Follow-up #1: New Gas Work Qualification Requirement

Effective January 1, 2020, anyone performing gas work must possess either a Department-issued Master Plumber License or a Qualification for Gas Work pursuant to Local Law 150 of 2016 and 1 RCNY §104-12.

All gas work, as defined by NYC Fuel Gas Code §101.2, must be performed under the direct and continuing supervision of a Licensed Master Plumber (LMP). However, gas work does not include required periodic inspections of gas piping systems per NYC Administrative Code §28-318.

NOTE: Certificate of Competence holders (Certificate Only Plumbers) and registered Journeyman Plumbers will 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. The Full Qualification does not expire and does not require renewal.

Limited Gas Work Qualification (Limited Qualification) – Allows a person to perform gas work if such person is both working under the direct and continuing supervision of a LMP and such work is performed under the personal and immediate supervision of either (1) a LMP or (2) a person who holds a Full Qualification. The Limited Qualification expires five years after issuance and may not be renewed.

Personal and Immediate Supervision
As set forth in 1 RCNY §104-12, “personal and immediate supervision” requires that the supervising LMP or person holding a Full Gas Work Qualification be present on site and exercise responsible continuous control over the person who holds a Limited Gas Work Qualification and is performing the actual gas work in the direct employ of a LMP. Such supervision must be evidenced by the supervising individual’s signature, and seal where applicable, on any required statements, certifications, applications, and/or permits.

Demonstration of Gas Work Qualification
Persons qualified to perform gas work must carry their Department-issued Gas Work Qualification Card and a government-issued photo identification at all times while engaged in gas work, and must present such card and identification upon the demand of any authorized enforcement officer.

Gas Work Qualification Applicant Requirements
DOB NOW: Licensing is the only method to apply for Gas Work Qualifications and new requests for Journeyman Plumber registrations.

The filing fee for a Gas Work Qualification is $15.00. However, there is no filing fee for the Full Gas Work Qualification where the applicant holds a Journeyman Plumber registration or is applying concurrently for a Journeyman Plumber registration.

- Full Qualification
  1. Must provide proof of passing a Department-sponsored Gas Work Qualification Exam (requires a $525.00 fee); and
2. Satisfy one or more of the following:
   i. Hold a Journeyman Plumber registration pursuant to NYC Administrative Code §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 a Department-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.

For more information, see Local Law 150 of 2016 and 1 RCNY §104-12.

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