RADON MITIGATION SPECIALIST

Credentialing Authority

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Legal Authority

Code of Iowa 136B; Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 641-44

Job Description

Persons in this profession evaluate radon or radon decay products test results to ensure validity of test; conduct and evaluate diagnostic tests necessary to design effective radon mitigation systems; and, design and install (or supervise the installation of) radon mitigation systems to reduce radon levels to below 4.0 pC/L.

Education & Experience Required

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and have three years of relevant professional work experience (post-secondary education in a related field may be substituted on a year-for-year basis for two of the three years of experience). They must successfully complete a one-week radon measurement and radon mitigation course approved by the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH).

Radon mitigation specialists are subject to annual inspection by IDPH. They must comply with a Department-approved worker protection plan and quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) program.

Continuing Education

At least six hours of Department of Public Health-approved courses or seminars on radon mitigation are required annually for recredentialing.

Examination

Applicants must take and pass the Radon Contractors Proficiency Examination administered by the National Environmental Health Association.

Applicants must submit a detailed QA/QC plan for performing radon mitigation installations, and a detailed worker protection plan to IDPH, prior to receiving a credential. The worker protection plan must include a list of radiation safety measures that will be used to protect all workers before and during radon mitigation.

Fees

Application: \$175 – Resident

\$250 – Non-resident (Neither one is refundable)

Duration: One year

Renewal: \$150 (or \$40 for each radon mitigation system that costs greater than

or equal to \$200, whichever is greater)

Exam: \$125

SOC Code, Title, & Avg. Hourly Wage

SOC Code. 19-2041 – Environmental Scientists and Specialists, Including Health (\$23.11)

47-4041 – Hazardous Materials Removal Worker (\$12.60)

Number of Licenses Issued	Total number of credentials active as of December 31, 2003: 35 2002: 33 2001: N/A 2000: 13 1999: 12 1998: 12
Additional Information	Credentialing information can also be obtained by visiting the Department Website at: www.idph.state.ia.us/hpevh/toxicology_env_health.asp#radon Online, download an application, a mitigation credentialing application guide, and Chapter 44 "Minimum Requirements for Radon Mitigation." An example of a mitigation QA/QC plan and a Worker Protection Plan can also be obtained by calling 800-353-5992