338.976.amended Examinations; purpose; application; form; fee; issuance of licenses; qualifications of applicant; classification and limitation of contractor's license; "armed forces" and "experience" defined; affidavit or letter signed by commanding officer, supervisor, or military superior.

Sec. 6. (1) If a person files an application on a form prescribed by the department and pays the examination fee under section 10, the department shall conduct examinations to establish the qualifications and competency of applicants who are seeking licensing for the category for which the application is submitted and shall issue licenses to those who pass the examinations and pay the initial issuance fee, except as otherwise provided in this act. An applicant who seeks licensure in more than 1 work classification listed in subsection (3) on a single application is only required to pay 1 examination fee and 1 initial issuance fee under section 10.

(2) An applicant is not considered eligible for examination unless the applicant is of good moral character, as defined in section 1 of 1974 PA 381, MCL 338.41, and has a minimum of 3 years of experience, or an equivalent of that experience, that is acceptable to the board, and shown to the department, in 1 or more of the work classifications listed in subsection (3).

(3) A contractor's license that is issued is classified and limited as 1 or more of the following:
(a) Hydronic heating and cooling and process piping.
(b) HVAC equipment.
(c) Ductwork.
(d) Refrigeration.
(e) Limited service, heating or refrigeration.
(f) Unlimited service, heating or refrigeration.
(g) Fire suppression.
(h) Specialty.
(4) As used in this section:
(a) "Armed forces" means that term as defined in section 2 of the veteran right to employment services act, 1994 PA 39, MCL 35.1092.
(b) "Experience" includes experience acquired while serving in the armed forces by an individual who was separated from that service, and who provides to the department a form DD214, form DD215, or any other form that is satisfactory to the department that demonstrates that he or she was separated from that service, with an honorable character of service or under honorable conditions (general) character of service.
(5) An individual described in subsection (4)(b) shall submit with his or her application for licensure an affidavit or letter signed by a commanding officer, supervisor, or military superior with direct knowledge of the applicant's service that describes his or her experience as a contractor in 1 or more of the classifications described in subsection (3).
