

## Iowa Division of Labor

### Contractor Registration

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All "construction" contractors doing business in Iowa and making more than \$2,000.00 per year must be registered with the Iowa Division of Labor. "Construction" is defined very broadly to include companies or individuals who perform electrical, plumbing, roofing, house painting, installation of landscaping, windows, cable, elevators and many other activities.

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### Plumbing, HVAC/R, Hydronics, and Mechanical Professionals

If you require a license with the Plumbers & Mechanicals Systems Board (PMSB), **do not complete this form**. Instead please visit [www.idph.iowa.gov/pmsb](http://www.idph.iowa.gov/pmsb) or call 866-280-1521 to complete registration and licensing together.

Submit a \$50.00 registration fee by check or money order payable to "Iowa Division of Labor," a completed application and any required attachments. An incomplete form or missing attachments will delay the registration process. All contractors are required by [Iowa Code 91C](#) to renew yearly.

### Unemployment Insurance Number

You must obtain an unemployment insurance number before applying for contractor registration even if you have no employees. To obtain a UI# visit [www.myiowaui.org](http://www.myiowaui.org) or contact customer service at 888-848-7442 or [IWDuitax@iwd.iowa.gov](mailto:IWDuitax@iwd.iowa.gov).

### NAICS code

The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) is used by Federal statistical agencies to classify businesses for statistical purposes. The application requires the [NAICS code](#) that applies to your business activity. Choose from the list of NAICS codes below.

230000	Other/Undefined	237310	Highway/Street and Bridge Construction	238220	Plumbing/Heating & A/C Contractors
236115	New Single-Family Housing Construction	237990	Other Heavy/Civil Engineering	238290	Other Building Equipment Contractors
236116	New Multifamily Housing Construction	238110	Poured Concrete Foundation Contractors	238310	Drywall & Insulation Contractors
236117	New Housing For-Sale Builders	238120	Structural Steel/Precast Concrete Contractors	238320	Painting & Wall Covering Contractors
236118	Residential Remodelers	238130	Framing Contractors	238330	Flooring Contractors
236210	Industrial Building Construction	238140	Masonry Contractors	238340	Tile/Terrazzo Contractors
236220	Commercial & Institutional Bldg Construction	238150	Glass and Glazing Contractors	238350	Finish Carpentry Contractors
237110	Water/Sewer Line Construction	238160	Roofing Contractors	238390	Other Building Finishing Contractors
237120	Oil/Gas Pipeline Construction	238170	Siding Contractors	238910	Site Preparation Contractors
237130	Power/Communication Line Construction	238190	Other Foundation/Structure & Bldg Exterior	238990	All Other Specialty Trade Contractors
237210	Land Subdivision	238210	Electrical and Wiring Installation		

### Workers' Compensation

A contractor with one or more employees must submit proof of workers' compensation insurance. In most cases employers must submit a certificate of insurance showing an effective date and listing the Division of Labor as a certificate holder. A self-insured contractor shall submit a [Certificate of Relief](#) from the Iowa Insurance Division.

### Out-of-State Contractors

Out-of-state contractors must file a \$25,000.00 surety bond at the time of registration. The bond must meet three criteria in order to be valid: 1) the bond must be executed by a surety company licensed to do business in Iowa, 2) the bond must be issued on the Out-of-State Bond form provided at [www.iowacontractor.gov](http://www.iowacontractor.gov) with the bonding company's seal and two original signatures, and 3) the bonding company must attach their Power of Attorney (POA) to the form. Once we have accepted a valid bond, we consider it continuous until we receive a bond cancellation from the bonding company. If an out-of-state contractor is pre-qualified to bid on projects for the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT), they may submit their DOT-issued pre-qualification letter in lieu of a bond.

### Fee Exemption

Self-employed contractors who meet the specific criteria may send a completed signed and notarized Fee Exemption form instead of payment. To qualify for registering without payment, a self-employed contractor must not work with or for other contractors in the same phases of construction and must not pay more than \$2,000.00 per year to employ others.

### Online Public Portal

You may pay for your annual \$50.00 registration fee and submit your renewal/application online at <https://contractor.iowa.gov>. Unless you already have an account to do electronic business with the State of Iowa, you will be required to create an Authentication & Authorization account. More information can be found at [www.iowacontractor.gov](http://www.iowacontractor.gov).

