

SERVICE UPDATE

New Gas Work Qualification Requirement

Effective January 1, 2020, the Department will require anyone performing gas work to possess either a Department-issued Master Plumber License or a Qualification for Gas Work, pursuant to [Local Law 150 of 2016](#).

Gas Work, as defined by the [NYC Fuel Gas Code §101.2](#), must be performed under the direct and continuing supervision of a Licensed Master Plumber (LMP). However, per the [NYC Administrative Code Title 28 - Chapter 3, Article 318](#), the term gas work does not include required periodic inspections .

Certificate of Competence holders (Certificate Only Plumbers) will also need to obtain a Qualification for Gas Work if performing gas work on or after January 1, 2020.

Full Gas Work Qualification (Full Qualification) – allows a person to perform gas work *under the direct and continuing supervision* of a LMP; does not expire and does not require renewal.

Limited Gas Work Qualification (Limited Qualification) – allows a person to perform gas work *under the personal and immediate supervision* of a person who holds a Full Qualification or an LMP; expires five years after issuance and may not be renewed.

DOB NOW: Licensing will launch November 13, 2018 and will be the **only** method to apply for Gas Work Qualifications and new requests for Journeyman Plumber registrations. More details on using the system will be available prior to the launch date.

Gas Work Qualification Applicant Requirements (*November 13 through December 31, 2018*)

- Full Qualification – must be a registered Journeyman Plumber by December 31, 2018 and then submit a request in DOB NOW: *Licensing* to add the qualification to their registration. There is no fee for this transaction.
NOTE: New Journeyman Plumber registration applicants must apply in DOB NOW: *Licensing* and pay a \$50.00 fee.
- Limited Qualification – must have at minimum of six months full-time experience performing plumbing work under the direct and continuing supervision of a LMP. A statement attesting to this experience must be included with the application submission in DOB NOW: *Licensing* in addition to a \$15.00 fee.

Gas Work Qualification Applicant Requirements (*after January 1, 2019*)

- Full Qualification
 1. Have demonstrated an understanding of and proficiency and competency with gas work per [AC §28-423.2.2](#); *and*
 2. Satisfy one or more of the following:
 - i. Hold a Journeyman Plumber registration pursuant to [AC Article 28-409](#); or

- ii. Have completed an apprenticeship in plumbing through a program approved by the New York State Department of Labor and have at least one year of full-time experience performing or supervising plumbing work under the direct and continuing supervision of a LMP; or
 - iii. Have at least five years of full-time experience performing or supervising plumbing work under the direct and continuing supervision of a LMP with at least one year of such experience having occurred within New York City.
- Limited Qualification
 1. Have at least six months of full-time experience performing plumbing work under the direct and continuing supervision of a LMP; *and*
 2. Satisfy one or more of the following:
 - i. Have successfully completed an [approved training program of at least 16 hours](#) that relates to gas work; or
 - ii. Is a registered plumbing apprentice in an apprenticeship program approved by the New York State Department of Labor.

NOTE: The fee for a Gas Work Qualification is \$15.00 except when adding the qualification to a Journeyman Plumber registration in which case there is no fee.

The Gas Work Qualification is a New York City Code requirement that applies to individuals performing gas work – it is *different* from the Gas Operator Qualification which is being required by local utilities to do inspections and/or maintenance on USDOT jurisdictional gas piping.

Please contact LicenseExams@buildings.nyc.gov for further questions about the upcoming Gas Work Qualification.

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