

SERVICE NOTICE

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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