



Crematory Establishment

Can a crematory establishment service the public directly?

No. A crematory establishment can only service a licensed funeral establishment.
LA R.S. 37:877, 37:848 (D)(5).

Are crematory retort operators required to have continuing education?

No continuing educational requirements are necessary at this time.

What training is available to become a licensed crematory retort operator?

Training is available through retort manufacturers or installers. CANA, Matthews, B & L Cremation Systems and Cremation Systems are just a few. Contact the manufacturers for more information.

What is the time period for renewing my crematory retort operator license?

For crematories and crematory retort operators, the renewal period begins on February 15 and ends on May 15 annually. LA R.S. 37:874

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE LICENSEE TO MAINTAIN THE REQUIREMENTS FOR HOLDING A LICENSE ISSUED FROM THIS BOARD.

I did not receive my renewal notice and therefore I did not renew before the expiration date, can I still submit my annual renewal fee in order to remain current?

No. The renewal notice is mailed as a courtesy reminder that it is time to renew your license. U.S. Mail gets lost, misplaced or destroyed, we do not have control over the U.S. Postal Service. All licensees are responsible and should know the expiration date for their license. LA R.S. 37:874; Title 46, Part XXXVII, Chapter 7, §701.

Can I reciprocate my retort operator license from another state?

No. There are no provisions within our regulations for reciprocating a retort operator license. An application with the required documents is all that is necessary for a retort operator license in Louisiana. Please refer to the "Forms" on our webpage for the application.