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4101:7-1-01 General.

As authorized by the Revised Code, the board of building standards has adopted rules for the certification of building departments, building department personnel, local boards of building appeals, and fire protection system designers as specified in paragraphs (A) to (D) of this rule. Additionally, the board has adopted rules for the recognition of accreditation bodies, conformity assessment bodies, and industry trade association certification programs as specified in paragraph (E) of this rule. [The board has also adopted rules which address the fees charged by building departments and prescribe the fees charged by the division of industrial compliance as specified in paragraph \(F\) of this rule.](#) Applications for certification or recognition shall be submitted to the board of building standards and shall be made on forms prescribed by the board and found on the board's website at <http://www.com.ohio.gov/dico/bbs/>.

- (A) Building department certification. Before exercising authority in the enforcement of the rules of the board in accordance with rule 4101:1-1-01 of the Administrative Code, including the acceptance and approval of plans and the performance of inspections, municipal, township, and county building departments shall be certified by the board of building standards as required in division (E) of section 3781.10 of the Revised Code and rule 4101:7-2-01 of the Administrative Code.
- (B) Building department personnel certification. Before exercising authority in the enforcement of the rules of the board in accordance with rule 4101:1-1-01 of the Administrative Code, including the acceptance and approval of plans and the performance of inspections, municipal, township and county building departments' required personnel shall be certified by the board of building standards as required in division (E) of section 3781.10 of the Revised Code and rule 4101:7-3-01 of the Administrative Code.
- (C) Boards of building appeals certification. Before hearing and deciding adjudication hearings, local boards of building appeals shall be certified by the board of building standards as required in section 3781.20 of the Revised Code and rule 4101:7-4-01 of the Administrative Code.
- (D) Fire protection system designer certification. Before designing an automatic sprinkler system or other water-based fire protection system, a fire alarm system, or a special hazards suppression system for submission to a certified building department for approval, an individual must be certified by the board of building standards as required in section 3781.105 of the Revised Code and rules 4101:7-5-01 of the Administrative Code.
- (E) Criteria for board recognition of accreditation bodies, conformity assessment bodies and industry trade association certification programs. Before providing services, any accreditation body, conformity assessment body, or industry trade association certification program shall be recognized by the board as authorized by division (C) of section 3781.10 of the Revised Code and as prescribed in section 114 of rules 4101:1-1-01 and 4101:8-1-01 of the Administrative Code and as specified in rule 4101:7-6-01 of the Administrative Code.
- (F) Fees. [The fees for examination of construction documents and for conducting inspections when performed by the division of industrial compliance are as prescribed in rule 4101:7-7-01 of the Administrative Code.](#)