

is found guilty of any fraud or deceit in obtaining a registration, or gross negligence, incompetence or misconduct in the practice of his profession, or willful violation of any provision of this subtitle.

(1) *Filing and hearing of charges.*

Any person may prefer charges of such fraud, deceit, negligence or misconduct against any general contractor or sub-contractor registered hereunder. Such charges shall be in writing and sworn to by the complainant and submitted to the Inspector. Such charges unless dismissed without a hearing by the Inspector as unfounded or trivial, shall be heard and determined within three months after the date in which they were preferred. A time and place of such hearings shall be fixed by the Inspector and the hearing shall be held in the county in which the cause of such charges originated. A copy of the charges together with notice of the time and place of the hearing will be legally served on the accused at least thirty days before the fixed date for the hearing, and in the event that such service cannot be effected, thirty days before such hearing, then the date of the hearing and determination shall be postponed as may be necessary to permit the carrying out of this condition. At the hearing the accused shall have the right to appear personally and by counsel and to cross examine witnesses against him, and to produce evidence of witnesses in his defense. In connection with any such hearing, the Inspector will have the power to issue subpoenas requiring the attendance of witnesses and the production of records, papers, and other documents, WHICH SHALL BE SERVED BY THE RESPECTIVE SHERIFFS OF THE COUNTIES AND BALTIMORE CITY. If after such hearing the Inspector shall find the accused guilty of any fraud or deceit in the obtaining of any certificate of registration, or of gross negligence, incompetency or misconduct in practice, he shall revoke the registration of the accused; provided, however, the right of appeal shall be from the decision of the Inspector in all cases to the Circuit Court having jurisdiction where the contract is to be performed, or where the cause of the charges originated, and pending such appeal, such contractor may continue to operate until final adjudication.

(m) *Reissuance of certificate.*

The Inspector may at any time reissue a certificate of registration to any person whose certificate has been revoked, provided, however, the applicant has not been found guilty of any fraud or deceit in obtaining any certificate of registration, or of gross negligence or incompetency or misconduct in practice of his profession by any court of record in Maryland or elsewhere.

(n) *Notice of revocation or reissuance.*

The Inspector shall immediately notify the Comptroller and the Clerk of the Circuit Court of each county in the State and the Clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore City of its findings in the case of revocation of certificate ~~for~~ OR the reissuance of a revoked certificate.

(o) *Duplicate certificate.*

A certificate of registration to replace any certificate lost, destroyed, or mutilated may be issued subject to rules and regulations of the Comptroller.