

## News from the Iowa Interior Design Examining Board

April 2017

The Iowa Interior Design Board recently voted to make changes to its rules. These amendments are a result of the five-year rolling administrative rules review outlined in Iowa Code section 17A.7(2). A committee of the Board, including Board members and staff, with the assistance of legal counsel, reviewed all eight chapters to identify outdated or redundant references, inconsistencies with statutes, and methods of enhancing efficiencies. The amendments update citations and make general updates.

Please take time to click on the links below to review the changes. One of the changes is to the continuing education requirement for renewal. Please note that the current rules will be in effect for this renewal cycle. However, in 2018 renewal and those going forward, the new rules will be in effect.

### **Changes to 193G Iowa Administrative Rules**

#### **Chapters 1, 5, 6, 7 – Adopted and Filed**

- [ARC # 3024C](#)
- [Published April 12 in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin](#)
- Amendments will become effective May 17, 2017.
- The amendments in Chapter 1 update the Board's address, clarify the Board's makeup, specify length of officer terms, and remove references to the procedural uniform rules for the Professional Licensing and Regulation Bureau. The amendments to Chapter 5 update Iowa Code references. The amendments to Chapter 6 update Iowa Code references and remove closing orders, which are not used by the Board. The amendments to Chapter 7 update references.

#### **Chapters 2, 3, and 8 – Adopted and Filed**

- [ARC # 3025C](#)
- [Published April 12 in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin](#)
- Amendments will become effective May 17, 2017.
- The rules in Chapter 2 describe the process for registration. The amendments to Chapter 2 outline the process for registration, move the fee schedule from rule 193G—2.1(544C) to rule 193G—2.4(544C), remove the transition provisions, allow for reciprocal registration, and incorporate the rules on renewal and reinstatement from Chapter 8 into the registration chapter. The rules in Chapter 3 describe licensees' continuing education requirements as a condition of registration renewal. The amendments to Chapter 3 define distance education; decrease the number of continuing education hours required and specify that all continuing education must be taken in health, safety, and welfare subjects; and allow registrants to take additional continuing education if the Board disallows any continuing education. The rules in Chapter 8 outline the process for renewal and reinstatement of certificates of registration. The rules within Chapter 8 have been moved to Chapter 2.

To keep up with the latest rule changes for the Interior Design Board, or any other state agency, go to <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/portal/subscriptions> to subscribe to rule changes. Creating an account is free.

## **2017 Renewal Information**

Generally speaking, those registrants whose names begin with the letter L through Z will renew in 2017. If you are unsure when your registration expires, go to [www.licensediniowa.gov](http://www.licensediniowa.gov) to verify.

Beginning May 15, paper application will be available at <https://plb.iowa.gov/2017-spring-renewals>

The renewal period is from May 15 through June 30, 2017. Registrations expire on July 1, 2017 unless renewed. If you miss the renewal period, there is a grace period from July 1 through July 30. However, a late fee will be assessed. Please note that **all** continuing education must be completed by June 30, 2017.

### **Active Status**

Fee: \$275

Continuing Education Requirement for Active Status:

- All classes must be completed between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2017 (or the date of renewal, whichever is sooner.)
- Non-residents who have a mandatory continuing education requirement may complete and sign an affidavit in lieu of a continuing education report.
- Registered interior designers must demonstrate compliance with 193G – Chapter 3, continuing education as a condition of biennial renewal. Complete rules can be found at <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/law/administrativeRules/chapters?agency=193G>.
- Registered for less than 12 months: No continuing education required.
- Registered more than 12 months but less than 24 months: At least 6 hours, with at least 4 hours in health, safety, and welfare (HSW) subjects in a structured activity.
- Registered for 24 months or more: At least 12 hours of continuing education is required, with at least 8 hours in health, safety, and welfare (HSW) subjects in a structured activity.
- A maximum of 4 hours may be in self-directed activities.

**Please note that beginning on July 1, 2017, all continuing education will need to be in HSW topics per the rule changes mentioned above.**

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Board at (515) 725-9022 or [InteriorDesignBoard@iowa.gov](mailto:InteriorDesignBoard@iowa.gov).