

Fire Sprinkler Contractors

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The Fire Sprinkler Contractor Licensing Act, which provides requirements for the licensing and regulation of those who install, repair, inspect, test, and otherwise provide service for fire sprinklers, has been amended by [Public Act 102-0612](#) to include the following changes:

Require Individual Licensing

- Beginning January 1, 2024, personnel that perform routine inspection and testing must hold individual licenses. Licenses must be renewed every two years and licensees must complete at least 8 hours of continuing education per year.
- Currently, personnel that perform routine inspection and testing must hold one of the following individual credentials, which are the same credentials that will be the basis for individual licenses:
 - 1) certification by a nationally recognized certification organization at an appropriate level; or
 - 2) ASSE 15010 certification; or
 - 3) completion of a certified sprinkler fitter apprenticeship program.
- Personnel must still be employed or contracted by a licensed fire sprinkler contractor to perform routine inspection and testing.

Individual Credentials

- For certification by a nationally recognized certification organization, the minimum level for NICET certification in Inspection and Testing of Water Based Systems will be NICET III by January 1, 2023 (rather than by January 1, 2022). Currently, the minimum level is NICET II.
- A definition has been provided for “routine inspection or testing” to help clarify when personnel are required to hold individual credentials.

"Routine inspection or testing" means inspection or testing to verify the condition of an existing fire sprinkler system at predetermined intervals in accordance with the standards of the National Fire Protection Association.

Inspection Reports

- Fire sprinkler contractors must continue to send copies of inspection reports to local fire jurisdictions and include the name (and license number) of the individual(s) performing inspection. Reports must be sent within the time frame required by the local fire jurisdiction or within 20 business days after routine inspection or testing – whichever is less.

Contractor Licensee

- The designated certified person of each fire sprinkler contractor is now required to affirm their role as DCP for that contractor.



Grandfathered Licenses

- No new grandfathered licenses will be issued. Current holders of grandfathered licenses may continue to hold their grandfathered license.

Enforcement

- Changes related to specific violations of the Act and enforcement processes improve and streamline the Office of the State Fire Marshal's ability to enforce the Act and effectively sanction those who operate in violation of the Act and rules, including those who perform unlicensed practice.

Other

- The amendments include numerous technical and administrative updates that correct terminology/ references and better organize the Act.