

APPENDIX A

EMPLOYEE QUALIFICATIONS

The provisions contained in this appendix are not mandatory unless specifically referenced in the adopting ordinance.

User notes:

About this appendix: Appendix A provides optional criteria for the qualifications for jurisdictions to consider when hiring personnel to enforce the building code. Criteria for the building official, plan reviewers and inspectors are provided.

Code development reminder: Code change proposals to this appendix will be considered by the Administrative Code Development Committee during the 2019 (Group B) Code Development Cycle. See explanation on page iv.

SECTION A101 BUILDING OFFICIAL QUALIFICATIONS

[A] A101.1 Building official. The *building official* shall have not fewer than 10 years' experience or equivalent as an architect, engineer, inspector, contractor or superintendent of construction, or any combination of these, 5 years of which shall have been supervisory experience. The *building official* should be certified as a *building official* through a recognized certification program. The building official shall be appointed or hired by the applicable governing authority.

[A] A101.2 Chief inspector. The *building official* can designate supervisors to administer the provisions of this code and the *International Mechanical, Plumbing and Fuel Gas Codes*. Each supervisor shall have not fewer than 10 years experience or equivalent as an architect, engineer, inspector, contractor or superintendent of construction, or any combination of these, 5 years of which shall have been in a supervisory capacity. They shall be certified through a recognized certification program for the appropriate trade.

[A] A101.3 Inspector and plans examiner. The *building official* shall appoint or hire such number of officers, inspectors, assistants and other employees as shall be authorized by the jurisdiction. A person who has fewer than 5 years of experience as a contractor, engineer, architect, or as a superintendent, foreman or competent mechanic in charge of construction shall not be appointed or hired as inspector of construction or plans examiner. The inspector or plans examiner shall be certified through a recognized certification program for the appropriate trade.

[A] A101.4 Termination of employment. Employees in the position of *building official*, chief inspector or inspector shall not be removed from office except for cause after full opportunity has been given to be heard on specific charges before such applicable governing authority.

[A] SECTION A102 REFERENCED STANDARDS

IBC—18	<i>International Building Code®</i>	A101.2
IMC—18	<i>International Mechanical Code®</i>	A101.2
IPC—18	<i>International Plumbing Code®</i>	A101.2
IFGC—18	<i>International Fuel Gas Code®</i>	A101.2