

**1301.0300 CERTIFICATION PREREQUISITES.**

Prior to making application for certification as a certified building official, a person shall accumulate a minimum of 100 points from the categories in items A to C.

Prior to making application for certification as a certified building official-limited, a person shall accumulate a minimum of 30 points from categories in items A to C. Prior to taking the examination for certification as a certified building official-limited, a person shall attend a course specified by the state building official.

Prior to taking the examination for certification as an accessibility specialist, a person shall attend a course specified by the state building official.

A. Education: BIT refers to building inspection technology programs offered in the community college system. Points must be awarded as follows for successful completion of the programs or courses listed:

- (1) BIT AAS degree, 100 points;
- (2) BIT certificate, 60 points;
- (3) BIT code-related courses:

(a) field inspection, nonstructural plan review, building department administration, and building codes and standards, 20 points total for all four courses; zero points if any of the courses in this unit have not been successfully completed;

(b) upon successful completion of the courses named in unit (a), additional BIT building code courses, four points each up to a maximum accumulation of 40 points;

(4) postsecondary courses in building construction, building construction-oriented architecture or engineering, or public administration, one point each up to a maximum accumulation of 30 points;

(5) an associate's degree in building construction, building construction-oriented architecture or engineering, or public administration, 30 points;

(6) a bachelor's degree in building construction-oriented architecture or engineering, 60 points. If points are claimed in this category, additional points may not be claimed in subitem (4) or (5).

B. Certifications: Points must be awarded for certifications obtained as follows:

- (1) Council of American Building Officials building officials examination:
  - (a) legal and management module, 50 points;
  - (b) technology module, 50 points;

- (2) International Conference of Building Officials examination:
  - (a) building inspector, 40 points;
  - (b) plans examiner, 60 points;
- (3) Minnesota Class I certification, 10 points;
- (4) Minnesota certified building official-limited certification, 20 points.

C. Experience: Points shall be awarded for experience obtained as follows:

(1) municipal building code inspection or plan review experience under the supervision of a currently certified building official. Twenty points must be awarded for each 12-month period of employment, with a maximum accumulation of 80 points;

(2) experience in the design of buildings or in the construction of buildings with specific skilled participation in the construction of foundations, superstructures, or installation of the building's mechanical, plumbing, electrical, or fire suppression systems. Ten points must be awarded for each 12-month period of employment, with a maximum accumulation of 30 points.

D. Other education, certifications, and experience relating to the field of the construction industry that is not enumerated in items A to C must be given credit as determined by the state building official based on comparison with the prerequisites in items A to C.

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