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FIRE SAFETY ACT FIRE DETECTION AND FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM REGULATIONS

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**FIRE SAFETY ACT****CHAPTER F-11.1****FIRE DETECTION AND FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM REGULATIONS**

Pursuant to subsection 17(2) of the *Fire Safety Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. F-11.1, Council made the following regulations:

Interpretation**1. Definitions**

- (1) In these regulations,
- (a) “**Act**” means the *Fire Safety Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. F-11.1;
 - (b) “**automatic sprinkler system**” means a fire suppression or control device that operates automatically when a heat-activated element is heated to, or above, its thermal temperature rating, allowing water to discharge over an area;
 - (c) “**commercial cooking suppression system**” includes automatic fire extinguishing systems and portable fire extinguishers provided for the protection of grease removal devices, hoods, duct systems and cooking equipment;
 - (d) “**fire alarm system**” means a system, or a portion of a system, that consists of components and circuits arranged to monitor and annunciate the status of a fire alarm or a supervisory signal-initiating device and initiate an appropriate response;
 - (e) “**fixed suppression system**” means a system that is designed and installed to detect a fire and subsequently discharge, whether with or without manual activation or direction, any liquid, powder or gas that is useable for the purpose of suppressing or extinguishing fires in commercial occupancies.

Classes of installer

- (2) The classes of installer for the purposes of subsection 17(1) of the Act are
- (a) fire alarm system installer;
 - (b) automatic sprinkler system installer;
 - (c) commercial cooking suppression system installer;
 - (d) fixed suppression system installer; and
 - (e) trainee installer. (EC655/25)

Certification of Installers

2. Designation by Minister

The Minister may designate an employee of the Department to receive applications from persons under section 17 of the Act and these regulations. (EC655/25)

3. Certification of installers

- (1) The designated employee may certify a person as an installer in one or more prescribed classes of installer for the purposes of section 17 of the Act where the designated employee is satisfied that
- (a) the person has submitted an application in the form required by the Minister, including any required supporting documents specified in subsection (2); and
 - (b) the person meets the requirements set out in section 10.

Supporting documentation

- (2) An application for certification shall be accompanied by
- (a) documents, satisfactory to the designated employee,
 - (i) confirming that the applicant has successfully completed a training program or has obtained practical experience with respect to the installation and maintenance of the class of fire protection or detection system for which the applicant is seeking certification,
 - (ii) confirming that the applicant has adequate knowledge of the codes and standards applicable to the class of fire protection or detection system for which the applicant is seeking certification, and
 - (iii) in the case of an applicant for trainee installer certification, confirming that the applicant will, if certified, work under the supervision of a qualified installer of the class of fire protection or detection system for which the applicant is seeking certification; and
 - (b) any other supporting documentation required by the designated employee in order to evaluate the application.

Terms and conditions

- (3) The designated employee may place on a certification any terms or conditions that the designated employee considers appropriate.

Term of certificate

- (4) A certificate expires one year after the date on which it is issued unless it is earlier revoked by the designated employee or renewed.

Issuance of certificate

- (5) Where the designated employee approves an application under this section, the designated employee shall issue a certificate to the person containing the following information:
- (a) the name of the person;
 - (b) the class of installer for which the person is certified;
 - (c) the expiry date of the certificate;
 - (d) any terms or conditions that apply to the certificate. (EC655/25)

4. Limitations

- (1) Any rights and privileges of certification are subject to the Act, these regulations and any terms or conditions placed on the certificate.

Condition applicable to all trainee installers

- (2) In addition to any other conditions imposed by the designated employee under subsection 3(3), the certification of a person as a trainee installer is subject to the condition that the person shall not install or maintain a fire protection or detection system unless under the direct supervision of another person who is certified as an installer under any one or more of clauses 1(2)(a) to (d) of these regulations. (EC655/25)

5. Refusal to certify, reasons

- (1) The designated employee may refuse to certify an applicant where the designated employee
- (a) is not satisfied that the applicant has met the requirements in subsection 3(1);
 - (b) has reasonable grounds to believe that the applicant knowingly made a false statement in the application or accompanying documents; or
 - (c) has reasonable grounds to believe that the applicant has applied for and been refused certification or renewal, or has had the applicant's certificate revoked under clause (2)(a) or (b), within the past two years.

Revocation, reasons

- (2) The designated employee may revoke a certificate issued to an installer where the designated employee has reasonable grounds to believe that the installer has installed or maintained a fire protection or fire detection system in a manner that
- (a) does not comply with the Act, an applicable code or standard or any terms or conditions that have been imposed on the certificate, or
 - (b) is detrimental or hazardous to property or public safety. (EC655/25)

6. Renewal of certificate

- (1) A certificate holder may apply to the designated employee in the form approved by the Minister to renew the certificate holder's certificate.

Renewal period

- (2) On approval of an application under this section for renewal, the designated employee may renew an applicant's certificate for a period not exceeding one year. (EC655/25)

7. Refusal to renew certificate

The designated employee may refuse to renew the certification of a certificate holder where the designated employee

- (a) has reasonable grounds to believe that the person knowingly made a false statement in the application for renewal; or
- (b) has reasonable grounds to believe that the person has installed or maintained a fire protection or fire detection system in a manner that
 - (i) does not comply with any terms or conditions that have been imposed on the certificate, or
 - (ii) is detrimental or hazardous to property or public safety. (EC655/25)

8. Certificate remains in force pending decision

Where a certificate holder applies to the designated employee to renew the certificate holder's certificate before it expires, the certification is deemed to remain in force pending the designated employee's decision to renew or not to renew the certification. (EC655/25)

9. Qualifications – fire alarm system installer

- (1) An applicant for certification as a fire alarm system installer shall have successfully completed training in fire alarm system installation from a post-secondary institution or other training provider acceptable to the Fire Marshal that includes training
- (a) in identifying and applying relevant codes and standards governing the installation, verification and maintenance of fire alarm systems;
 - (b) on fire alarm system types and their components;
 - (c) on the design and layout of fire alarm systems;
 - (d) on wiring methods, device mounting, control panel setup and integration with other building safety systems;
 - (e) on system verification, inspection, testing and maintenance; and
 - (f) with a practical skills component to ensure proficiency in installation of, and rectifying issues related to, fire alarm systems.

Qualifications – automatic sprinkler system installer

- (2) An applicant for certification as an automatic sprinkler system installer shall hold
- (a) a certificate of qualification as an automatic sprinkler system installer issued under section 14 of the *Apprenticeship and Trades Qualification Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. A-15.2; or
 - (b) an interprovincial standards (Red Seal) endorsement as an automatic sprinkler system installer issued under the authority of the Canadian Council of Directors of Apprenticeship Red Seal Program.

Qualifications – commercial cooking suppression system installer

- (3) An applicant for certification as a commercial cooking suppression system installer shall have successfully completed training in installing fire detection or suppression systems in commercial cooking environments from a post-secondary institution, manufacturer or other training provider acceptable to the Fire Marshal that includes training
- (a) in identifying and applying relevant codes and standards governing the design, installation, inspection and maintenance of fire detection or suppression systems for commercial cooking environments;
 - (b) on system types and components;
 - (c) on installation techniques;
 - (d) on inspection, maintenance and testing; and
 - (e) on the education of kitchen staff respecting emergency procedures, manual system activation and routine checks for system readiness.

Qualifications – fixed suppression system installer

- (4) An applicant for certification as a fixed suppression system installer shall have successfully completed training in installing fire detection or suppression systems from a post-secondary institution, manufacturer or other training provider acceptable to the Fire Marshal that includes training

- (a) in identifying and applying relevant codes and standards governing the design, installation, inspection and maintenance of fire suppression systems;
- (b) on fire suppression system types and components;
- (c) on the design and layout of fire detection or suppression systems;
- (d) on system verification, inspection, testing and maintenance; and
- (e) on safety procedures and hazard awareness.

Qualifications – trainee installer

- (5) An applicant for certification as a trainee installer shall have commenced training in one of the areas set out in subsections (1) to (4). (EC655/25)

10. Scope of certification – fire alarm installer

- (1) A person who meets the requirements specified in these regulations for certification as a fire alarm installer may, when acting as an installer of that class, install or maintain a fire alarm system in accordance with a code of fire safety rules or standards for fire safety adopted under subsection 64(2) of the Act.

Scope of certification – automatic sprinkler system installer

- (2) A person who meets the requirements specified in these regulations for certification as an automatic sprinkler system installer may, when acting as an installer of that class, install or maintain an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with a code of fire safety rules or standards for fire safety adopted under subsection 64(2) of the Act.

Scope of certification – commercial cooking suppression system installer

- (3) A person who meets the requirements specified in these regulations for certification as a commercial cooking suppression system installer may, when acting as an installer of that class, install or maintain a commercial cooking suppression system in accordance with a code of fire safety rules or standards for fire safety adopted under subsection 64(2) of the Act.

Scope of certification – fixed suppression system installer

- (4) A person who meets the requirements specified in these regulations for certification as a fixed suppression system installer may, when acting as an installer of that class, install or maintain an automatic fire extinguishing system in accordance with a code of fire safety rules or standards for fire safety adopted under subsection 64(2) of the Act.

Scope of certification – trainee installer

- (5) A person who meets the requirements specified in these regulations for certification as a trainee installer may, when acting as an installer of that class under the supervision of a person described in subsections (1) to (4), install or maintain a fire detection or fire protection system that the supervising person is authorized to install or maintain in accordance with a code of fire safety rules or standards for fire safety adopted under subsection 64(2) of the Act. (EC655/25)

Installation Permit**11. Terms and conditions – installation permit**

For the purposes of clause 18(1)(b) of the Act, the Fire Marshal may place any terms or conditions on an installation permit that the Fire Marshal considers appropriate. (EC655/25)

12. Requirements for application

For the purposes of subsection 18(3) of the Act, a person who is applying for an installation permit shall submit the following information to the Fire Marshal:

- (a) information respecting the location and building where the fire detection or fire protection system will be installed;
- (b) the name of each person who will be installing the fire detection or fire protection system;
- (c) the date that the fire detection or fire protection system will be installed. *(EC655/25)*

13. Fee for installation permit

For the purposes of subsection 18(4) of the Act, the prescribed fee is \$0. *(EC655/25)*

