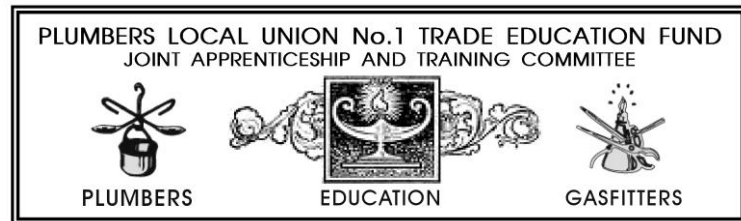


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NEW GAS LAWS & RULES THAT REQUIRE NEW TRAINING

An information message from your Plumbers and Gas-Fitters Local Union No. 1 Joint Apprenticeship & Training Committee

THE BIG ONE! Local Law 150 – GAS QUALIFICATION

Q: When will this become a real problem for me if I don't have it?

A: The end of this year - December 31, 2019 – You can't work on GAS any more without it.

LOCAL 1 JOURNEYMEN - PLEASE READ THIS BOX CAREFULLY!

***IT IS VITAL TO THE SUCCESS OF YOUR UNIONIZED TRADE (PLUMBING & GAS-FITTING)
[YOUR FUTURE]***

***THAT EVERY LOCAL 1 BUILDING TRADES AND MES JOURNEYMAN REGISTER WITH NYC DOB!
THIS IS NOT SOMETHING YOU CAN AFFORD TO IGNORE.***

- 1) Get yourself REGISTERED as a JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER with the NYC Department of Buildings.
- 2) Get your GAS QUALIFICATION (Gas-Fitter Registration) with the NYC Department of Buildings.

Previously a Master Plumber could employ anyone at all to do gas work, but this has changed. This represents a **historic change** in the **Plumbing/Gas-Fitting industry** in the City of New York.

**IF YOU'VE ALREADY REGISTERED AS A JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER IN 2018,
BUT HAVE NOT YET ADDED YOUR GAS-FITTER QUALIFICATION:**

Q: If I Registered before the end of 2018, can I still add my GAS QUALIFICATION without a test?

**A: YES! But you better hurry up and apply on-line because the Grandfathering period has closed. They will Grandfather your Registration if it was done by 12/31/2018, but not for much longer.
Request to add your FULL GAS WORK QUALIFICATION. Do it NOW!**

IF YOU ALREADY REGISTERED AS A JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER IN **2019**
BUT HAVE NOT YET ADDED YOUR GAS-FITTER QUALIFICATION:

Q: Will I have to take the test to add my GAS QUALIFICATION to my Plumber Registration?

A: Unfortunately, YES. Grandfathering only applies to those who registered before 2019.

See below for information about the test.

IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED AS A JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER YET
AND HAVE NO GAS-FITTER QUALIFICATION, START NOW

Q: How long does it take to Register as a Journeyman Plumber with NYC DOB?

A: This can be done in about 4 weeks if you make a serious effort to get the Social Security papers and contractor letters you need. Then you must upload them to DOB when you apply for Journeyman Plumber Registration, BUT PLEASE UNDERSTAND that **you cannot wait until the Fall or Winter of this year**. As the end of this year approaches, the whole process will bog down.

Do it now while demand is low.

Q: After I Register as a Journeyman Plumber, how do I add FULL GAS WORK QUALIFICATION to my Journeyman Plumber Registration now that the Grandfathering period has ended?

A: Adding GAS QUALIFICATION requires that you take a new written test. The NYC DOB contracted with a company called "CPS HR" to develop and administer the test. Before you can schedule your test with CPS HR, you must first submit an **application (DOB form LIC41) and a \$525 money order** to the DOB Licensing & Exams Unit. Once you receive an email reply from the Licensing & Exams Unit notifying you that you are eligible to take the GAS Qualification test, you are responsible for scheduling an appointment with CPS HR to sit in one of their testing centers for the written examination. *Trade-Ed is developing a prep class based on what is known so far.*

TO SEE THE NYC DOB LIC41 FORM GO TO: www1.nyc.gov/assets/buildings/pdf/lic41.pdf

TO SEE THE CPS HR BULLETIN GO TO: www.cpshr.us/exam-registration/NYC-DOB/docs/GasWork.pdf

Q: When I Register with the NYC DOB, can I do my JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER REGISTRATION and my FULL GAS WORK QUALIFICATION (Gas-Fitter) both at the same time together?

A: **YES!** Both JOURNEYMAN REGISTRATION and GAS QUALIFICATION can be done together at the same time. **Putting it all together and working on both at once is probably the fastest way to get everything done**, but you are still looking at many weeks at a minimum. **It will get worse toward the end of this year as the deadline approaches. Obviously, the time to start is NOW!**

{NYC} GAS WORK QUALIFICATION (Gas-Fitter) LAW

{NYC Local Law 150 of 2016}

Local Law 150 bars anyone from performing any work on any gas piping systems inside buildings, under Department of Buildings authority, after January 1, 2020, unless they have:

- (1) A NYC Master Plumber's license.
- (2) A NYC **Registered Journeyman Plumber - Full Gas Work** qualification card. (Gas-Fitter)
- (3) A NYC "**Limited**" Gas Work qualification card. (A learner's card)*

*A "**limited**" gas qualification card holder (Apprentice or Helper) can work on GAS **ONLY** within the "**personal and immediate**" supervision of a Full Gas Work qualified Journeyman or Master.

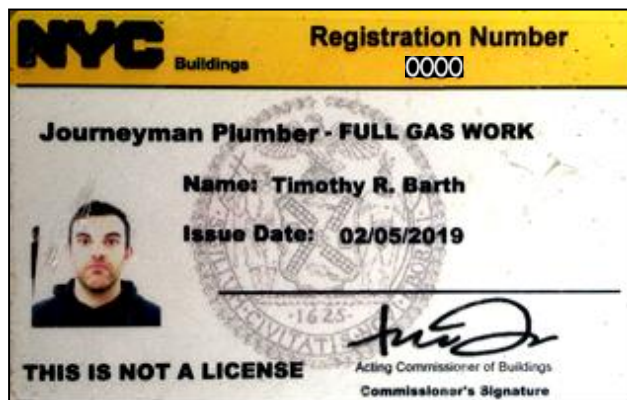
MES HELPERS must take a 16 hour "**Limited**" Gas Class and then Register themselves before the end of this year (2019). Our Local 1 Training Center is a NYC DOB approved provider for the required 16 hour "Limited" Gas Classes. **5 NIGHT HELPER CLASSES will START on 3/25/2019, call to reserve your seat!**

BT APPRENTICES do not need to take the 16 hour class, because it is integrated into their regular studies, but they must register with NYC to get a "Limited" Gas Work qualification card. Our Local 1 Apprenticeship Program will supervise the Registration of all Apprentices and they will be completed before the end of this year (2019).

DON'T FORGET:

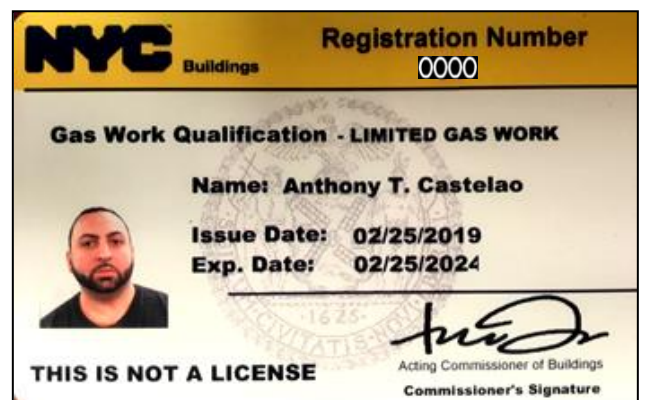
STARTING JANUARY 1, 2020 no-one can work on GAS without ONE OF THESE cards!
GET YOURS!

JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER/GAS-FITTER



NO EXPIRATION DATE - **NEVER EXPIRES**

GAS-FITTER'S APPRENTICE/HELPER



EXPIRES IN 5 YEARS (**NEVER RENEWABLE**)

{NYC} PERIODIC GAS INSPECTION LAW

Gas piping systems inside buildings, under NYC Department of Buildings authority

{NYC Local Law 152 of 2016}

Gas supplied buildings other than R-3 occupancy (a one or two family) must be inspected at least every five years by a Master Plumber. All exposed gas lines inside a building, up to individual tenant spaces, must be inspected for evidence of illegal connections, non-code compliant installations, or corrosion / deterioration that has resulted in a dangerous condition. The inspector (PLUMBER) must also test public spaces, hallways, corridors, and mechanical and boiler rooms with a portable combustible gas detector to determine if there is any gas leak, provided that such testing need only include public spaces, hallways and corridors on floors that contain gas piping or gas utilization equipment. Inspections of gas piping systems shall be conducted by a Licensed Master Plumber or by an employee under the direct and continuing supervision of a licensed master plumber, with appropriate qualifications as prescribed by a New York City Department of Buildings rule.

The DOB has not yet clearly identified what counts as “appropriate qualifications” to inspect.

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE NEW OP-QUAL TRAINING FOR GAS UTILITY PIPE ?
IT'S PLUMBERS WORK INSIDE THE BUILDING, RIGHT ? WHAT'S THAT ABOUT ?
(We do the Training at the Local 1 Training Center, but the test is done at Con-Ed.)

{NY STATE} JURISDICTIONAL (Utility) GAS PIPING RULES

{NY State Public Service Commission}

“Jurisdictional” piping is utility (Con-Edison or National Grid) service lines bringing gas to the customer. All the Piping BEFORE the METER, and sometimes some piping after the METER, is considered by NEW YORK STATE to be “Jurisdictional” utility piping.

1) Installation or repair of “Jurisdictional” piping is regulated by the **NYS Public Service Commission**. In the past, Licensed Master Plumber employees have freely performed installation and repair work of “Jurisdictional” utility piping inside buildings in NYC and provided a simple affidavit to the Utility; however, the persons who do this work must NOW be specially trained and have an “Operator Qualification”. The Op-Qual needed to do this piping work is **Op-Qual #87**. To be “Operator Qualified” the employee must pass an NGA written examination and be enrolled in a random **drug testing** program.

2) Regular **inspection of “Jurisdictional” utility piping inside buildings** is now going to be required by the New York State Public Service Commission.

Licensed Master Plumber employees can perform these inspections of “Jurisdictional” utility piping inside buildings in NYC. **The employees who do these inspections must be specially trained** and have an “Operator Qualification”. The Op-Qual needed to do these inspections is **Op-Qual #86**. To be “Operator Qualified” the employee must pass a written and practical NGA examination and be enrolled in a random **drug testing** program.

(NGA stands for Northeast Gas Association)

NOTE: You must be sponsored by an employer to take Op-Qual training and Drug Testing.