

Residential contractor licenses are now for two years

Two Year License – The 2009 Minnesota Legislature increased the length of all residential building contractor, residential remodeler and residential roofer licenses to two years from the current one-year. Renewal of nearly 15,000 licenses will be spread out over 24 months so that half of the licenses are renewed every March 31 rather than all licenses every March 31. The transition period started Oct. 1, 2009, and will last through March 31, 2011. Individual licenses will move to two years based on the month and year the original license was issued. Renewal forms will become available to licensees by Jan. 1, 2011 through the online License Lookup [<https://secure.doli.state.mn.us/licensing/licensing.aspx>]. The table shows the new license period by the date a license expires and was originally issued.

New license period by when license expires and the original license issued date

Date	Odd Year Original Issue Date New License Period	Even Year Original Issue Date New License Period
< = March 31, 2009	March 31, 2010	March 31, 2010
March 31, 2010	1-Year License	2-Year License
March 31, 2011	2-Year License	2-Year License
March 31, 2012	2-Year License	2-Year License
New Licenses	2-Year License	2-Year License

License holders may determine their original license issue date by checking their license information online at the department's License Lookup [<https://secure.doli.state.mn.us/licensing/licensing.aspx>] since the date is posted in the information. All license that expired on or before March 31, 2009, will be reinstated to a license expiration date of March 31, 2010, as part of the transition provided they apply for reinstatement before March 31, 2010. Once reinstated, the license will then be placed on the two-year license implementation schedule

Fees – The contractor license fee is \$100 per year, with a \$10 per year E-Licensing surcharge added. Residential building contractors and residential remodelers also pay into the Contractor Recovery Fund \$160, \$210, or \$260 per year based on their previous year's annual receipts. The minimum two-year license fees will be \$540, or for larger contractors, \$640 or \$740. The one-year license fees will remain \$270, \$320, and \$370. Residential roofers do not pay into the Contractor Recovery Fund, which means those fees do not apply to licensed residential roofing contractors.

