supervisors. The original ordinance providing for the exemption does not constitute the granting of prior approval for a project. If an organization, association, or entity has obtained a prior approval ordinance from a city council or board of supervisors, the exemption for new construction cannot be obtained until the year in which all value added for the completed project is first assessed. Reconstruction and renovation projects constituting new construction must receive prior approval to qualify for exemption. Reconstruction and renovation projects that do not constitute new construction need not receive prior approval.

80.5(5) Termination of exemption. The exemption continues until the property is leased or sold, the time period for the exemption specified in the ordinance elapses, or the exemption is terminated by ordinance of the city council or board of supervisors. If the ordinance authorizing the exemption is repealed, all existing exemptions continue until their expiration and any projects having received prior approval for exemption for new construction are to be granted an exemption upon completion of the project. If the shell building or any portion of the shell building is leased or sold, the exemption for new construction shall not be allowed on that portion of the shell building leased or sold in subsequent years. If the shell building or any portion of the shell building is leased or sold, the exemption for reconstruction or renovation not constituting new construction shall not be allowed on that portion of the shell building leased or sold and a proportionate share of the land on which the shell building is located in subsequent years.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code Supplement section 427.1(27) as amended by 2008 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2419.

701—80.6(427B) Industrial property tax exemption.

80.6(1) Authority of city council and board of supervisors. A partial exemption ordinance enacted pursuant to Iowa Code section 427B.1 shall be available to all qualifying property. A city council or county board of supervisors does not have the authority to enact an ordinance granting a partial exemption to only certain qualifying properties (1980 O.A.G. 639). As used in this rule, the term “qualifying property” means property classified and assessed as real estate pursuant to 701—subrule 71.1(6), warehouses and distribution centers, research service facilities, and owner-operated cattle facilities. “Warehouse” means a building or structure used as a public warehouse for the storage of goods pursuant to Iowa Code sections 554.7101 to 554.7603, except that it does not mean a building

or structure used primarily to store raw agricultural products or from which goods are sold at retail. “Distribution center” means a building or structure used primarily for the storage of goods which are intended for subsequent shipment to retail outlets. Distribution center does not mean a building or structure used primarily to store raw agricultural products, used primarily by a manufacturer to store goods to be used in the manufacturing process, used primarily for the storage of petroleum products, or used for the retail sale of goods. A “research service facility” is one or more buildings devoted primarily to research and development activities or corporate research services. Research and development activities include, but are not limited to, the design and production or manufacture of prototype products for experimental use. A research service facility does not have as its primary purpose the providing of on-site services to the public. “Owner-operated cattle facility” means a building or structure used primarily in the raising of cattle and which is operated by the person owning the facility.

80.6(2) *Prior approval.* Only upon enactment of a partial property tax exemption ordinance in accordance with Iowa Code section 427B.1 may a city council or board of supervisors enact a prior approval ordinance for pending individual projects in accordance with Iowa Code section 427B.4. To obtain prior approval for a project, a property owner’s proposal must be approved by a specific ordinance addressing the proposal and passed by the city council or board of supervisors. The original ordinance providing for the partial exemption does not constitute the granting of prior approval for a project. Also, prior approval for a project can only be granted by ordinance of the city council or board of supervisors; an official or representative of a city or county does not have the independent authority to grant prior approval for a project. If a taxpayer has obtained a prior approval ordinance from a city council or board of supervisors, the partial exemption cannot be obtained until the year in which all value added for the project is first assessed. (1980 O.A.G. 639)

80.6(3) *Repeal of ordinance.* A new construction project having received prior approval for exemption in accordance with subrule 80.6(2) shall be granted such exemption upon completion of the project even if the city council or board of supervisors subsequently repeals the ordinance passed in accordance with Iowa Code section 427B.1. (1980 O.A.G. 639)

80.6(4) *Annexation of property previously granted exemption.* A partial property tax exemption which has been granted and is in existence shall not be discontinued or disallowed in the event that the property upon which such exemption has been previously granted is located in an area which is subsequently annexed by a city or becomes subject to the jurisdiction of a county in which an ordinance has not been passed by the city council or county board of supervisors allowing such exemptions within that jurisdiction. The existing exemption shall continue until its expiration.

80.6(5) *Eligibility for exemption.*

a. The value added by new construction or reconstruction and first assessed prior to January 1 of the calendar year in which an ordinance authorizing a partial property tax exemption becomes effective, and new machinery and equipment assessed as real estate acquired and utilized prior to January 1 of the calendar year in which the ordinance or resolution becomes effective, are not eligible for exemption. However, the value added as of January 1 of the calendar year in which the ordinance becomes effective is eligible for exemption if the ordinance is in effect prior to February 1 of that calendar year and if all other eligibility and application requirements are satisfied.

EXAMPLE 1: A \$1,000,000 new construction project on qualifying property is begun in July 1984. \$500,000 in value of the partially completed project is completed in 1984 and first assessed as of January 1, 1985. The project is completed in 1985 adding an additional value of \$500,000 which is first assessed as of January 1, 1986, bringing the total assessed value of the completed project to \$1,000,000 as of the January 1, 1986, assessment.

A city ordinance authorizing the partial exemption program is passed and becomes effective January 15, 1987. This project is not eligible for a property tax exemption for any value added as a result of the new construction project.

EXAMPLE 2: Assuming the same factual situation as in Example 1, except that the ordinance authorizing the partial exemption program becomes effective on January 15, 1986, the \$500,000 in assessed value added as of the January 1, 1986, assessment is eligible for the partial exemption if an application is filed with the assessor between January 1 and February 1, 1986, inclusive.

EXAMPLE 3: Assuming the same factual situation as in Example 1, except that the ordinance authorizing the partial exemption program becomes effective on February 15, 1986. Since the statutory application filing deadline is February 1, no value added and first assessed as of January 1, 1986, is eligible for a partial exemption. The project in this example would receive no exemption for any value added as a result of the new construction.

This subrule does not apply to new construction projects having received prior approval in accordance with subrule 80.6(2).

b. New machinery and equipment assessed as real estate shall be eligible for partial exemption only if used primarily in the manufacturing process. For example, computer equipment used primarily to maintain payroll records would not be eligible for exemption, whereas computer equipment utilized primarily to control or monitor actual product assembly would be eligible.

c. If any other property tax exemption is granted for the same assessment year for all or any of the property which has been granted a partial exemption, the partial property tax exemption shall be disallowed for the year in which the other exemption is actually received.

d. Only qualifying property is eligible to receive the partial property tax exemption (O.A.G. 81-2-18).

e. A taxpayer cannot receive the partial property tax exemption for industrial machinery or equipment if the machinery or equipment was previously assessed in the state of Iowa. Industrial machinery and equipment previously used in another state may qualify for the partial exemption if all criteria for receiving the partial exemption are satisfied.

f. Industrial machinery and equipment is eligible to receive the partial property tax exemption if it changes the existing operational status other than by merely maintaining or expanding the existing operational status. This rule applies whether the machinery and equipment is placed in a new building, an existing building, or a reconstructed building. If new machinery is used to produce an existing product more efficiently or to produce merely a more advanced version of the existing product, the existing operational status would only be maintained or expanded and the machinery would not be eligible for the exemption. However, if the new machinery produces a product distinctly different from that currently produced, the existing operational status has been changed.

80.6(6) *Application for exemption.*

a. An eligible property owner shall file an application for exemption with the assessor between January 1 and February 1, inclusive, of the year for which the value added is first assessed for tax purposes. The amount of “actual value added” shall be the difference between the assessed value of the property on January 1 of the year value is added to the property and the assessed value of the property the following assessment year. An application cannot be filed if a valid ordinance has not been enacted in accordance with Iowa Code section 427B.1 (O.A.G. 82-3-5). If an application is not filed by February 1 of the year for which the value added is first assessed, the taxpayer cannot receive in subsequent years the partial exemption for that value added (O.A.G. 82-1-17). However, if a taxpayer has received prior approval in accordance with Iowa Code section 427B.4 and subrule 80.6(2), the application is to be filed by not later than February 1 of the year for which the total value added is first assessed as the approved completed project.

b. In the event that February 1 falls on either a Saturday or Sunday, applications for the industrial property tax exemption may be filed the following Monday.

c. Applications submitted by mail shall be accepted if postmarked on or before February 1, or in the event that February 1 falls on either a Saturday or Sunday, a postmark date of the following Monday shall be accepted.

80.6(7) *Change in use of property.* If property ceases to be used as qualifying property, no partial exemption shall be allowed as of January 1 of the year following the calendar year in which the change in use takes place or for subsequent years. If property under construction ceases to be constructed for use as qualifying property, no partial exemption shall be allowed as of January 1 of the year following the calendar year in which this cessation occurs. However, such a change in the use of the property

does not affect the validity of any partial exemption received for the property while it was used or under construction as qualifying property.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 427B.1 to 427B.7.
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701—80.7(427B) Assessment of computers and industrial machinery and equipment.

80.7(1) Computers and industrial machinery and equipment are to be assessed at 30 percent of the property's net acquisition cost through the 1998 assessment year, 22 percent of the net acquisition cost in the 1999 assessment year, 14 percent of the net acquisition cost in the 2000 assessment year, and 6 percent of the net acquisition cost in the 2001 assessment year. The property will be exempt from tax beginning with the 2002 assessment year.

Computers and industrial machinery and equipment acquired after December 31, 1993, and not previously assessed in Iowa, are exempt from tax.

Computers and industrial machinery and equipment assessed pursuant to Iowa Code section 427B.17 are not eligible to receive the partial property tax exemption under Iowa Code sections 427B.1 to 427B.7.

80.7(2) Computers assessed under Iowa Code section 427A.1(1)“j” are limited to the percent of the computer's net acquisition cost as provided in Iowa Code section 427B.17 regardless of the classification of the real estate in which the computer is located.

80.7(3) For computers and industrial machinery and equipment, the net acquisition cost shall be the acquired cost of the property.

80.7(4) Computation of taxpayer's value. Assume a machine is acquired at a net acquisition cost of \$10,000. Assume also that the actual depreciated value of the machine is \$9,000. The value on which taxes would be levied would be limited to \$3,000 ($\$10,000 \times .30$). This percent will change over the course of the phaseout of the tax.

80.7(5) If all or a portion of the value of property assessed pursuant to Iowa Code section 427B.17 is eligible to receive an exemption from taxation, the amount of value to be exempt shall be subtracted from the net acquisition cost of the property before the taxpayer's value prescribed in Iowa Code section 427B.17 is determined. For example, if property has a net acquisition cost of \$30,000 and is eligible to receive a pollution exemption for \$15,000 of value, the taxable net acquisition cost would be \$15,000 and the taxpayer's value would be \$4,500 ($\$15,000 \times .30$). This percent will change over the course of the phaseout of the tax.

80.7(6) In the event the actual depreciated fair market value of property assessed pursuant to Iowa Code section 427B.17 is less than the valuation determined as a percent of the net acquisition cost of the property as provided in Iowa Code section 427B.17, the taxpayer's assessed value would be equal to the actual depreciated fair market value of the property.

80.7(7) Property ineligible for phaseout and exemption. Computers and industrial machinery and equipment, the taxes on which are used to fund a new jobs training project approved on or before June 30, 1995, do not qualify for the exemption provided in Iowa Code section 427B.17(2) nor the phaseout contained in Iowa Code section 427B.17(3) until the assessment year following the calendar year in which the funding obligations have been retired, refinanced, or refunded. At that time, the property will be subject to phaseout if acquired prior to January 1, 1994, or exempt from tax if acquired after December 31, 1993, and not previously assessed in Iowa. See subrule 80.7(1). The community college must notify the assessor by February 15 of each assessment year if the community college will be using a taxpayer's machinery and equipment taxes to finance a project that year. In any year in which the community college does rely on a taxpayer's machinery and equipment taxes for funding, the phaseout and exemption will not apply to that taxpayer that year.

80.7(8) County replacement.

a. For fiscal years beginning July 1, 1996, and ending June 30, 2001, the county replacement amount shall be equal to the difference between the assessed value of computers and industrial machinery and equipment as of January 1 of the previous calendar year and the assessed value of such property as of January 1, 1994, multiplied by the tax levy rate for that fiscal year. If there is an increase in valuation (the January 1, 1994, value is less), there will be no replacement for that fiscal year.

b. For fiscal years beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2004, the county replacement amount shall be equal to the difference between the assessed value of computers and industrial machinery and equipment as of January 1 of the previous calendar year and the assessed value of such property as of January 1, 1994, less, if any, the increase in the assessed value of commercial and industrial property as of January 1 of the previous calendar year and the assessed value of such property as of January 1, 1994, multiplied by the tax levy rate for that fiscal year. If the calculation results in a negative amount, there will be no replacement for that fiscal year.

c. The replacement amounts shall be determined for each taxing district and a replacement claim summarizing the total amounts for the county prepared and submitted by the county auditor to the department of revenue by September 1 of each year. The department shall pay the replacement amount to the county treasurer in September and March of each year.

d. No replacement is allowable if a community college elects not to fund a new jobs training project with a tax on computers and industrial machinery and equipment.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 427B as amended by 2003 Iowa Acts, Senate File 453.

701—80.8(404) Urban revitalization partial exemption.

80.8(1) Area designated. An area containing only one building or structure cannot be designated as an urban revitalization area (1980 O.A.G. 786).

80.8(2) Prior approval. To obtain prior approval for a project, a property owner's proposal must be approved by a specific resolution addressing the proposal and passed by the city council or county board of supervisors. The original ordinance providing for the urban revitalization area does not constitute the granting of prior approval for any particular project. Also, prior approval for a project can only be granted by resolution of the city council or county board of supervisors; an official or representative of a city or county does not have the independent authority to grant prior approval for a project.

80.8(3) Eligibility for exemption. Improvements made as a result of a project begun more than one year prior to a city's or county's adoption of an urban revitalization ordinance are not eligible to receive the partial exemption even though some of the improvements are added during the time the area was designated as an urban revitalization area. For a project commenced within one year prior to the adoption of an urban revitalization ordinance, the partial exemption can be allowed only for those improvements constructed on or after the effective date of the ordinance. (1982 O.A.G. 358)

80.8(4) Minimum value added. Once the minimum value added required by Iowa Code section 404.3(7) has been assessed, any amount of additional value added to the property in subsequent years is eligible for the partial exemption. The value added subject to partial exemption for the first year for which an exemption is claimed and allowed shall include value added to the property for a previous year even if the value added in the previous year was not by itself sufficient to qualify for the partial exemption.

For example, assume that an urban revitalization project is begun on commercial property having an actual value of \$50,000 as of January 1, 1984. As a result of improvements made during 1984, the actual value of the property as of January 1, 1985, is determined to be \$55,000. Additional improvements made during 1985 increase the actual value of the property to \$70,000 for the 1986 assessment. In this example, no partial exemption can be allowed for 1985 since the value added for that year is less than 15 percent of the actual value of the property prior to construction of the improvements. A partial exemption can be allowed for 1986 and subsequent years for the \$20,000 value added in both 1985 and 1986, providing a valid application for the partial exemption is filed between January 1, 1986, and February 1, 1986, inclusive.

80.8(5) Application for partial exemption.

a. *Prior approval.* If a taxpayer has secured a prior approval resolution from the city council or the county board of supervisors, the partial exemption cannot be obtained until the year in which all value added for the project is first assessed. A partial exemption can be allowed only if an application is filed between January 1 and February 1, inclusive, of the year in which all value added for the project is first assessed. If an application is not filed during that period, no partial exemption can be allowed for that

year or any subsequent year. The submission to the city council or the county board of supervisors of a proposal to receive prior approval does not by itself constitute an application for the partial exemption.

For example, assume a city council or county board of supervisors approves a prior approval resolution in April 1984 for a revitalization project to be completed in September 1986. Assuming all construction on the project is completed in 1986, no partial exemption can be allowed until 1987 since that would be the year in which all value added for the project is first assessed. To receive the partial exemption, a valid application would have to be filed between January 1, 1987, and February 1, 1987, inclusive.

b. No prior approval. If a project has not received a prior approval resolution, a taxpayer has the option of receiving the partial exemption beginning with any year in which value is added to the property or waiting until all value added to the property is first assessed in its entirety. To secure a partial exemption prior to the completion of the project, an application must be filed between January 1 and February 1, inclusive, in each year for which the exemption is claimed.

For example, assume a revitalization project is begun in June 1984 and completed in September 1985, that no prior approval resolution for the project has been approved, and that a ten-year exemption period has been selected. Assume further that as a result of construction on the project, value is added for the assessment years 1985 and 1986. If an application is filed between January 1, 1985, and February 1, 1985, inclusive, a partial exemption could be allowed for the value added for 1985 beginning with the 1985 assessment and ending with the 1994 assessment. If an application is filed between January 1, 1986, and February 1, 1986, inclusive, a partial exemption could be allowed for the value added for 1986 beginning with the 1986 assessment and ending with the 1995 assessment. The partial exemption allowable for the years 1986 through 1995 would be against the value added for 1986 as a result of improvements made during calendar year 1985.

In the example above, the taxpayer may elect not to file an application for the partial exemption in 1985. In this situation, if an application is filed between January 1, 1986, and February 1, 1986, inclusive, a partial exemption could be allowed for the total value added for 1985 and 1986 and would apply to assessments for the years 1986 through 1995.

c. Filing deadline. If February 1 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, an application for the partial exemption may be filed the following Monday. Applications submitted by mail must be postmarked on or before February 1, or on or before the following Monday if February 1 falls on a Saturday or Sunday.

d. Extended filing deadline. The exemption is allowable for the total number of years in the exemption schedule if a claim for exemption is filed within two years of the original February 1 filing deadline. The city council or county board of supervisors may by resolution provide that an application for the partial exemption can be filed by February 1 of any assessment year the area is designated as an urban revitalization area. The exemption shall be allowed for the same number of years remaining in the exemption schedule selected as would have been remaining had the claim for exemption been timely filed.

80.8(6) Value exempt. The partial exemption allowed for a year in which an application is filed shall apply to the value added and first assessed for that year and any value added to the project and assessed for a preceding year or years and for which a partial exemption had not been received.

80.8(7) Minimum assessment. The partial exemption shall apply only to the value added in excess of the actual value of the property as of the year immediately preceding the year in which value added was first assessed. If the actual value of the property is reduced for any year during the period in which the partial exemption applies, any reduction in value resulting from the partial exemption shall not reduce the assessment of the property below its actual value as of January 1 of the assessment year immediately preceding the year in which value added was first assessed. This subrule applies regardless of whether the reduction in actual value is made by the assessor, the board of review, a court order, or an equalization order of the director of revenue.

80.8(8) Value added. As used in this rule, the term "value added" means the amount of increase in the actual value of real estate directly attributable to improvements made as part of a revitalization project. The amount of "actual value added" shall be the difference between the assessed value of the property on

January 1 of the year value is added to the property and the assessed value of the property the following assessment year. "Value added" does not include any increase in actual (market) value attributable to that portion of the real estate assessed prior to the year in which revitalization improvements are first assessed. The sales price of the property rather than the assessed value of the property may be used in determining the percentage increase required to qualify for exemption if the improvements were begun within one year of the date the property was purchased.

80.8(9) *Repeal of ordinance.* An urban revitalization project which has received proper prior approval shall be eligible to receive the partial exemption following completion of the project even if the city council or county board of supervisors subsequently repeals the urban revitalization ordinance before improvements in the project are first assessed (1980 O.A.G. 639).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 404 as amended by 2002 Iowa Acts, House File 2622.

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701—80.9(427C,441) Forest and fruit-tree reservations.

80.9(1) *Determination of eligibility for exemption.* Property for which an application for exemption as a forest or fruit-tree reservation has been filed shall be inspected by the assessor or county conservation board. The county board of supervisors designates whether all inspections in the county are to be made by the assessor, including any city assessor, or by the county conservation board. When appropriate, aerial photographs may be used in place of an on-site inspection of the property. The assessment or exemption of the property is to be based upon criteria established by the state conservation commission and findings obtained by the inspection of the property or the examination of aerial photographs of the property.

80.9(2) *Application for exemption.*

a. An application for exemption must be filed with the appropriate assessor between January 1 and February 1, inclusive, of the assessment year for which the exemption is first claimed. If the inspection of the property is to be made by the county conservation board, the assessor shall forward the application to the board for its recommendation. Once the application has been accepted, the exemption is applicable to the current and subsequent assessment years and no further application shall be required so long as the property remains eligible for the exemption.

b. If February 1 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, an application for exemption may be filed the following Monday.

c. An application shall be considered to be timely filed if postmarked on or before February 1 or the following Monday if February 1 falls on a Saturday or Sunday.

80.9(3) *Notification to property owner.* If the property is to be inspected by the county conservation board, the board shall make every effort to submit its recommendation to the assessor in sufficient time for the assessor to notify the claimant by April 15. The assessor shall notify the claimant by April 15 of the disposition of the application for exemption. If because of the date on which an application is filed a determination of eligibility for the exemption cannot be made in sufficient time for notification to be made by April 15, the assessor shall assess the property and notify the property owner of the inability to act on the application. The notification shall contain the actual value and classification of the property and a statement of the claimant's right of appeal to the local board of review.

80.9(4) *Appeal of eligibility determination.* If a property for which a claim for exemption as a forest or fruit-tree reservation is assessed for taxation, the property owner may appeal the assessment to the board of review under Iowa Code section 441.37.

80.9(5) *Valuation of property.* For each assessment year for which property is exempt as a forest or fruit-tree reservation, the assessor shall determine the actual value and classification that would apply to the property were it assessed for taxation that year. In any year for which the actual value or classification of property so determined is changed, the assessor shall notify the property owner pursuant to Iowa Code sections 441.23, 441.26 and 441.28.

80.9(6) Recapture tax.

a. Assessment of property. If the county conservation board or the assessor determines a property has ceased to meet the eligibility criteria established by the state conservation commission, the property shall be assessed for taxation and subject to the recapture tax. The property shall be subject to taxes levied against the assessment made as of January 1 of the calendar year in which the property ceased to qualify for exemption. In addition, the property shall be subject to the tax which would have been levied against the assessment made as of January 1 of each of the five preceding calendar years for which the property received an exemption.

b. Assessment procedure. If the determination that a property has ceased to be eligible for exemption is made by the assessor by April 15, the assessor shall notify the property owner of the assessment as of January 1 of the year in which the determination is made in accordance with Iowa Code sections 441.23, 441.26, and 441.28. The assessment of the property for any of the five preceding years and for the current year, if timely notice by April 15 cannot be given, shall be by means of an omitted assessment as provided in Iowa Code section 443.6 (*Talley v. Brown*, 146 Iowa 360, 125 N.W. 243(1910)). Appeal of the omitted assessment may be taken pursuant to Iowa Code sections 443.7 and 443.8.

c. Computation of tax. The county auditor shall compute the tax liability for each year for which an assessment has been made pursuant to subrule 80.9(6), paragraph "b." The tax liability shall be the amount of tax that would have been levied against each year's assessment had the property not received the exemption. In computing the tax, the valuations established by the assessor shall be adjusted to reflect any equalization order or assessment limitation percentage applicable to each year's assessment.

d. Entry on tax list. The tax liability levied against assessments made as of January 1 of any year preceding the calendar year in which the property ceased to qualify for exemption shall be entered on the tax list for taxes levied against all assessments made as of January 1 of the year immediately preceding the calendar year in which the property ceased to qualify for exemption. However, if those taxes have already been certified to the county treasurer, the recapture taxes shall be entered on the tax list for taxes levied against assessments made as of January 1 of the year in which the property ceased to qualify for exemption. The tax against the assessment made as of January 1 of the year in which the property ceased to qualify for exemption shall be levied at the time taxes are levied against all assessments made as of that date.

e. Delinquencies. Recapture taxes shall not become delinquent until the time when all other unpaid taxes entered on the same tax list become delinquent.

f. Exceptions to recapture tax.

(1) Fruit-tree or forest reservations. Property which has received an exemption as a fruit-tree or forest reservation is not subject to the recapture tax if the property is maintained as a fruit-tree or forest reservation for at least five full calendar years following the last calendar year for which the property was exempt as a fruit-tree or forest reservation.

(2) Property which has been owned by the same person or the person's direct descendants or antecedents for at least ten years prior to the time the property ceases to qualify for exemption shall not be subject to the recapture tax.

(3) Property described in subparagraphs 80.9(6)"f"(1) and 80.9(6)"f"(2) is subject to assessment as of January 1 of the calendar year in which the property ceases to qualify for exemption.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 427C as amended by 2001 Iowa Acts, House File 736, and Iowa Code section 441.22.

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701—80.10(427B) Underground storage tanks.

80.10(1) Authority of city councils and county boards of supervisors. A city council or county board of supervisors may provide by ordinance to grant property tax credits to small business owners for payment of underground storage tank cleanup costs. The ordinance is to designate the period of time over which the credit is to be granted (not to exceed ten years) and the percentage of credit to be granted each

year. If the ordinance is repealed, existing credits are to continue through their designated expiration date. A small business means a business with gross receipts of less than \$500,000 per year.

80.10(2) Application for credit. The small business owner is required to file an application for credit with the respective city council or county board of supervisors by September 30 of the year following the calendar year in which cleanup costs were paid and each succeeding year the credit is applicable. The application for credit shall be prescribed by the director of revenue and shall contain, but not be limited to, the small business owner's cleanup costs and gross receipts for the most recent tax year.

80.10(3) Allowance of credit. Credits granted by a county board of supervisors are applicable only to property located outside the corporate limits of a city and credits granted by a city council are only applicable to property located within the corporate limits of the city. The amount of the credit granted cannot exceed the small business owner's cleanup costs nor the amount of city or county taxes paid on the property where the underground storage tank is located for any fiscal year the credit is applicable. Upon approval of the application for credit, the city council or county board of supervisors shall direct its city clerk or county treasurer to reimburse the small business owner in the amount of the designated credit.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 427B.20 to 427B.22.

701—80.11(425A) Family farm tax credit.

80.11(1) Eligibility for credit. Generally, the family farm tax credit is only intended to benefit tracts of agricultural land that are owned by certain individuals or enumerated legal entities if the owner or other specified persons are actively engaged in farming.

a. In order for a tract of land to qualify for the family farm tax credit, the following three criteria must be satisfied:

(1) The tract of land must be an "eligible tract of agricultural land" as defined in Iowa Code subsection 425A.2(5). This means the tract must be ten acres or more or contiguous to a tract of more than ten acres and used in good faith for agricultural or horticultural purposes. More than half of the acres in the tract must be devoted to the production of crops or livestock by a designated person. Contiguous tracts under the same legal ownership and located within the same county are considered one tract. Only tracts of land that are classified as agricultural real estate qualify for the credit.

(2) The tract of land must be owned by:

1. An individual or persons related or formerly related to each other, or
2. A partnership where all the partners are related or formerly related to each other, or
3. A family farm corporation as defined in Iowa Code subsection 9H.1(8), or
4. An authorized farm corporation as defined in Iowa Code subsection 9H.1(3).

The ownership criteria must be met on June 30 of the fiscal year prior to the fiscal year in which the application for credit is filed. For example, the ownership criteria must be met on June 30, 1990, for applications for credit filed in 1990.

(3) A designated person must be "actively engaged in farming" the tract during the fiscal year prior to the fiscal year in which the application for credit is filed. If the tract is owned by an individual or related persons, the designated person who is actively engaged in farming must be an owner of the tract, the owner's spouse, or the owner's relative within the third degree of consanguinity or their spouses. This includes the owner's child, stepchild, grandchild, great-grandchild, parent, grandparent, great-grandparent, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, niece, or nephew or their spouses. The only step relative that may qualify as a designated person is a stepchild. If the owner of the tract is a partnership, the designated person who is actively engaged in farming must be a partner or a partner's spouse. If the owner of the tract of land is a family farm corporation, the designated person who is actively engaged in farming must be a family member who is a shareholder of the family farm corporation or the shareholder's spouse. If the owner of the tract of land is an authorized farm corporation, the designated person who is actively engaged in farming must be the shareholder who owns at least 51 percent of the stock of the authorized farm corporation or that shareholder's spouse.

If the owner is an individual who leases the land to a family farm corporation or partnership, a shareholder of the corporation or a partner of the partnership shall be considered a designated person if

the combined stock of the family farm corporation or the combined partnership interest owned by the owner, the owner's spouse and persons related to the owner within the third degree of consanguinity and their spouses is equal to at least 51 percent of the stock of the family farm corporation or the ownership interest in the partnership.

b. In order to be "actively engaged in farming" the designated person must be personally involved in the production of crops or livestock on the "eligible tract" on a regular, continuous and substantial basis. Personal involvement in the production of crops or livestock includes not only field activities such as soil preparation and testing, planting, fertilizing, spraying, inspecting, cultivating and harvesting but also managerial decision-making activities relating to hybrid selection, crop rotation planning, crop selection, equipment purchases and marketing strategies. Personal involvement in the production of crops or livestock also includes activities pertaining to crop insurance selection, loan selection, and financial record maintenance and preparation. A person performing activities in the capacity of a lessor, whether under a cash or crop-share lease and whether under a written or oral lease, is not actively engaged in farming on the area of the tract covered by the lease.

c. Tracts subject to a federal program pertaining to agricultural land. In lieu of satisfying the "actively engaged in farming" test, a designated person may demonstrate that the person was in general control of the tract which was subject to a federal program pertaining to agricultural land during the prior fiscal year. This alternative test is intended to apply in circumstances where the active farming criteria cannot be met because the land is in the Conservation Reserve Program (commonly referred to as the CRP) or a program substantially similar to the 0/92 option where the tract has been taken out of production.

d. The following examples illustrate family farm tax credit eligibility under various circumstances:

EXAMPLE 1. A and B jointly own land and were both personally involved in the farming operation. They are not related. No credit is allowable because it is a requirement that individual owners be related. If A and B were brothers, the land would qualify for the credit.

EXAMPLE 2. A owns the land and is retired. A leased the land to B, his son. B was personally involved in the farming operation. The land is eligible for the credit even though a lease arrangement existed because the actively engaged in farming requirement can be satisfied through the activities of the owner's spouse, or the owner's relative within the third degree of consanguinity or the relative's spouse. See paragraph "a," subparagraph (3), of this subrule. No credit would be allowable if A and B were not related.

EXAMPLE 3. A owns two contiguous 40-acre tracts. A farmed all of one tract but only 15 acres of the other tract. The other 25 acres of the second tract were leased to a nondesignated person. Both tracts qualify for the credit because contiguous tracts under the same legal ownership are considered one tract and more than half of the total of 80 acres ($40 + 15 = 55$) were farmed by A.

EXAMPLE 4. The land is owned by a partnership in which the partners A, B, C and D are brothers. A and B farm the land but C and D have no involvement in the farming operation. The land is eligible for the credit because it makes no difference what level of involvement each partner had nor does it matter that one or more of the partners were not personally involved in the farming operation. The only requirement for qualifying for the credit is that at least one of the partners or one of the partners' spouses was personally involved in the farming operation. No credit would be allowable if all the partners were not related to each other.

EXAMPLE 5. The land is owned by a family farm corporation in which the stock is owned equally by A, B and C. A and B are brothers but not related to C. All three partners were personally involved in the farming operation. The land qualifies for the credit because it is only a requirement that a family member who is a shareholder in the family farm corporation be involved in the farming operation. The land would qualify for the credit even if B was not involved in the farming operation. However, no credit would be allowable if only C was involved in the farming operation.

EXAMPLE 6. The land is owned by an authorized farm corporation in which 60 percent of the stock is owned by A and 40 percent of the stock is owned by B. Both A and B were personally involved in the farming operation. The credit is allowable as long as the stockholder who owns at least 51 percent of

the stock was personally involved in the farming operation. No credit would be allowable if A was not personally involved in the farming operation.

80.11(2) *Application for credit.* To obtain the credit, the owner must file an application for credit with the assessor by November 1. If the claim for credit is approved, no further filing shall be required provided the ownership and the designated person actively engaged in farming the property remain the same during successive years. A new application for credit shall be required only if the property is sold or the designated person changes. The county board of supervisors shall review all claims and make a determination as to eligibility. The claimant may appeal a decision of the board to district court by giving written notice to the board within 20 days of the board's notice.

80.11(3) *Application of credit.* The county auditor shall certify to the department of revenue by April 1 the total amount of family farm tax credits due the county. The county auditor shall apply the credit to each eligible tract of land in an amount equal to the school district tax rate which is in excess of \$5.40 multiplied by the taxable value of the eligible tract.

80.11(4) *Penalty.* The owner shall provide written notice to the assessor if the designated person changes. Failure to do so shall result in the owner's being liable for the amount of the credit plus a penalty equal to 5 percent of the amount of the credit granted.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 425A as amended by 2001 Iowa Acts, House Files 712 and 713.

701—80.12(427) Methane gas conversion property.

80.12(1) *Application for exemption.* An application for exemption is required to be filed with the appropriate assessing authority by February 1 of each year. The assessed value of the property is to be prorated to reflect the appropriate amount of exemption if the property used to convert the methane gas to energy also uses another fuel. The first year exemption shall be equal to the estimated ratio that the methane gas consumed bears to the total fuel consumed times the assessed value of the property. The exemption for subsequent years shall be based on the actual ratio for the previous year.

80.12(2) *Eligibility for exemption.* To qualify for exemption, the property must be used either in an operation that decomposes waste and converts it to methane gas or other gases produced as a byproduct of waste decomposition, then collects the gases and converts them to energy; or in an operation that collects waste in order to decompose it to produce methane gas or other gases for conversion into energy. The exemption applies to both property used in connection with, or in conjunction with, a publicly owned sanitary landfill and to property not used in connection with, or in conjunction with, a publicly owned sanitary landfill.

The exemption for property not used in an operation connected with, or in conjunction with, a publicly owned sanitary landfill is limited to property originally placed in operation on or after January 1, 2008, and on or before December 31, 2012, and will be available for the ten-year period following the date the property was originally placed in operation.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 427.1(29) as amended by 2009 Iowa Acts, Senate File 478, section 224.

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701—80.13(427B,476B) Wind energy conversion property.

80.13(1) *Special valuation allowed by ordinance.* A city council or county board of supervisors may provide by ordinance for the special valuation of wind energy conversion property. If the ordinance is repealed, the special valuation applies through the nineteenth assessment year following the first year the property was assessed. Once the ordinance has been repealed and the special valuation is no longer applicable, the property must be valued at market value rather than at 30 percent of net acquisition cost. The special valuation applies to property first assessed on or after the effective date of the ordinance. The local assessor must value the property in accordance with the schedule provided in Iowa Code section 427B.26(2). The property qualifies for special valuation provided the taxpayer files a declaration of intent with the local assessor by February 1 of the assessment year in which the property is first assessed for tax to have the property locally assessed. The property must not be assessed until the assessment

year following the year the entire wind plant is completed. A wind plant is completed when it is placed in service.

80.13(2) *Special valuation not allowed by ordinance.* If a city council or county board of supervisors has not passed an ordinance providing for the special valuation of wind energy conversion property, the property is to be assessed by the department of revenue for a period of 12 years, and the taxes payable on the facilities are to be paid to the department at the same time as regular property taxes. The owner of the facility must file an annual report with the department by May 1 of each year during the 12-year assessment period, and the department must certify the assessed value of the facility by November 1 of each year to the county auditor. The board of supervisors must notify the county treasurer to state on the tax statement that the property taxes are to be paid to the department. The board must also notify the department of those facilities that are required to pay the property taxes to the department. The department must notify the county treasurer of the date the taxes were paid within five business days of receipt, and the notification is authorization for the county treasurer to mark the record as paid in the county system.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 427B.26 and chapter 476B as amended by 2009 Iowa Acts, Senate File 456, sections 2 and 4.

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701—80.14(427) Mobile home park storm shelter.

80.14(1) *Application for exemption.* An application for exemption must be filed with the assessing authority by February 1 of the first year the exemption is requested. Applications for exemption are not required in subsequent years if the property remains eligible for exemption.

80.14(2) *Eligibility for exemption.* The structure must be located in a mobile home park as defined in Iowa Code section 435.1.

80.14(3) *Valuation exempted.* If the structure is used exclusively as a storm shelter, it shall be fully exempt from taxation. If the structure is not used exclusively as a storm shelter, the exemption shall be limited to 50 percent of the structure's commercial valuation.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code Supplement section 427.1(30).

701—80.15(427) Barn and one-room schoolhouse preservation. The increase in value added to a farm structure constructed prior to 1937 or one-room schoolhouse as a result of improvements made is exempt from tax. An application must be filed with the assessor by February 1 of the first assessment year only and the exemption is to continue as long as the structure continues to be used as a barn or in the case of a one-room schoolhouse is not used for dwelling purposes. A "barn" is an agricultural structure that is used for the storage of farm products or feed or the housing of farm animals, poultry, or farm equipment.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 427.1(31) and 427.1(32) as amended by 2000 Iowa Acts, House File 2560.

701—80.16(426) Agricultural land tax credit.

80.16(1) *Eligibility for credit.* The credit shall be allowed on land in tracts of ten acres or more, or land of less than ten acres if part of other land of more than ten acres, and used for agricultural or horticultural purposes.

80.16(2) *Application for credit.* No application for credit is required.

80.16(3) *Application of credit.* The county auditor shall certify to the department of revenue by April 1 the total amount of agricultural land tax credits due the county. The county auditor shall apply the credit to each eligible tract of land in an amount equal to the school district tax rate which is in excess of \$5.40 multiplied by the taxable value of the eligible tract.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 426 as amended by 2001 Iowa Acts, House File 713.

701—80.17(427) Indian housing property. Property owned and operated by an Indian housing authority, as defined in 24 CFR 950.102, is exempt from taxation provided the exemption has been

approved by the city council or county board of supervisors, whichever is applicable, and a valid claim for exemption has been filed pursuant to Iowa Code section 427.1(14) by February 1.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 427.1 as amended by 2001 Iowa Acts, Senate File 449.

701—80.18(427) Property used in value-added agricultural product operations. Fixtures used for cooking, refrigeration, or freezing of value-added agricultural products used in value-added agricultural processing or used in direct support of value-added agricultural processing are exempt from tax. Direct support includes storage by public refrigerated warehouses for processors of value-added agricultural products prior to the start of the value-added agricultural processing operation. The exemption does not apply to fixtures used primarily for retail sale or display. If the taxpayer is a retailer, there is a presumption that the fixtures are being used primarily for retail sale or display. The exemption applies only to fixtures that are attached in a manner set forth in Iowa Code section 427A.1(2).

The following definitions apply to this rule:

“*Fixture*” means property which was originally personal property but which by being physically attached to the realty becomes part of the realty and upon removal does not destroy the property to which it is attached.

“*Value-added agricultural processing*” means an operation whereby an agricultural product is subjected to some special treatment by artificial or natural means which changes its form, context, or condition, and results in a marketable agricultural product to be sold at retail. These operations are commonly associated with fabricating, compounding, germinating, or manufacturing.

“*Value-added agricultural product*” means an agricultural product which, through a series of activities or processes, may be sold at a higher price than its original purchase price.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 427A.1 as amended by 2001 Iowa Acts, House File 715.

701—80.19(427) Dwelling unit property within certain cities. Dwelling unit property owned and managed by a nonprofit community housing development organization that owns and manages more than 150 dwelling units in a city with a population of more than 110,000 is exempt from tax. The organization must be recognized by the state and the federal government pursuant to criteria contained in the HOME program of the federal National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 and must be exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The exemption does not extend to dwelling units located outside the city. The organization must file an application for exemption with the assessing authority not later than February 1 of the assessment year. Applications for exemption are not required in successive years if the property continues to qualify for the exemption.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code Supplement section 427.1(21A) as amended by 2006 Iowa Acts, House File 2792.

701—80.20(427) Nursing facilities. If the assessor determines that property is being used for a charitable purpose pursuant to Iowa Code section 427.1(8), it shall be fully exempt from tax if it is licensed under Iowa Code section 135C.1(13) by the department of inspections and appeals, exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and a valid application for exemption has been filed with the assessor by February 1 of the assessment year.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code Supplement section 427.1(14).

701—80.21(368) Annexation of property by a city. A city council may provide a partial tax exemption from city taxes against annexed property for a period of ten years. The exemption schedule is contained in Iowa Code Supplement section 368.11(3) “*m*.” All property owners included in the annexed area must receive the exemption if the city elects to allow the exemption.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code Supplement section 368.11(3) “*m*” as amended by 2006 Iowa Acts, House File 2794.

701—80.22(427) Port authority. The property of a port authority created pursuant to Iowa Code Supplement section 28J.2 when devoted to public use and not held for pecuniary profit is exempt from taxation.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code Supplement section 427.1(34).

701—80.23(427A) Concrete batch plants and hot mix asphalt facilities. A concrete batch plant includes the machinery, equipment, and fixtures used at a concrete mixing facility to process cement dry additive and other raw materials into concrete. A hot mix asphalt facility is any facility used to manufacture hot mix asphalt by heating and drying aggregate and mixing it with asphalt cements. These facilities shall not be assessed and taxed as real property regardless of the property's attachment to real estate. The land on which the facilities are located is taxable.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 427A.1 as amended by 2006 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2391.

701—80.24(427) Airport property. Property owned by a city or county at an airport and leased to a fixed base operator providing aeronautical services to the public is exempt from taxation.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 427.1(2) as amended by 2006 Iowa Acts, House File 2794.

701—80.25(427A) Car wash equipment. Property that is equipment used for the washing, waxing, drying, or vacuuming of motor vehicles and point-of-sale equipment necessary for the purchase of car wash services shall not be assessed and taxed as real property.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 427A.1 as amended by 2006 Iowa Acts, House File 2794.

701—80.26(427) Web search portal and data center business property. This exemption includes computers and equipment necessary for the maintenance and operation of a web search portal or data center business, including cooling systems, cooling towers, and other temperature control infrastructure; power infrastructure for transformation, distribution, or management of electricity, including but not limited to exterior dedicated business-owned substations, and power distribution systems which are not subject to assessment under Iowa Code chapter 437A; back-up power generation systems, battery systems, and related infrastructure; and racking systems, cabling, and trays. The exemption does not apply to land, buildings, and improvements. The web search portal or data center business must meet the requirements contained in Iowa Code section 423.3, subsection 92, subsection 93, or subsection 95, for the exemption to be allowable. The owner of the property must file a claim for exemption with the assessor by February 1 of the first year the exemption is claimed. Claims for exemption in successive years will be required only for property additions.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 427.1(35) and 427.1(36) and section 427.1 as amended by 2009 Iowa Acts, Senate File 478, section 200.

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701—80.27(427) Privately owned libraries and art galleries. Claims for exemption for libraries and art galleries owned and kept by private individuals, associations, or corporations for public use and not for private profit must be filed with the local assessor by February 1 of the first year the exemption is requested. Once the exemption is granted, the exemption shall continue to be granted for subsequent assessment years without further filing of claims as long as the property continues to be used as a library or art gallery for public use and not for private profit.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code Supplement section 427.1(7) as amended by 2008 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2400.

701—80.28(404B) Disaster revitalization area. The governing body of a city or county may, by ordinance, designate an area of the city or county a disaster revitalization area if that area is within a county or portion of a county in which the governor has proclaimed a disaster emergency or the

United States president has declared a major disaster. All real property within a disaster revitalization area is eligible to receive a 100 percent exemption from taxation on the increase in assessed value of the property if the increase in assessed value is attributable to revitalization of the property occurring between May 25, 2008, and December 31, 2013. The amount of increase in value shall be the difference between the assessed value of the property on January 1, 2007, and the assessed value of the property on January 1, 2010, and subsequent assessment years. The exemption is for a period not to exceed five years, starting with an assessment year beginning on or after January 1, 2010. A city or county may adopt a tax exemption percentage different from the 100 percent exemption. The different percentage adopted must not allow a greater exemption, but may allow a smaller exemption. If the homeowner elects to take the exemption provided in this rule, the homeowner may not claim any other value-added exemption. An application must be filed for each revitalization project resulting in increased assessed value for which an exemption is claimed. The application for exemption must be filed by the owner of the property with the local assessor by February 1 of the first assessment year for which the exemption is requested. After the tax exemption is granted, the exemption will continue for succeeding years without the taxpayer's having to file an application for exemption unless additional revitalization projects occur on the property. The ordinance must expire or be repealed no later than December 31, 2016.

This rule is intended to implement 2009 Iowa Acts, Senate File 457, sections 23 to 30.
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701—80.29(427) Geothermal heating and cooling systems installed on property classified as residential.

80.29(1) *In general.* An exemption from property tax shall be allowed for any value added to property by any new construction or refitted installation of a geothermal heating or cooling system if the geothermal heating or cooling system is constructed or installed on or after July 1, 2012, on property classified as residential. The exemption shall also be allowed for a residential dwelling on agricultural land. The exemption does not have to be claimed the year subsequent to the year the geothermal system is constructed or installed. However, every individual claiming the exemption under this rule shall file with the appropriate assessor, not later than February 1 of the year for which the exemption is requested, an application for exemption. The assessor shall then allow or disallow the exemption.

Upon the filing and allowance of the claim, the claim shall be allowed on the property for ten consecutive years without further filing as long as the property continues to be classified as residential. However, if the property ceases to be classified as residential or if the geothermal heating and cooling system ceases to exist before the ten years have expired, no exemption is allowed for the year in which the change in classification took place or for any subsequent years. The exemption amount shall remain fixed at the same amount that was allowed in the first year the exemption was allowed.

The property tax exemption applies to any value added by the addition of mechanical, electrical, plumbing, ductwork, or other equipment, labor, and expenses included in or required for the construction or installation of the geothermal system that would not have been included in the home if not for the installation of the geothermal heating and cooling system. Additionally, the proportionate value of any well field associated with the system and attributable to the owner is exempt.

80.29(2) *Calculation of value added.* As used in this rule, the terms “any value added” and “value added” mean the amount of increase in the actual assessed value of the property that is directly attributable to the new construction or refit installation of a geothermal heating or cooling system as of the first year for which the geothermal heating and cooling system is actually assessed. “Any value added” does not include speculative or indirect increases in value which, for example, may be attributable to reductions in energy consumption or reductions in the negative impact to the environment. “Any value added” does not include changes in value which are attributable to general housing market fluctuations. Cost of the new construction or refit installation of the geothermal heating or cooling system is not determinative of the value added to a property. In the event the exemption is not filed in the same year the geothermal heating and cooling system is first assessed, the amount of the exemption, upon filing, shall be the same amount as it would have been had the exemption been filed in the year the geothermal heating and cooling system was first assessed.

In the case of new construction and refit installation of a geothermal heating or cooling system, the value added is the value that would not have been included in the home if not for the construction or refit installation of the geothermal heating and cooling system. That is, the value of mechanical, electrical, plumbing, ductwork, or other equipment, labor, and expenses that would have been included with a standard heating and cooling system shall not be considered in calculating the value added. To measure the value added by a geothermal heating and cooling system, the assessor shall compute the difference between the assessed value of the residential property if the property were outfitted with a non-geothermal (standard) heating and cooling system and the assessed value of the property outfitted with the geothermal system. In the case that the new construction or refit installation takes more than one year, the assessor shall make the comparison in the year the new construction or refit installation is completed.

EXAMPLE A: Mrs. Smith wants to upgrade her current standard heating and cooling system in her home with a geothermal system. The geothermal system installation is completed on August 1, 2012. On January 22, 2013, Mrs. Smith files a claim for exemption for the value added to her property that is directly attributable to the refit installation of the geothermal system. To determine the value added that is directly attributable to the geothermal system, the assessor shall compare the value of the home as though it was outfitted with the standard heating and cooling system which was upgraded with the value of the home outfitted with the geothermal heating and cooling system; the difference between the two values is the exemption amount. That exemption amount will remain fixed for the next ten years, until Mrs. Smith's home ceases to be classified as residential, or until the geothermal system ceases to exist, whichever occurs first. For years subsequent to 2013, any increase in the value of Mrs. Smith's home beyond the assessed value of the home outfitted with the geothermal heating and cooling system is not attributable to the geothermal system and is subject to property tax. The property tax exemption amount for the geothermal heating and cooling system will remain the same as the first year for which the exemption was received even if the assessed value of Mrs. Smith's home drops.

EXAMPLE B: Same facts as Example A, except that on January 1 of year seven, Mrs. Smith's home is reclassified as commercial property. No property tax exemption is allowed for the value added by the geothermal system for year seven or any subsequent years.

EXAMPLE C: Mr. Larson is building a new home and plans to construct a new geothermal system in lieu of a standard heating and cooling system. The home and geothermal system are completed on October 24, 2012. To determine the value added that is directly attributable to the installation of the geothermal system, the assessor shall assess the home as though it had been outfitted with a standard heating and cooling system and compare that value with the assessed value of the home outfitted with the geothermal heating and cooling system. The difference between the two amounts is the value added that is directly attributable to the geothermal system and is the exemption amount. In 2013, the assessed value of Mr. Larson's home with a standard heating and cooling system is \$200,000. The assessed value of Mr. Larson's home with the geothermal system is \$210,000. Therefore, the value added to the property that is directly attributable to the geothermal system is \$10,000. Mr. Larson may claim an exemption amount of \$10,000 starting in assessment year 2013. Mr. Larson does not lose the exemption if he fails to claim the exemption by February 1, 2013; he may claim the exemption in any year subsequent to the completion of the construction of the home. An exemption amount of \$10,000 will continue for ten consecutive years after the exemption is claimed, until the property ceases to be classified as residential, or until the geothermal system ceases to exist, whichever occurs first.

EXAMPLE D: Same facts as Example C, except that Mr. Larson claims the exemption in 2019. The exemption amount in 2019, and the nine subsequent years, is the value added in the year the geothermal heating and cooling system was first assessed; here, \$10,000 in 2013. The value added and exemption amount is not calculated in the year Mr. Larson claims the exemption. The \$10,000 exemption will then continue until 2028, until the property ceases to be classified as residential or until the geothermal system ceases to exist, whichever occurs first.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 427.1.
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701—80.30 to 80.48 Reserved.

701—80.49(441) Commercial and industrial property tax replacement—county replacement claims. For each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2014, the department of revenue shall pay to the county treasurer an amount equal to the amount of the commercial and industrial property tax replacement claims in the county. For fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2017, if an amount appropriated for a fiscal year is insufficient to pay all replacement claims, the director of revenue shall prorate the payment of replacement claims to the county treasurers and shall notify the county auditors of the pro rata percentage on or before September 30.

80.49(1) For each taxing district, the commercial and industrial property tax replacement claim amount is determined by multiplying the amounts calculated in 80.49(1) “a” and “b” and dividing the resultant amount by \$1,000.

a. The difference between the assessed valuation of all commercial property and industrial property for the assessment year used to calculate taxes which are due and payable in the applicable fiscal year and the actual value of all commercial property and industrial property that is subject to assessment and taxation for the same assessment year; and

b. The tax levy rate per \$1,000 of assessed value of each taxing district for that fiscal year.

80.49(2) Reporting requirements.

a. On or before July 1 of each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2014, the assessor shall report to the county auditor the total actual value of all commercial and industrial property in the county that is subject to assessment and taxation for the assessment year used to calculate the taxes due and payable in that fiscal year.

b. On or before September 1 of each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2014, the county auditor shall, based upon the information in the report required to be provided in paragraph “a” of this subrule, prepare and submit a statement to the department of revenue which lists, for each taxing district in the county, the information required in 80.49(1).

c. The department shall pay the replacement amount to the county treasurer in two installments in September and March of each year.

d. The county treasurer shall apportion the replacement claim payments among the eligible taxing districts in the county.

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701—80.50(427,441) Responsibility of local assessors.

80.50(1) The assessor shall determine the taxable status of all property. If an application for exemption is required to be filed, the assessor shall consider the information contained in the application in determining the taxable status of the property. The assessor may also request from any property owner or claimant any additional information necessary to the determination of the taxable status of the property. For property subject to Iowa Code subsection 427.1(14), the assessor shall not base the determination of the taxable status of property solely on the statement of objects or purposes of the organization, institution, or society seeking an exemption. The use of the property rather than the objects or purposes of the organization, institution, or society shall be the controlling factor in determining the taxable status of property. (*Evangelical Lutheran G.S. Society v. Board of Review of Des Moines*, 200 N.W.2d 509; *Northwest Community Hospital v. Board of Review of Des Moines*, 229 N.W.2d 738.)

80.50(2) In determining the taxable status of property, the assessor shall construe the appropriate exemption statute and these rules in a strict manner. If there exists any doubt as to the taxable status of property, the property shall be subject to taxation. The burden shall be upon the claimant to show that the exemption should be granted. (*Evangelical Lutheran G.S. Society v. Board of Review of Des Moines*, 200 N.W.2d 509; *Southside Church of Christ of Des Moines v. Des Moines Board of Review*, 243 N.W.2d 650; *Aerie 1287, Fraternal Order of Eagles v. Holland*, 226 N.W.2d 22.)

80.50(3) If the assessor determines that all or part of a property is subject to taxation, the assessor shall notify the taxpayer by the issuance of an assessment roll as provided in Iowa Code sections 441.26

and 441.27. If the assessor determines that property has been erroneously exempted from taxation, the assessor shall revoke the exemption for the current assessment year but not for prior assessment years.

80.50(4) The assessor's determination of the taxable status of property may be appealed to the local board of review pursuant to Iowa Code section 441.37.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 427 and sections 441.17(11), 441.26, and 441.27.

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701—80.51(441) Responsibility of local boards of review.

80.51(1) If the board of review determines that property has been erroneously exempted from taxation, the board of review shall revoke the exemption for the current assessment year, but not for prior assessment years, and shall give notice to the taxpayer as provided in Iowa Code section 441.36.

80.51(2) If the board of review acts in response to a protest arising from an assessor's determination of the taxable status of property, the board of review shall notify the taxpayer of its disposition of the protest in accordance with the provisions of Iowa Code section 441.37.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 441.35, 441.36, and 441.37.

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701—80.52(427) Responsibility of director of revenue. The director may revoke or modify an exemption on property if the exemption is found to have been erroneously granted by the local taxing officials. Any taxpayer or taxing district may request that the director revoke or modify an exemption, or the director may on the director's own determination revoke or modify an exemption. The director may revoke or modify an exemption for the tax year commencing in the tax year in which the request is made to the director or for the tax year commencing in the tax year in which the director's own motion is filed. The director shall hold a hearing on the appropriateness of the exemption prior to issuing an order for revocation or modification. The director's order to revoke or modify an exemption may be appealed in accordance with Iowa Code chapter 17A or in the district court of the county in which the property is located.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 427.1(16).

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701—80.53(427) Application for exemption.

80.53(1) Each society or organization seeking an exemption under Iowa Code subsection 427.1(5), 427.1(8), 427.1(21), or 427.1(33) shall file with the appropriate assessor a statement containing the following information:

- a. The legal description of the property for which an exemption is requested.
- b. The use of all portions of the property, including the percentage of space not used for the appropriate objects of the society or organization and the percentage of time such space is so utilized.
- c. A financial statement showing the income derived and the expenses incurred in the operation of the property.
- d. The name of the organization seeking the exemption.
- e. If the exemption is sought under Iowa Code subsection 427.1(8), the appropriate objects of the society or organization.
- f. The book and page number on which is recorded the contract of purchase or the deed to the property and any lease by which the property is held.
- g. An oath that no persistent violations of the laws of the state of Iowa will be permitted or have been permitted on such property.
- h. The signature of the president or other responsible official of the society or organization showing that information contained in the claim has been verified under oath as correct.

80.53(2) The statement of objects and uses required by Iowa Code subsection 427.1(14) shall be filed only on forms prescribed by the director of revenue and made available by assessors.

80.53(3) Applications for exemptions required under Iowa Code subsection 427.1(14) must be filed with the assessor not later than February 1 of the year for which the exemption is requested.

80.53(4) If a properly completed application is not filed by February 1 of the assessment year for which the exemption would apply, no exemption shall be allowed against the property for that year (1964 O.A.G. 437).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 427.1, subsections 5, 8, 14, 19 to 24, 27, and 29 to 33.

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701—80.54(427) Partial exemptions. In the event a portion of property is determined to be subject to taxation and a portion of the property exempt from taxation, the taxable value of the property shall be an amount which bears the same relationship to the total value of the entire property as the area of the portion subject to taxation bears to the area of the entire property. If a portion of a structure is subject to taxation, a proportionate amount of the value assigned to the land upon which the structure is located shall also be subject to taxation.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code subsection 427.1(14).

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701—80.55(427,441) Taxable status of property.

80.55(1) The status of property on July 1 of the fiscal year which commences during the assessment year determines eligibility of the property for exemption in situations where no claim is required to be filed to procure a tax exemption. If the property is in a taxable status on July 1, no exemption is allowable for that fiscal year. If the property is in an exempt status on July 1, no taxes are to be levied against the property during that fiscal year. Exceptions to this rule are as follows:

a. Land acquired by the state of Iowa or a political subdivision thereof after July 1 in connection with the establishment, improvement, or maintenance of a public road shall be taxable for that portion of the fiscal year in which the property was privately owned.

b. All current and delinquent tax liabilities are to be canceled and no future taxes levied against property acquired by the United States or its instrumentalities, regardless of the date of acquisition, unless the United States Congress has authorized the taxation of specific federally owned property (1980 O.A.G. 80-1-19). The following exceptions apply:

(1) Property owned by the Federal Housing Authority (FHA) and property owned by the Federal Land Bank Association are subject to taxation, and any tax liabilities existing at the time of the acquisition are not to be canceled (1982 O.A.G. 82-1-16; 12 USCS §2055).

(2) Existing tax liabilities against property acquired by the Small Business Administration are not to be canceled if the acquisition takes place after the date of levy. However, no taxes are to be levied if the acquisition takes place prior to the levy date or for subsequent fiscal years in which the Small Business Administration owns the property on July 1 (15 USCS §646).

c. Land owned by the state and leased by the department of corrections or the department of human services pursuant to Iowa Code section 904.302, 904.705, or 904.706 to an entity that is not exempt from property tax is subject to taxation for the term of the lease. This provision applies to leases entered into on or after July 1, 2003. The lessor shall file a copy of the lease with the county assessor of the county where the land is located.

80.55(2) The status of property during the fiscal year for which an exemption was claimed determines eligibility of the property for exemption in situations where a claim is required to be filed to procure a tax exemption. If the property is used for an appropriate purpose for which an exemption is allowable for all of the fiscal year for which the exemption is claimed, no taxes are to be levied against the property during that fiscal year. If the property for which an exemption has been claimed and received is used for an appropriate purpose for which an exemption is allowable for only a portion of the fiscal year for which the exemption is claimed, the taxes shall be prorated in accordance with the period of time the property was in a taxable status during the fiscal year.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 427.1(1), 427.1(2), 427.2, 427.18, and 427.19.

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701—80.56(427) Abatement of taxes. The board of supervisors may abate the taxes levied against property acquired by gift or purchase if the property was acquired after the deadline for filing a claim for property tax exemption if the property would have been exempt under Iowa Code section 427.1, subsection 7, 8, or 9, if a timely claim had been filed.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 427.3.

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