

IAPMO Standards Development

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1. *Who can submit standards proposals?*

Anyone may submit proposals for new IAPMO standards or to change existing IAPMO standards. (12/13/01)

2. How long does it take to develop a new IGC?

Two months is the minimum time in which an IGC can be developed. This would occur if the Submittal Form was submitted on the deadline date (the third Friday of the month), reviewed and adopted by the SRC at their next meeting, and published with no changes following the 20 calendar day public review period.

Any additional work or re-writing that requires review at subsequent SRC meetings would of course lengthen the process. (8/20/03)

3. How long does it take to change an existing standard?

For PSs and TSs it would take the same amount of time that it takes to develop a new IGC. For Iss it would take about three months since their public review period is 60 days instead of 20. (8/20/03)

4. How much does it cost?

Standards Development Fees (see **Fee Schedule** for additional details) are as follows:

new IGCs or Iss	\$3,995
All revisions	\$1,995

Additional costs would include travel expenses for whoever represents the proponent at the SRC meeting and any other costs associated with developing the proposal such as testing or consulting fees. (12/13/01)

5. Why do you charge a fee?

IAPMO charges fees to help cover the expenses of the Standards Development Program. (12/13/01)

6. What is the SRC?

The Standards Review Committee is the IAPMO Committee that is responsible for the development of all IAPMO standards and for reviewing all standards that IAPMO R&T uses for their product certification program. The members of the SRC are all IAPMO members and are appointed by the IAPMO Board of Directors. (12/13/01)

7. Is the IAPMO Standards Development Process a consensus process?

The IAPMO Standards Development Process is not a “true” consensus process in that membership of the SRC is not required to be balanced from all membership groups (eg. manufacturers, users, government, or general interest). Membership on the SRC is open to all IAPMO members subject to approval by the IAPMO Board of Directors. IAPMO membership is open to any interested party.

The IAPMO Standards Development Process is very “consensus-like” in that anyone may submit changes to existing standards or propose new standards. In addition, the process is open to the public. All meetings of the SRC are open to the public and all documents are posted on the IAPMO website for a 20 calendar day public review period before being published. Any interested party may submit comments relating to health and safety issues in the proposed document during that period. (8/20/03)

8. Is the IAPMO Standards Development Process ANSI accredited?

Yes. The IAPMO Standards Development Process for IAPMO standards is ANSI accredited. IAPMO is also an ANSI accredited Standards Developing Organization for the ANSI Z124 Standards and for the Uniform Plumbing Code and the Uniform Mechanical Code. (12/13/01)

9. What kinds of proposals will you accept? What kinds of proposals will you not accept?

The SRC will review any proposals submitted which relate to the development or revision of an IAPMO standard. The SRC also reviews information submitted relating to non-IAPMO standards that are reviewed by the SRC for adoption for listing purposes.

The SRC will not accept submittals relating to issues outside the scope of their responsibilities. For example, proponents asking to change ASTM, ASME, or other ANSI standards will be referred to the appropriate national standards committee. Proponents asking for review of issues relating to IAPMO R&T listings will be referred to the IAPMO Plumbing Research Committee. (12/13/01)

10. How do I find out what IAPMO standards exist?

Lists of the latest edition of all published IAPMO Standards can be found on this website.

11. Does IAPMO have a written Standards Development Policy?

Yes. The IAPMO Standards development Policy can be viewed on this website.

12. Where can I get a Standards Development Submittal Form?

You can download the Submittal Form from this website.

13. Do I have to attend the SRC meeting if I submit a new proposal or a revision?

Yes. The SRC requires that all proponents have someone at the meeting to represent them and to answer questions about their proposal.

14. What should I bring to the SRC meeting?

Anything that you feel would help the SRC understand the product you are writing the standard or revision for. This includes drawings, flyers, brochures, diagrams, videos, and Powerpoint® slides. Product samples are mandatory, and should be sent to the Standards Dept. prior to the meeting.

15. How much time do I have to present my proposal before the SRC?

There is no specific time limit, however, because of the number of items on the committee's agenda, proponents are asked to keep their presentations concise. Please take as much time as needed while keeping the presentation as succinct as possible. The SRC members will be sure to ask questions if they need additional information.

16. Why didn't my product get listed once the new or revised standard was adopted?

You must submit a separate Listing Application to IAPMO Research and Testing (R&T) to have your product listed. While they are closely related, IAPMO and the IAPMO Standards Department and IAPMO R&T are two different companies with two distinct and different functions.

The IAPMO Standards Department develops standards for plumbing and mechanical products. The IAPMO standards department does NOT list products.

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When you submit a proposed standard or standard change to the IAPMO standards department, the result is usually a new or revised standard. However, the process of listing products is a separate process altogether with separate forms and fees and is handled by a separate organization, namely IAPMO R&T. (8/9/02)

17. Once I've paid standards development fees, do I need to pay additional fees to have my product listed?

Yes, you must pay additional fees to apply to have your product listed. Standards development fees DO NOT include fees to have your product(s) listed. Listing Fees must be paid separately to IAPMO R&T. (8/9/02)