

## SERVICE UPDATE

### New Gas Work Qualification Requirement

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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](mailto:LicenseExams@buildings.nyc.gov) for further questions about the upcoming Gas Work Qualification.

**POST UNTIL: December 31, 2019**