

cate granted to any applicant to any of four classifications, namely, (1) building contractor, (2) highway contractor (3) public utilities contractors or (4) specialty contractor, as the common use of the term is known, as it shall be the responsibility of the Inspector to ascertain from reliable sources whether or not the past performance of an applicant is good, whether or not he has a reputation of paying his labor and materials bills, as well as carrying other contracts he may have entered into. Before the issuance of a certificate, it shall be the further duty of the Inspector to ascertain from reliable sources whether or not the applicant has complied with the laws of Maryland pertaining to the domestication of foreign corporations and all other laws in any manner affecting persons, firms, associations or corporations engaged in the practice of general contracting or sub-contracting set forth in this subtitle.

(2) The Inspector may issue a temporary certificate to engage as a general contractor or sub-contractor in this State as provided in the certificate to any person who is a non-resident or is a foreign corporation from outside the State of Maryland who has not theretofore made application for examination, provided such person file with the Inspector an application and evidence of ability, financial responsibility as hereinabove referred to, and further provided that such person shall give bond in sufficient amount with an approved corporate surety in favor of the person or persons for whom such contractor proposes to bid upon or perform work, such bond to be conditioned on the faithful performance of the work to be undertaken.

(3) Such temporary certificates shall be valid and deemed to comply with the requirements of this subtitle when at the time the holder thereof shall submit himself to the examination required by this Section, he shall have complied with all other requirements for the issuance of a certificate imposed by this subtitle. If the application as a result of the examination of such person is not satisfactory to the Inspector and the Inspector does not issue a certificate for the person, the temporary certificate shall permit the person to complete any work upon which he has been awarded a contract or is performing so long as the required bond is in force.

(i) *Examination.*

An applicant failing to pass such examination may be re-examined by the Inspector without additional fee.

(j) *Expiration and renewal of certificate.*

A certificate of registration shall expire on the last day in June following its issuance or renewal and shall become invalid on that date unless renewed, subject to the approval of the Inspector. Renewal may be affected at any time in the month of July by the payment of a fee that shall be sufficient to sustain the activities of and to defray all expenses attributed to the issuance of such certificate, as the Comptroller shall establish OF TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00).

(k) *Grounds for revocation of certificate.*

The Inspector shall have the power to revoke the certificate of any general contractor or sub-contractor registered hereunder who