

CHAPTER 1301
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY
BUILDING OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION AND
EDUCATION

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**CONSTRUCTION CODE INSPECTORS EDUCATION
AND COMPETENCY**

1301.1300 AUTHORITY AND PURPOSE.

The purpose of parts 1301 1300 to 1301.1600 is to establish competency criteria, establish and approve education programs, and establish continuing education requirements for construction code inspectors pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 326B.135. Parts 1301 1300 to 1301 1600 shall be administered by the supervising designated building official.

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

History: *32 SR 1933; L 2008 c 337 s 64*

1301.1310 DEFINITIONS.

Subpart 1. **Generally.** The definitions in this part apply to parts 1301.1300 to 1301.1600

Subp 2 **Building construction.** "Building construction" means soils supporting buildings, foundations, superstructures, the entire building envelope, and site work regulated by the State Building Code, but not mechanical systems or plumbing systems.

Subp. 3. **Building inspection technology course or BIT course.** "Building inspection technology course" or "BIT course" means a building inspection technology course offered for college or university credit from an accredited college or university

Subp 4. **Building inspector.** "Building inspector" means an individual who, under the supervision of a designated building official, inspects building construction and meets the requirements of part 1301 1400, subpart 2.

Subp. 5 **Combination inspector.** "Combination inspector" means an individual who, under the supervision of a designated building official, inspects building construction, mechanical systems, and plumbing systems and meets the requirements of part 1301 1400, subpart 5

Subp 6 **Construction code inspector.** "Construction code inspector" means a building inspector, mechanical inspector, plumbing inspector, or combination inspector who, under the supervision of a designated building official, performs building, plumbing, or mechanical inspections

Subp 7. **Designated building official.** "Designated building official" means an individual who, as a certified building official or building official limited, has been designated by a municipality pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 326B 133, subdivision 1

Subp. 8 **Mechanical inspector.** "Mechanical inspector" means an individual who, under the supervision of a designated building official, inspects mechanical systems and meets the requirements of part 1301 1400, subpart 3

Subp 9. **Mechanical system.** "Mechanical system" means a system within the scope of chapter 1346 that is composed of devices, appliances, or equipment

Subp. 10 **One year of experience.** "One year of experience" means 1,800 hours of time occurring within 12 consecutive months.

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Subp 11 **Plumbing inspector.** "Plumbing inspector" means an individual who, under the supervision of a designated building official, inspects plumbing systems and meets the requirements of part 1301 1400, subpart 4.

Subp 12. **Plumbing system.** "Plumbing system" means a system within the scope of chapter 4715 that is composed of devices, appliances, or equipment

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

History: *32 SR 1933, L 2088 c 337 s 64*

1301.1400 MINIMUM COMPETENCY CRITERIA.

Subpart 1 **Generally.** An individual conducting construction code inspections must meet the minimum competency criteria in this part, except that an individual holding a current certification as a building official under Minnesota Statutes, section 326B 133, is exempt from this part and part 1301 1600. All construction code inspectors hired on or after January 1, 2008, shall within one year of hire, be in compliance with the competency criteria of this part

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

A three years' experience in construction with specific skilled participation in the construction of foundations and superstructures,

B. five years' experience in the complete design of buildings,

C successful completion of two or more BIT courses in building construction,

D vocational or trade school diploma or equivalent education related to building construction,

E. bachelor's degree or more in architecture, engineering, or construction management,

F current certification by a national model building code group or a national standards writing group as a building inspector, or

G two years' experience conducting building construction inspections while under the supervision of a Minnesota designated building official

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

A three years' experience in the installation or design of mechanical systems,

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

C vocational or trade school diploma or equivalent education related to the construction of mechanical systems,

D bachelor's degree or more in architecture or engineering, or

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

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

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

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

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

D bachelor's degree or greater in architecture or engineering, or

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

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

Statutory Authority: *MS s 16B 655, 326B 135*

History: *32 SR 1933; L 2008 c 337 s 64*

1301.1500 EDUCATION AND TRAINING.

Subpart 1 **Education programs provided.** The commissioner shall provide educational programs designed to train and assist construction code inspectors pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 326B.135, subdivision 2.

Subp. 2. **Program evaluation.** The commissioner shall evaluate code-related education programs offered by other states, correspondence schools, universities, or other educational or code-related entities which must be considered on an individual basis and shall award one continuing education hour per 50-minute contact hour. Continuing education programs completed by correspondence must be evaluated based upon the program content and the work the participant is required to successfully complete and submit in order to complete the program

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

History: *32 SR 1933, L 2008 c 337 s 64*

1301.1600 CONTINUING EDUCATION.

Subpart 1 **Mandatory continuing education.** Each construction code inspector must annually meet the requirements for continuing education in subpart 2 or 3, and provide verifiable evidence of completed continuing education credits to the designated building official. The designated building official must retain evidence of compliance for three years

Subp. 2. **Building, mechanical, and plumbing inspectors.** Each building inspector, mechanical inspector, or plumbing inspector must complete 15 hours of continuing education annually, of which six hours must be in the discipline in which the individual meets the competency criteria

Subp 3 **Combination inspectors.** Each combination inspector must complete 20 hours of continuing education annually, of which six hours must be in each discipline

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

History: *32 SR 1933, L 2008 c 337 s 64*