

**WAC 296-400A-013 What can cause the suspension of a plumbing contractor's license?**

(1) A plumbing contractor's license will be suspended if the following impairments, cancellations, noncompliance, or errors occur:

(a) A surety bond or other security has an unsatisfied final judgment against it or becomes otherwise impaired.

(b) A surety bond is canceled.

(c) An insurance policy on file is expired, canceled, revoked, or the insurer is withdrawn from the insurance policy.

(d) The plumbing contractor has an unsatisfied final judgment against it under chapter 18.106 RCW and this chapter.

(e) The department has notice that the plumbing contractor is a sole proprietor or an owner, principal, or officer of a licensed plumbing contractor that has an unsatisfied final judgment against it for work within the scope of chapter 18.106 RCW and this chapter.

(f) The department finds that the plumbing contractor has provided false or misleading information or has otherwise been licensed in error.

(g) The plumbing contractor fails to comply with a penalty payment plan agreement.

(h) The plumbing contractor has been certified by a lending agency and reported to the department for nonpayment or default on a federally or state-guaranteed educational loan or service conditional scholarship.

(i) The plumbing contractor does not maintain an active and valid unified business identifier number with the department of revenue.

(j) The plumbing contractor does not provide the department with updated information or forms as necessary to validate their information.

(2) The plumbing contractor's license will be automatically suspended on the effective date of the impairment or cancellation. The department must mail a notice of the suspension to the plumbing contractor's last recorded address with the plumbing contractor licensing program within two days after suspension.

(3) A plumbing contractor must not advertise, offer to do work, submit a bid, or perform any work as a plumbing contractor while its license is suspended. To continue to operate as a plumbing contractor while its license is suspended is a violation of chapter 18.106 RCW and subject to infractions.

(4) The department shall not deny an application or suspend a license because of an unsatisfied final judgment if the applicant's or licensee's unsatisfied final judgment was determined by the director to be the result of the fraud or negligence of another party.

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