

CCLD REVIEW

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Fees to increase for some construction-related inspections, permits

Many unchanged for 18 years, the adjustments help keep pace with rising costs for services

Starting July 1, 2025, fees for certain construction-related permits and plan reviews issued by the Construction Codes and Licensing Division (CCLD) at the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) will increase. These adjustments are necessary to keep pace with rising costs for inspection services.

Why the fees are changing

CCLD operates on a fee-for-service basis, meaning the fees collected must cover the costs of inspections and services. Over the past decade, rising costs have led to operational expenses exceeding the fees collected, prompting the need for adjustments. Many of these fees have remained unchanged for 18 years.

What's changing? Beginning July 1, 2025, the revised fees will be:

Electrical inspections (last updated in 2007)

- A new \$25 permit application fee.
- Minimum inspection fee: \$55
- Circuit fee: \$12
- A new \$10 fee for remote virtual inspections.

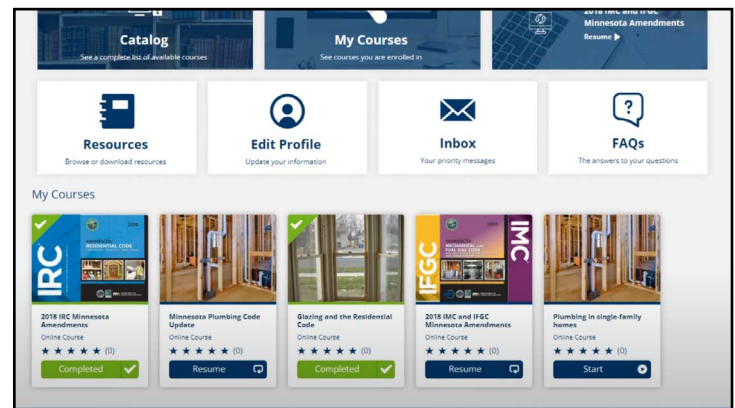
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Current courses include:

- Residential Deck Design and Plan Review
- 2024 Minnesota Commercial Energy Code Update
- Minnesota Accessibility Code Basics
- Residential Building Contractor Licensing and Enforcement
- Elevator Licenses, Stairway Chairlifts and Platform Lifts
- Understanding the Building Code for Special Event Centers
- International Building Code Automatic Fire Sprinkler Requirements
- Glazing and the Residential Code
- 2018 International Residential Code Minnesota Amendments
- 2018 International Mechanical Code (IMC) and International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC) Minnesota Amendments



The interface of CCLD Learn.

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

- July 8, 2025
- Oct. 14, 2025

Construction Codes Advisory Council

- July 17, 2025

Board of High Pressure Piping

- July 10, 2025

Plumbing Board

- July 15, 2025
- Oct. 21, 2025

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

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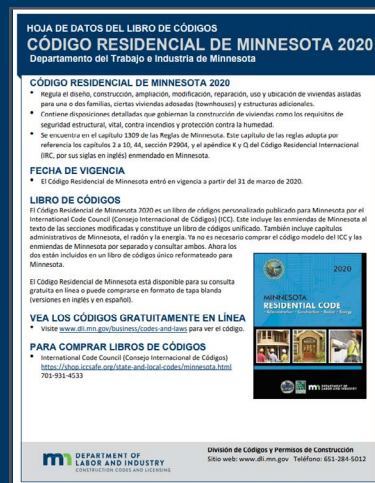
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Translated documents, Language Line available

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 dli.mn.gov/about-department/about-dli/translated-materials.



Find code requirements in the Local Code Lookup

Visit our one-stop “Local Code Lookup” at <http://workplace.doli.state.mn.us/jurisdiction> to find local code requirements and code inspectors in one place.



The online search tool helps users find which code authority has local jurisdiction for permits, plan review and inspections. It also lists contact information for inspectors throughout Minnesota.

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Elevator inspections (last updated in 2007)

- Annual operating permit: \$145
- Reducing the inspection fee for remote virtual inspections and changing from a percentage of the cost of installation to a flat \$10.

Boiler inspections (last updated in 2005)

- Boiler registrations: \$25.

Plumbing plan review (last updated in 2007)

- Moving to a valuation-based fee schedule to more equitably charge for services provided.
- Example: A project with 55 drainage fixture units with a valuation of \$60,000 will be charged a plan review fee of \$1,774.
- Fee adjustments apply to residential buildings only when there are five or more dwellings in the building.
- Adding an hourly fee rate of \$125 per hour for additional services.

Plumbing inspections (last updated in 2013)

- Moving to a valuation-based fee schedule to more equitably charge for services provided.
- Example: A remodeling project with 55 drainage fixture units with a valuation of \$60,000 will be charged a permit fee of \$2,743.
- Fee adjustments apply to residential buildings only when there are five or more dwellings in the building.
- Hourly fee rate: \$125 per hour

Manufactured structures (last updated in 2007)

- Manufactured home installation seal fee: \$325.
- New filing fee of \$100 for submitting a Notice of Compliance form for the sale of a used manufactured home (effective Jan. 1, 2026).
- Hourly fee rate: \$125 per hour
- Moving to a valuation-based fee schedule for modular construction to more equitably charge for services provided.

What this means for businesses and homeowners

The fee increases will affect businesses, contractors and property owners who require permits and inspections. These changes are designed to ensure that inspection services continue to operate efficiently and effectively.

Electrical statutes will now include Class 4 systems

Recently passed legislation now includes Class 4 systems in Minnesota's electrical statutes.

What is a Class 4 system?

Introduced in the 2023 National Electrical Code (NEC), Class 4 — also known as fault-managed power systems (FMPS) or digital electricity — monitors faults and controls power delivery to enhance safety. These systems, which can handle AC or DC voltages up to 450V, limit fault energy to prevent shocks and fires. If someone contacts an energized Class 4 circuit, the system restricts energy flow and can cut power within milliseconds, making it as safe as power-limited circuits despite higher voltages.

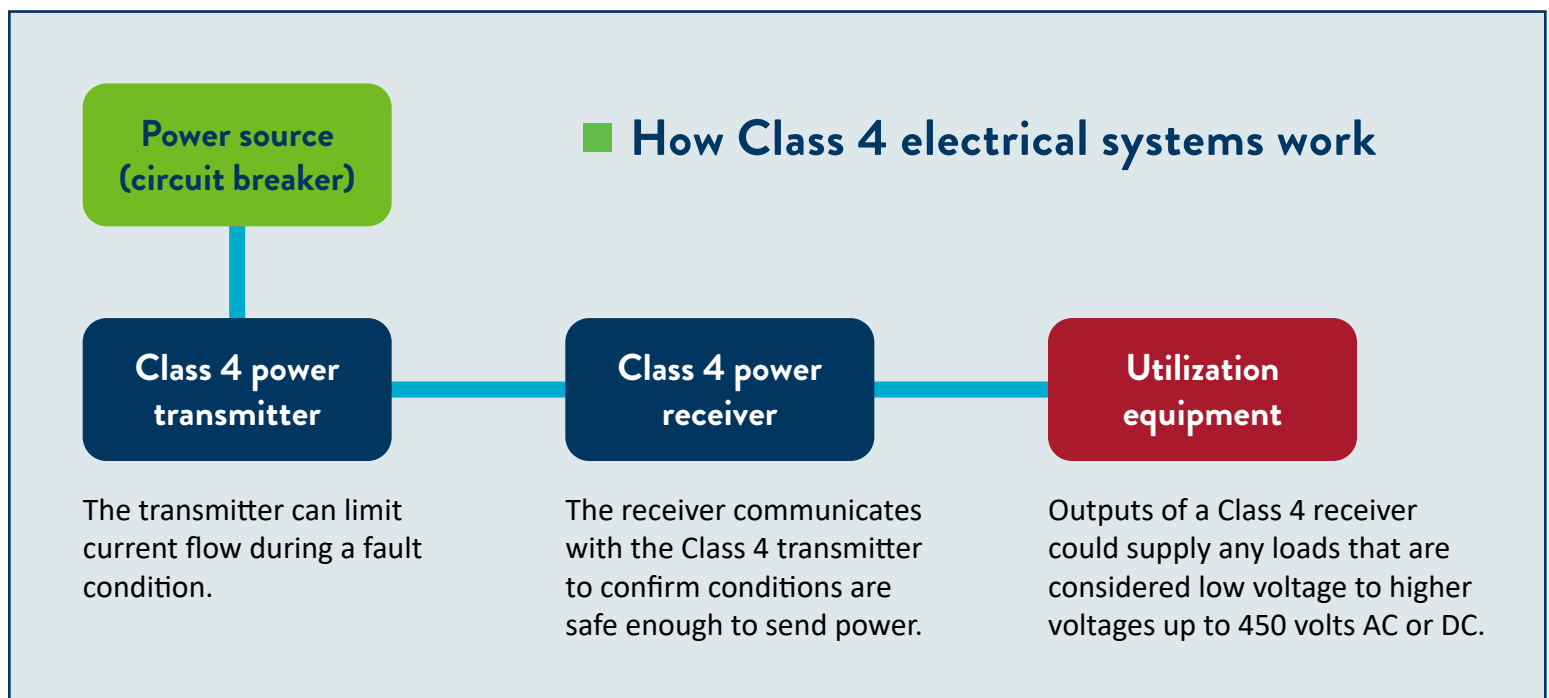
Applications for Class 4 systems power

- high-power LED lighting
- security cameras
- wireless access points
- distributed antenna systems (DAS)
- small cell networks
- data center equipment
- building automation systems (BAS)
- IoT sensors
- Other devices needing high power delivery over long distances

Key benefits

- **High power:** Supports hundreds or thousands of watts for demanding applications.
- **Safety:** Limits fault energy, minimizing shock and fire risks.
- **Real-time monitoring:** Detects faults and shuts down power instantly.
- **Voltage flexibility:** Handles both AC and DC up to 450 volts.
- **Simplified installation:** Maintains safety standards similar to power-limited circuits, reducing costs.

Class 4 systems present a cost-efficient alternative to traditional wiring, with potential for substantial installation savings. The proposed 2026 NEC revisions may expand their use into residential settings beyond current commercial applications. Recent licensing (Minn. Stat. 326B.33), inspection (Minn. Stat. 326B.36) and permit fee (Minn. Stat. 326B.37) legislative updates support their integration within technology circuit definitions (Minn. Stat. 326B.31), ensuring safe implementation.



Backflow device notification requirements

The Minnesota Plumbing Code requires that all testable backflow devices be tested upon installation and at least annually thereafter by a certified backflow assembly tester.

Municipalities are responsible for notifying owners of backflow devices of the need for initial and annual testing of backflow devices.

View our [backflow device fact sheet](#) for more information about these requirements.



A backflow prevention device.

Easier inspections for residential vertical platform lifts

To make it easier to comply with state laws requiring the inspection of a vertical platform lift (VPL) before it is put into service, the DLI has expanded the use of the smartphone-based VuSpex Go app for residential VPL inspections.

The VuSpex Go app lets registered unlicensed or licensed VPL installation technicians obtain an inspection immediately after completing an installation and submit an offline field report in minutes. This process eliminates the need for scheduling with the state inspector. Inspections through VuSpex Go can be submitted at any time — 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The VuSpex Go app can be downloaded directly to a mobile device from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

For details about installing, registering and using VuSpex Go, refer to the [offline field report guide](#). Once installed, contractors can perform a practice inspection using the test permit number ELV-P2404-0307.

Questions?

- [View more about elevator permits and inspections.](#)
- Contact us at elevator.inspections.dli@state.mn.us or 651-284-5071

The basics of Minnesota electrical licensing

A pair of web pages explain the basic steps and requirements to become an electrician or an electrical contractor in Minnesota:

[Electrical licensing basics](#)

[Electrical contractor licensing basics](#)

For help with questions about licenses and registrations contact dli.license@state.mn.us.



Be a part of Workplace Rights Week 2025

The Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) has started planning the second annual Workplace Rights Week, taking place Sept. 21 to 27, 2025.



The week is an opportunity to educate both workers and employers across Minnesota about their rights and responsibilities on the job. Safe and healthy workplaces make our economy and communities strong, and it's important Minnesotans know and are empowered to assert those rights.

In 2024, DLI launched the first-ever Workplace Rights Week, during which DLI staff members visited 1,243 businesses in 29 cities, hosted webinars with partners and joined Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan at a worksite event to increase awareness of workplace rights in Minnesota. The first year was a success, and 2025 is expected to be even bigger.

We invite you to join us in this effort. DLI is looking to partner with organizations to host webinars, distribute educational materials or host other events. If you want to collaborate with us or plan your own event during Workplace Rights Week 2025, contact Diana Salas at diana.salas@state.mn.us. To see what's already planned and look back at last year's events, visit dli.mn.gov/rights-week.

Richfield contractor fined \$15,000 for unlicensed activity

A Richfield contractor was found to have engaged in residential remodeling, electrical, plumbing and mechanical work, and acted as a manufactured home dealer without having the required licenses and bonding. The contractor was ordered to cease and desist from the unlicensed activities and fined \$15,000, of which \$10,000 was stayed contingent on full future compliance.



Enforcement actions

A Lakeville contractor was found to have engaged in unlicensed residential remodeling work. The contractor was ordered to cease and desist from the unlicensed activities and fined \$5,000.

A Center City contractor was found to have engaged in unlicensed residential remodeling work. The contractor was ordered to cease and desist from the unlicensed activities and fined \$12,000.

An unlicensed contractor operating out of St. Paul and Champlin was found to have engaged in residential building construction, electrical, plumbing and mechanical work without having the required licenses and bonding. The contractor was ordered to cease and desist from the unlicensed activities and fined \$10,000.

A Minneapolis contractor was found to have engaged in electrical and plumbing work without being licensed. The contractor was ordered to cease and desist from the unlicensed activities and fined \$9,000, of which \$7,000 was stayed contingent on full future compliance.

More information

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