CCLD REVIEW

Construction Codes and Licensing Division • Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry • Fall 2024

Registration is open for 2024 CCLD Fall Seminar

In-person seminar is offered throughout Minnesota in September and October.

The 2024 Department of Labor and Industry (DLI), Construction Codes and Licensing Division's (CCLD), Fall Seminar will focus on commercial buildings, reviewing the 2020 Minnesota Plumbing Code and the 2024 Minnesota Commercial Energy Code.

Learn the right ways to perform plumbing inspections from CCLD's Plumbing unit staff members. Get tips about what to look for and how it should be done on site.

Join CCLD's Chris Rosival and Steve Shold for an overview of the Commercial Energy Code. They'll cover topics such as service water heating, changes from



ICC to ASHRAE 90.1 standard, ComCheck forms and more. Plus, they'll share updates about Minnesota code adoption and energy legislation.

When and where

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (registration starts at 7:30 a.m.).

- Sept. 18, Detroit Lakes, Minnesota (Holiday Inn)
- Sept. 19, Carlton, Minnesota (Black Bear Casino Event Center)
- Sept. 25, Rochester, Minnesota (Cornerstone Plaza Hotel Soldiers Field)
- Sept. 26, Redwood Falls, Minnesota (Redwood Area Community Center)
- Oct. 2, Shoreview, Minnesota (Minnesota Department of Transportation's Conference Center)
- Oct. 3, Little Falls, Minnesota (Camp Ripley Building 6-76)

Continuing education credit

Each session includes seven hours of continuing education credit for building officials.

Cost

\$85 per session in person.

Registration

Register here to attend.

Questions?

Contact Don Sivigny at don.sivigny@state.mn.us or 651-284-5874 (office) or 651-280-8467 (cell) for more information.

Schedule of board and council meetings

Below is a schedule of meetings for boards and council supported by CCLD.

Visit dli.mn.gov/about-department/boards-and-councils to view meeting minutes, agendas, rulemaking documents and schedules for these meetings and additional boards and councils.

Board of Electricity

Board of High Pressure Piping

Oct. 8, 2024

TBD

Construction Codes Advisory Council

Plumbing Board

TBD

Oct. 15, 2024

Interested in serving on a board or council?

Minnesotans are encouraged to apply for positions on state councils, boards, task forces and commissions through the Secretary of State's Open Commissions and Appointments process.

Visit <u>dli.mn.gov/about-department/boards-and-councils</u> for more information about how to apply.

Translated documents, Language Line available

A selection of documents and web pages related to building codes, workers' compensation, workplace safety, apprenticeship and more have been translated into various languages.

Additionally, DLI has access to Language Line, a free language translation service for limited-English speakers.

View the translated documents and instructions to access Language Line at



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Working groups continue review of model codes

Technical Advisory Groups (TAGs) appointed by the Construction Codes Advisory Council (CCAC) continue to meet to review the 2024 International Code Council model codes and make recommendations for their potential adoption with amendments. The Residential Building Code TAG and Residential Energy Code TAG will begin meeting in fall 2024 to review the 2024 International Residential Code and make recommendations for its potential adoption.

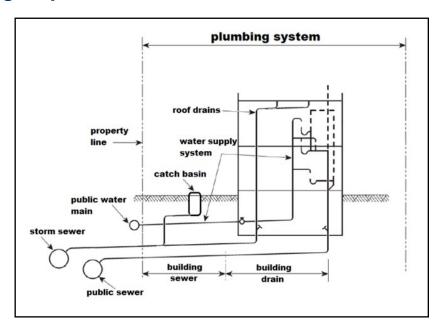
When the work of the TAGs is completed, a summary of the TAG members' reviews will be submitted to the CCAC and stakeholders for review and comment. The CCAC will review the summaries of the findings and make recommendations for any potential amendments to Minnesota Rules chapters.

View more information about TAGs and meetings at dli.mn.gov/about-department/boards-and-councils/technical-advisory-groups-tags.

What are the duties of the building official who is the authority having jurisdiction concerning plumbing inspections?

Staff have received questions about the jurisdiction of the building official related to where a structure's plumbing system begins and where it ends. This is the definition the Minnesota Plumbing Code provides:

Plumbing System. Includes all potable water, building supply, and distribution pipes; all plumbing fixtures and traps; all drainage and vent pipes; and all building drains and building sewers, including their respective joints and connections, devices, receptors, and appurtenances within the property lines of the premises and shall include potable water piping, potable water treating or using equipment, and nonpotable water piping serving plumbing fixtures.



The building official has the authority to render interpretations of the code and adopt policies, but these procedures must comply with the intent and purpose of the code. The building official may appoint inspectors or technical officers and these employees have the powers delegated by the building official but must report the inspection details back to the building official. The building official must make all the required plumbing inspections or accept reports of inspection by those approved individuals.

No building drainage or plumbing systems may be covered until it has been inspected, tested and approved. If any building drainage or plumbing systems have been covered before being inspected, tested and approved, it must be uncovered upon the direction of the proper administrative authority.

Municipalities must report unlicensed activity, new construction permits

To assist with enforcement of Minnesota's residential building contractor licensing requirements, state law includes a pair of reporting requirements for municipalities that issue building, zoning or land use permits (Minnesota Statutes 326B.85).

First, municipalities must check the license status of every contractor that applies for a residential building, zoning or land use permit that covers work that requires state licensure. Municipalities may charge up to \$5 to cover the cost of verifying licensure for this purpose (Minn. Stat. 326B.815, subd. 2).

When a municipality discovers an unlicensed contractor attempting to pull a permit for work that requires a state license,

the municipality must report the unlicensed contractor by emailing a copy of the permit application and any other



DLI tracks unlicensed individuals who pull permits for new construction to monitor potential unlicensed activity by individuals who claim to be building their own home but are actually building for speculation.

Questions? Contact us at dli.contractor@state.mn.us or 651-284-5069.

Annual electrical alliance meeting hosted in Montana

These applications should be emailed to <u>dli.contractor@state.mn.us</u> or faxed to 651-284-5746.

The National Electrical Reciprocal Alliance (NERA) is an organization that consists of 18 member states that have formed an alliance to promote reciprocity with member states based on similar, complimentary and interchangeable requirements for licensed individuals through reciprocity agreements between comparable states.

Minnesota was represented at NERA's annual meeting in Helena, Montana, Aug. 20 and 21, by Steve Dudley, DLI electrical representative. Nine member states were represented in person and two joined virtually.

Meeting topics included updates from partner states and industry representatives and potential National Electrical Code changes and adoption status.



Steve Dudley (back row at left) represented Minnesota at the National Electrical Reciprocal Alliance annual meeting in Montana.

Building contractor fined \$9,000 for performing electrical work

An Elko New Market contractor was found to have performed electrical work without being licensed. The contractor was ordered to cease and desist from the unlicensed activity and fined \$9,000.



A St. Paul contractor was found to have performed unlicensed plumbing work. The contractor was ordered to cease and desist from the unlicensed activity and fined \$3,500, which was stayed contingent on full future compliance.

Enforcement actions

- A New London contractor was found to have performed plumbing, electrical and remodeling work without having the required contractor licenses and bonding. The contractor was ordered to cease and desist from the unlicensed activities and fined \$15,000, of which \$11,000 was stayed contingent on full future compliance.
- An Owatonna contractor was found to have engaged in residential remodeling activities without having the required license. The contractor was ordered to cease and desist from the unlicensed activities and fined \$5,000, of which \$4,000 was stayed contingent on full future compliance.
- A licensed residential building contractor operating out of St. Paul was named a judgment debtor based upon conduct requiring licensure and was unable to satisfy multiple judgments. The contractor was ordered to cease and desist from acting as a residential building contractor and its license was revoked. A \$25,000 fine was assessed, which was stayed contingent on full future compliance.

More information

View summaries of enforcement actions at dli.mn.gov/workers/homeowners/file-complaint-and-viewenforcement-actions. Contact us at 651-284-5069 or dli.contractor@state.mn.us.

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